Under starter’s orders – BIKE@HYMS

A team of a dozen Hull York Medical School staff, students and alumni are taking part in an endurance cycle ride – 250 miles in just 24 hours – to raise funds for charity.

The intrepid group will be setting off from Castle Hill Hospital, Hull, at noon on Friday 7 June and riding round the whole HYMS patch, visiting clinical teaching locations in Scarborough, York, Goole, Scunthorpe and Grimsby before returning to Castle Hill at roughly the same time the day after.

This BIKE@HYMS event is just one of a number of events taking place this year to celebrate the medical school’s 10th birthday. Staff and students at the School have organised a number of exciting events and challenges (see page 5) to celebrate success, look to the future and raise money to support good causes.

A big thank you to everyone who has already sponsored our BIKE@HYMS team, including Phil Moses, Chief Executive of Beerhouse Self Drive, who has generously offered the use of a minibus support vehicle to help make the event run smoothly. The total raised so far is a fantastic £2,080 so, if you haven’t already done so, please dig deep and encourage all your friends and relations to support these keen (some would say crazy) cyclists in their fundraising challenge of 250 miles in 24 hours. You can sponsor them at: http://www.justgiving.com/bikehyms/

They are all busy training hard – Jeffrey Barber and Paul Scott took part in a five-hour North Yorkshire Mountain Bike Orienteering Event (NYMBO) at Ingleton recently whilst Giles Davidson went to sample the sea air at Filey with Tim Franklin and Jonathan Bynoe.

The challenge will start outside the Daisy Building at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull, and anyone who wants to wish the cyclists luck is most welcome to wave them off.

“I’m just keeping my fingers crossed for good weather,” said organiser Paul Scott. “I’m really excited about it now, although a little daunted too.”

As well as his fellow cyclists he paid tribute to the back up team which will play such a crucial role in keeping them going during the night. At present it consists of Gwen Irving, Student Office Manager; Adrian Murgatroyd, Finance Manager; Richard Nicholson, BSc/SSC Programme Officer; Joanne Richmond, Assistant to Education Manager; Lisa Schubert, Research Support Officer; Drew Foster, University of York Trials Unit Manager; and John Busby, Deputy Director of Corporate Planning (University of York).

This year’s postgraduate research conference will be held on Friday 7 June 2013 from 10am–5pm in the Allam Lecture Theatre and Derwent Café at the University of Hull.

The conference, organised by the HYMS Research Network, offers postgraduates a platform to share their research with a wider audience, as well as a chance to meet other researchers within and beyond their field of study. All postgraduate research students will be attending and presenting their research, and all academic members of staff are welcome to attend.
Student appreciation for Gwen

Gwen Irving, HYMS Student Office Manager and Electives Facilitator, has won a major student-led award in Hull for her contribution to HYMS students’ experience.

Gwen’s nomination was in the ‘Departmental Administration and Support Staff’ category, which acknowledges non-academic members of staff within a department who “contribute to a positive student experience”.

Gwen’s citation read: “She goes above and beyond her role, providing advice and support to any student who asks for her assistance. She has a positive attitude and is incredibly dedicated”.

The award was presented at the University of Hull’s Student-Led Teaching Awards ceremony in front of the Lord Mayor of Hull.

Dr David Pearson, Deputy Dean (Education), said: “Gwen’s award is a fantastic achievement. She did us proud with a lovely acceptance speech saying, quite rightly, how hard the student support role is in HYMS over a five year course and a fantastically dispersed student body. I’m grateful to the students for their nomination and participation, which is very much appreciated by the staff.”

HYMS students participate at BMA conference

Five HYMS students, Elizabeth Lee, Melody Redman, Carmen Leung, Aditya Borakati and Sarah Fishwick, attended the BMA’s recent annual Medical Student conference at BMA House in London.

Each medical school had the opportunity to propose motions for debate and potential adoption as BMA Medical Students Committee policy. Proposals focused on a range of issues including student finance and graduate funding, the recent problems with the SJT, teaching on genocide prevention, protected time for extracurricular and sporting activity and whether medicine should become a graduate only course.

One of six motions submitted by HYMS addressed the need for support for those making the transition from medical school to an intercalated degree. Proposed by intercalating student Melody Redman, the motion was accepted as BMA policy.

Other conference highlights included policy making workshops, open debates and socialising in a ‘Vintage America’ themed dinner and dance. Congratulations to Year 1 student Aditya Borakati for becoming a first-time speaker, and to Elizabeth Lee (Year 5) who assisted the Agenda Committee in running the conference.

