



**Imperial College
School of Medicine
Students' Union**

Council Report, Term 1 2023-24



Structure of the ICSMSU

The ICSMSU is split into 5 streams who each have a distinct function. The Executive oversees the behind the scenes running of the ICSMSU and includes the Editor of the ICSM Gazette and the President of the Medical Biosciences Society.

The Academics and Wellbeing streams represent our students' academic and non-academic concerns to Faculty through SSLGs as well as running events and campaigns to support students throughout their time in the School of Medicine.

The Clubs and Societies stream oversee the ICSM Management Group, guiding and supporting 70 societies.

The Entertainments stream run our ICSM Freshers' Fortnight and social events all through the year. This also includes our Raising and Giving Chair, and our internal ICSMSU committee socials.

Underneath them also sits two subcommittees for the two largest events we run: the Halfway Dinner and the historic Shrove Tuesday Final Year Dinner.



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Clubs & Societies

Welfare

Executive

Academics

Entertainments

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Welfare Chair

Executive Treasurer

Academic Chair

Entertainments Chair

Management Group Treasurer

Vice Chair for Campaigns

Secretary & Communications Officer

Academic Officer for Early Years

Social Secretary

Vice Chair for Sports & Arts

Vice Chair for Wellbeing Representatives

Sites & Services Officer

Academic Officer for BSc

RAG Chair

Vice Chair for Volunteering & Academics

Vice Chair for BMB Wellbeing

Gazette Editor

Academic Officer for Clinical Years

HWD Committee

BSc Medical Biosciences (BMB) President

Academic Officer for BMB

STFYD Committee



Foreword/President's Report

I want to preambule this report by saying a massive thank you to our ICSMSU Committee and to our amazing affiliated committees – the Halfway Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Final Year Dinner, Raising and Giving, BSc Medical Biosciences, and ICSM Gazette committees. I also want to acknowledge the brilliant work our Academic and Wellbeing Representatives do in each year of the MBBS and BMB courses, collating data, meeting with the School of Medicine, and advocating for their peers to ensure everyone has the best academic experience as possible.

It was a joy to have overseen the in-depth and productive conversations they've had with Faculty so far this term. I'm very excited to see what we can achieve for the rest of the year. A final, special thanks to the ICSM Alumni Association and the St Mary's Hospital Association for the legacy they left behind and their continued backing of our work as a Students' Union, for sharing great stories, and for the support they provide for our clubs, societies and projects.

Personally, this term I have really enjoyed learning about and getting involved with the running of the School and Faculty of Medicine at so many levels. I've attended and chaired many meetings exploring so many ways to improve student experience.

I also had the privilege of scoring applications for the St Mary's Hospital Association Outstanding Service Award, and for the Most Significant Contribution awards for Final Year Electives. I read about the brilliant work students do for each other and for our communities, as well as their awe-striking artistic and sporting achievements.

I also had the absolute honour to speak to the Freshers in the Great Hall about the adventure they were about to set off on, and to lead the Academic Procession at Graduation for the graduates from Medicine and Medical Biosciences who have completed this adventure and moved on to the next.

- Haider Nazerali, Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union President





Executive

This year is one of growth for the Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union. From merchandise and social media to academic support and Freshers Fortnight, our ICSMSU projects have all involved new ideas, improvements and scale-ups from previous years. Our committee has grown; our very own Gazette Editor now sits on the main ICSMSU committee once again, allowing us to jointly pursue an expansion of the offerings and audience of the Gazette.

One of my main goals for this year has been to create a stronger sense of ICSMSU identity within the BSc Medical Biosciences (BMB) students – in previous years there has been a vast difference in the experiences of medical bioscientists when compared to that of the medics within ICSM. The BMB course was established in 2017 and thus lacks the traditions and history which draw together the medics community so much. We've created new merchandise line and we place a heavy emphasis on bioscientist representation in all our projects. Most significantly, we expanded our list of Welcome Talks to include years 1-3 of the BMB course. Previously the ICSMSU only went to welcome and re-welcome the MBBS years 1-6 students. This has massively increased the visibility of who we are to the BMB students.



This term also saw our ICSMSU Committee training day covering responsibilities, aims, team building, brand identity, ICSMSU Structure and how we relate to the other CUs and ICU. We has 1:1s with all of committee and had a Stream Leads meeting, with another coming up in the next few weeks. We've had four monthly full-committee meetings, discussing welfare, awards, events, geopolitics, logistics and everything and anything else we feel has been affecting the students within the School of Medicine.





