

Constitution for ICU Connect

1. Name

- 1.1 The club shall be a member of the School of Medicine Committee.
- 1.2 The name of the Club shall be Connect, hereafter referred to as 'the club'.

2. Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 To provide a volunteer and career platform to assist the geriatric wards within Imperial College London's Healthcare Trust.
- 2.2 To alleviate elderly patient depression and sense of isolation commonly festering in geriatrics wards.
- 2.3 To inform and spread the importance of volunteering with the elderly.
- 2.4 To provide a platform for medics to improve patient clinical communication skills as a career society.
- 2.5 To hold talks and events to promote and educate the role of geriatric medicine
- 2.6 To hold events and socials to allow students to network and promote volunteer team work

3. Statement of Intent

- 3.1 The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the club shall abide by all Imperial College Union Policy, and shall be bound by the Imperial College Union Constitution and Regulations.
- 3.2 The club stresses that it abides by the Imperial College Union Equal Opportunities Policy, and that club regulations pertaining to membership of the club and election to management of the club shall not contravene this policy.
- 3.3 The club shall also be governed by the Management Group Standing Orders where the Management Group is determined the New Clubs Committee in the first instance, then as per the Clubs & Societies Policy.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The following shall be eligible to become members of the club:
 - 4.1.1 ICU Full Members
 - 4.1.2 ICU Associate Members
 - 4.1.3 ICU Life Members
- 4.2 Any club member who is a full member of ICU shall be a 'full member' of the club, all other members shall be 'associate members' of the club.
- 4.3 All members shall join the club, a membership fee may be set by the club committee but shall not be less than that specified by the ICU Clubs & Societies Board.

5. Committee

- 5.1 Chair
- 5.2 Treasurer
- 5.3 Secretary
- 5.4 Social Secretary and Publicity Officer
- 5.5 Academia Officer
- 5.6 Volunteer Coordinator
- 5.7 Vice Chair

6. Management and Job Descriptions

- 6.1 The Chair shall represent the club on the Management Group Board, and shall be responsible for making sure that the club is run according to the club constitution and Imperial College Union's Code of Conduct for Clubs, Societies & Projects as far as can be reasonably expected.
- 6.2 The Chair and Treasurer shall sign an ICU Financial Responsibility form, and shall be aware of the ICU Financial Regulations.
- 6.3 The Treasurer shall carry out the day to day financial duties of the club.

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- 6.4 The Chair shall
- Ensure the club runs smoothly, setting timetables for each term
 - Run all training sessions for volunteers and team leaders. Ensure content covers all requirements.
 - Opportunities to spread connect
 - Liase with treasurer to find sponsorships from grants or companies.
 - Ensure all key events have been adequately planned out (Recruitment Sessions, Winter Social, AGM+Elections)
 - Meet Dr James and make sure communications are on point
 - Organise meetings at the start of each term
 - New avenues to spread
 - Lead meetings..
- 6.5 The Vice Chair shall
- Assist the President in achieving the society goals that has been set out
 - Main liason between Dr James and the committee
 - Ensure all key events have been adequately planned out (Recruitment Sessions, Winter Social, AGM+Elections)
 - In conjunction with volunteer Coordinator, have regular check ups with the team leaders
 - Assist the President in achieving the society goals that has been set out
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- 6.6 The Treasurer shall
- Reading the Union booklets on Money In/Out and completing the quizzes
 - Keeping track of Connect's expenses throughout the year in an organised manner
 - Making proposals for funds from organisations if necessary
 - Train next committee on Finance procedures
 - Updating finances on the union account as necessary.
- 6.7 The Secretary shall
- Take minutes so that committee can be reminded of what needs to be done and by when afterwards
 - Send emails to Connect members, be in charge of the two email accounts Connect has / mailman
 - Make Google documents and spreadsheets, for e.g. meetings
 - Manage Connect webpage.
- 6.8 The Volunteer Coordinator shall
- After the inductions, collect information from all our members on their available time slots to volunteer
 - Arrange volunteering timetable
 - Arrange a group leader for each group
 - Check on each group every 2 weeks..
- 6.9 The Social Secretary and Publicity Officer shall
- Organise social events to promote team cohesion and increase retention
 - Promote Connect to Imperial students to increase subscriptions
 - Promote Connect events to members.
- 6.10 The Academia Officer shall
- Organize career academic related events with external geriatrics organizations and societies for members
 - Arrange with Imperial Plus for better support of volunteer skills
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7. Committee Meetings

- 7.1 Committee meetings shall be called by the Chair of the club and held at least monthly.
- 7.2 At least five College days' notice of a committee meeting must be given to the committee.
- 7.3 Only committee members may vote at a committee meeting, but full and associate members of the club may be invited and speak.
- 7.4 Quorum shall be two-thirds of the committee of the club.

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7.5 Decision shall be reached by simple majority of the committee members present.

8. General Meetings

- 8.1 A general meeting may be called by the club Chair, quorum of the committee or by ten full members of the club; this must be submitted to the Chair in writing. The general meeting must be held within ten College days of receipt of the proposal.
- 8.2 General meetings may only be held during undergraduate term time.
- 8.3 At least five College days' notice of a general meeting must be given to the club membership.
- 8.4 Only full members of the club may vote at general meetings.
- 8.5 Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the full club members.
- 8.6 Decision shall be reached by a simple majority of the full members present.

9. Annual General Meeting

- 9.1 The AGM shall be held during the second term of the academic year, unless permission is obtained from the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies). The AGM shall have as its main business:
 - 9.1.1 The presentation of the report of activities, including financial activities, for the past year.
 - 9.1.2 The election of the committee for the next session.
- 9.2 An agenda giving notice of the AGM must be circulated to all club members at least ten College days in advance.
- 9.3 Nominations for club officers must be posted at least ten days in advance of the meeting and closed before the meeting.
 - 9.3.1 Each nomination shall require one proposer and normally 4 seconders who shall be full members of the club.
 - 9.3.2 In the event of there being no nomination for a post within the stipulated time then nominations may be accepted from the floor at the AGM.
- 9.4 The quorum of the AGM shall be half of the full members of the club.
- 9.5 In the event that no person is voted in to a post or of resignation from a position, the Chair will undertake the duties until such time as the post is filled. Elections to fill such a vacant post should take place at a general meeting and shall be subject to the same rules as per AGM.
- 9.6 Further guidance on elections can be found in the Election Regulations for Imperial College Union.

10. Finance

- 10.1 The club may receive grant from Imperial College Union and shall administer this and any self-generated income in accordance with the Imperial College Union Financial Regulations.
- 10.2 The club Treasurer will provide the Treasurer of the Management Group with a detailed budget for the following academic year during the first half of the second term of the academic year.
- 10.3 Budgets for events shall be submitted to the Management Group Treasurer and/or the Deputy President (Finance & Services) for inspection and approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations no later than two weeks before the date of the event.

11. Health & Safety

- 11.1 The club acknowledges its duty of care to its members and will abide by Imperial College Union's Health & Safety Policy, and Imperial College Union's Code of Conduct for Clubs, Societies & Projects.
- 11.2 The club will submit an annual Risk Assessment to the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) for its activities.

12. Additional Activities

13. Constitution

- 13.1 The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting. The Management Group shall approve any such alterations.
- 13.2 This Constitution shall be binding on the club officers and members, and all other constitutions are hereby revoked.
- 13.3 This Constitution has been approved in accordance with 13.1. above, and accepted as the Constitution for Connect on 18/07/2019 by Jenny Nguyen and Tom Willis