If there is an issue, big or small, that you would like to raise with the BMA please speak to your year’s BMA representative (email hynb@hyms.ac.uk for details), or why not apply for next year’s conference? You can find more information on the HYMS BMA Facebook page (HYMS BMA) or follow the link to watch a webcast of the debates.
**Student successes**

Congratulations to the following students who have had research accepted for presentation at conferences:

**George Leidig** (Year 3) was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his poster presentation on the referral pathways for children with undescended testicles at the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) International Congress 2013 in Glasgow. George said: “In our 10 year study we found the average age of surgery to correct undescended testes was over 5 years old – despite the European Association of Urology guidelines stating surgery must be done before 18 months to prevent histological deterioration that can lead to infertility and testicular cancer.” George also attended the Association of Trauma and Military Surgeons’ annual conference which ran alongside the ASGBI. Follow the link to read more.

**Xenophon Kassianides** (Year 3) gave an oral presentation of his research project, “Suitability for endovascular repair has positive implications for perioperative mortality in patients undergoing emergency open repair of ruptured AAA” at the recent Annual National Academic Medicine Student Conference in Newcastle. The project was undertaken under the guidance of Professor Ian Chetter and Ms Rachel Barnes. Laura Au (Year 2) also had a poster accepted for presentation at the conference.

**Awards for librarians**

Congratulations to Kirsty Whitehead (Academic Liaison Assistant) and Catriona Kemp (Medical Librarian) who have received “Making a Difference” awards from the University of York Information Directorate.

Kirsty and Catriona received the awards for the HYMS library team’s “exceptional contribution, through a number of initiatives, which has significantly enhanced the user experience for HYMS staff and students”.

**eLearning team: equipment loans now available**

The HYMS eLearning team have invested in a range of equipment to facilitate the development and increased use of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) within the school.

Staff and students can now borrow iPads and other devices for a week. The equipment, which includes Android tablets, Sony laptops with software, digital audio recorders and other pro-level video production items, is available from either of the two main HYMS sites at Hull or York. Mini digital video camera kits continue to be available and can be booked and collected/dropped off locally at any of the five HYMS sites via the Student Liaison Officers.

Equipment is intended for HYMS work purposes, and this covers a wide range of uses. As well as being helpful for accessing Blackboard using the mobile app, iPads can be personalised with other educational apps during the loan period. The mobile devices provide many features for working and communication on the move. The laptops are loaded with a wide range of software including web authoring and graphic applications. The equipment can also be used at conferences or during other work visits for writing, recording and web access. If you are unsure just give the eLearning team a call and they can advise you about which equipment would best serve your purposes.

To borrow equipment please familiarise yourself with the Policy and equipment for loan and process documents which can be accessed from the Help tab on the Blackboard home page. You can then call in, telephone 01904 321752 or email eLearning@hyms.ac.uk and eLearning will arrange for the kit to be available at Hull or York where they are based.

Students and staff are advised to consult the eLearning team when considering a project for which they may want to borrow equipment. However, if it’s a staff project which uses video, staff can also access the Blackboard guide Creating effective video resources at HYMS which has been created in the Resources section of the Tutors’ Area course. This comprehensive set of resources is designed to guide staff on how best to create effective video materials for training and educational purposes using an iPad or the TouchCam video camera. In addition to kit operation and help with planning, the guide also includes important information about the legal and ethical responsibilities of users.

If you have any questions about the equipment or loan policy and procedure please email elearning@hyms.ac.uk or telephone 01904 321752.

**Staff news**

Welcome to ...

**Professor Trevor Sheldon**, Interim Dean of HYMS.

Dr Julie Seymour, Senior Lecturer in Medical Sociology, who joins Professor Una Macleod at the Centre for Health and Population Studies.

**Congratulations to ...**

Dr Alison Blakeborough and Dr Andrew Davidson, who have been appointed Lead Tutors for PBL.

Dr Allison Green, on her appointment as Academic Lead for Life Sciences.

Tony Foster, who takes up a new role as HYMS IT Service Delivery Team Leader.

Dr Guy Millman, who has been appointed Director of Clinical Studies for York and Scarborough.

and special congratulations to Rob Westerby and his wife Helen on the recent birth of daughter, Poppy.

**Farewell to Tony**

HYMS staff said goodbye to Dean of HYMS Professor Tony Kendrick at a video-linked presentation at the end of April.

Tony leaves to take up a new post at the University of Southampton, joining his fiancée, Helen, who will also be working at the University. Thanking everyone for their support during his time at the medical school, Tony wished HYMS continued success under the guidance of Interim Dean Professor Trevor Sheldon.

**First education PhD**

The Centre for Education Development has recruited its first PhD student.