Executive

The Reynolds Bar and Café has finally reopened in its new form. Many students love the refurbishment, notably the new food menu, which includes our very own curly fries (which, rumour has it, are better than those at Five-Six-Eight at Union). It's a much-needed upgrade which brings us closer to the level of provision on the main South Kensington campus.

On the Hammersmith Campus, the newly-refurbished student common room has been completed, with a kitchenette, microwaves and sinks providing crucial amenities for our intercalated BSc students and bioscientists.

Lastly, our ICSMSU Common Room and offices in SAF have had a makeover too. After a few arduous days of cleaning and moving in new furniture and artwork, the space is now more used than I've ever seen it before.



ICSMSU remains in a stable financial position for 2023/24 – sponsorship sought has increased 15% from last year, via negotiation with external companies including some new partners for our Fresher's Sponsorship Campaign, totalling over 1.5k confirmed income and some new sponsorship packages to be sought in January when companies refresh their financial years.

The last few months have had a large volume of expenditure, due to a number of large-scale events including Halfway Dinner, STFYD and Fresher's Fortnight – whilst we have been as lean as possible with our spending, we are due in numerous grants from the ICSM Alumni Association, Faculty of Medicine and SMHA – these usually come in mid-year.

ICSMSU has been frugal in its other spending activities since August – ensuring that money goes directly to increase financial accessibility to all our projects, as a core aim for this year.



Clubs and Societies

- Hosted the first ICSM clubs & socs in-person meeting of the year with all the presidents and treasurers of ICSM societies covering a range of important topics for the year
- Brought up ongoing issues at our CSPB meetings including increasing access to Reynolds for our CSPs and have regularly met with the ICU events team regarding the running of the refurbished Reynolds
- Worked with the Ents team and Imperial Athletes to replan the ICSM social calendar due to change in final year timetable e.g. liaised with Imperial Athletes to plan varsity dates ensuring this did not overlap with RAG, worked with the clubs to rearrange arts dinner date, liaised with sports to see if a sports dinner was feasible.
- There is an upcoming project to make bigger changes to the ICSMSU storage areas in SAF so our clubs and socs have more space for their equipment, and for ICSM students to store personal belongings too.



Entertainments

- Successfully ran the ICSM Freshers Fortnight with 12 events including the Fulham Palace Run, Boat Party, Ice Skating, and the infamous Reynolds Show in the new Reynolds Bar.
- Kicked off the Raising and Giving calendar with Masquerade Ball and Gladiator's Sports Night
- Begun working on new projects for the upcoming term including RAG Fashion Show and the new Phoenix Ball; a new flagship event for all year groups.
- Fundraising events for the Shrove Tuesday Final Year Dinner and the Halfway Dinner have run successfully so far; and the Halfway Dinner for the medics was a sellout.
- I'm proud to say that, alongside the BMB representatives on committee, we have made massive strides in extending our traditions to the medical bioscientists. We brainstormed a new challenge station for one of our oldest medics Freshers events, the Reynolds Show, using BMB lab equipment.



Academics

- Academics ran the first-ever SU Formative Y6 PACES, collaboratively led by the ICSMSU Academic Chair and Y6 Faculty Leadership. They were a resounding success, with its seamless organisation. Many students, examiners and faculty commented on the PACES authentically mirroring the summative experience, as mark schemes were from previous summative PACES, including the new professionalism station written up by faculty, recruited GPs as examiners and trained actors as patients.

- The Staff-Student Liaison Committees for MBBS Medicine Phases 1, 2 and 3 have all taken place. The conversations were productive and many useful action points generated.

Academics took part in a collaboration between ICSMSU and ICU to personalise Medicine Rep Training alongside the Deputy President for Education,

- Academics launched the @icsmsuacademics Instagram account to showcase work of Academics Stream. It's already racked up 400+ followers and is growing daily!



Welfare

- Vice Chair for Representatives and the wellbeing representatives had their first set of SSLGs and addressed students' concerns about welfare issues affecting their year groups; including commute times and costs, and choice of placements.

- Vice Chair for Campaigns has led successful campaigns covering Black History Month, Movember, Freshers advice and financial support.

- Welfare team has organised and led training for the ICSMSU committee, clubs and societies social secretaries and Club Captains; and the Fashion Show committee, helping to streamline signposting throughout all aspects of ICSM life. This included bringing back the well-acclaimed Beyond Equality training.



ICSMSU are really looking forward to the term ahead!!