Katie Norman will begin her research: “Can non-scientists teach science? An exploration of models of problem based learning across UK Medical Schools with reference to life science teaching” in September, supervised by Dr David Pearson.
### Calendar of events

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### Curriculum review news

SOME 200 people took part in the recent curriculum review workshops. All the workshops have been completed now and have produced lots of interesting comments and ideas that will be considered over the next few months, so a big thank you to everyone who took part. Details of the discussions from the eight workshop and other documents relating to the curriculum review are available on the ‘curriculum review’ page on Blackboard. There is also a discussion board and we welcome comments from anyone wanting to contribute to the curriculum review. Over the next few months the suggestions and ideas shared at these workshops will be considered and explored/developed to inform decisions which will be made with regard to curriculum change.

Rachel Walden  
(HYMS Curriculum Review Project Officer)

### Read-cycle book swap

THIS month sees the launch of HYMS Read-cycle – a new online book exchange service. The resource is open to all members of HYMS and can be accessed via Blackboard at the link below. A HYMS network login is required to access full content. Read-cycle has been developed by the eLearning/Library Teams in direct response to feedback received from Library student consultation exercises.

### Local health workshops

DEPUTY Dean (Education) Dr David Pearson is working with the University of Hull’s Curriculum Development and Teaching Enhancement Public Engagement team to develop a series of health workshops to be delivered in the local community. The accessible and informal sessions will aim to provide the most up-to-date advice and information to patients and carers.

### Miriam quoted in media

PROFESSOR of Palliative Medicine Miriam Johnson has been quoted in a Daily Mail article about defibrillator implants which keep thousands alive but which can also lead to a drawn-out and distressing death.

### New degree course

HYMS and the University of York’s Department of Biology will offer a new degree in Biomedical Sciences, starting in September 2014.

### Research publications

RECENT publications by HYMS staff include:


If you have any contributions for this internal bulletin, please send them to val.parker@hyms.ac.uk

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Stories with the mouse symbol have more information in the news section of the HYMS website, where you will also find breaking news, updates and images.  
www.hyms.ac.uk/news
HYMS@TEN

Whilst BIKE@TEN is the primary focus of attention at the moment, there are many other HYMS@TEN activities in the pipeline. Here’s a brief summary of what you can look forward to:

**HYMS 10th anniversary graduation tea and cakes**
Friday 12 July
Roger Kirk Centre, University of York
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Our students graduate this year at 5.30pm in Central Hall, University of York, on Friday 12 July. Instead of the usual reception afterwards, there will be 10th anniversary graduation tea and cakes in the Roger Kirk Centre for students and their families from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. If you would like to come along, please click on the link to order your tickets. There is a limit on numbers in the room so tickets are on a first come, first served basis.

**Professorial meal**
Friday 12 July
Middlethorpe Hall, York
8pm – onwards
A HYMS@TEN celebratory meal for HYMS professors.

**HYMS@TEN staff thank you event**
Wednesday 17 July
Cave Castle Hotel, South Cave
Noon – 5.30pm
Afternoon of activities followed by food. Coaches will leave the universities of Hull and York to take staff to and from the venue. A chance to mark HYMS’ 10th anniversary and a chance to thank all staff for their hard work for the medical school over the last 10 years.

**Alumni and Friends’ 10th Anniversary Ball**
Saturday 7 September
National Railway Museum, York
6.45pm – 1am
Black tie dinner for past and present students, HYMS staff and members of the NHS medical community in the area. Founding Dean Bill Gillespie will attend.

**HYMS@TEN Educational Conference**
Wednesday 18 September
Bishop Burton Agricultural College
9am – 4pm
Reporting on the ongoing HYMS curriculum review. Details to follow.

**HYMS@TEN prizegiving**
Thursday 28 November
Lindsey Suite, Staff House, University of Hull
7.30pm – 10pm
In recognition of the 10th anniversary, the Chancellor of the University of Hull, Baroness Virginia Bottomley of Nettlestone, will be guest of honour at this annual event. It will comprise a dinner for prize winning students and their guests and speeches. This year, award-winning staff will be invited, as well as students.

**Other HYMS@TEN activities**
- Fundraising for HYMS@TEN is still going strong thanks to our fundraising ambassadors so do please support their efforts wherever you can.
- HYMS@TEN NHS road shows are continuing with an event in Hull planned for Wednesday 19 June and one in North Lincolnshire for Thursday 11 July.
- Details of HIKE@HYMS will follow.
- To celebrate our 10th anniversary, staff and students are invited on a tour of York on Sunday 16 June at 10am. The tour, led by an official York Blue Badge holder, will be a fascinating insight into the history of this beautiful city. The tour is open to all staff and students, but places are strictly limited. The cost of the tour is £10 per person and all proceeds will go to the HYMS@TEN charities. For more information or to sign up for this event, please email kirstie.skeltonclarke@hyms.ac.uk.
- Roxana Freeman has now finalised the dates for her remaining marathons. Click on the link for details.

Don’t forget you can keep up-to-date with all these activities and more by visiting the HYMS@TEN web page.