Students triumph in Hull Union awards

MedSoc, the umbrella organisation for HYMS student societies, has won the coveted Society of the Year award at Hull University Union’s HUU Awards ceremony.

The award was given “for organising so many events for its members over the year, being so welcoming to all year groups; and taking a lead role in raising money during RAG Week”.

MedSoc saw off challenges from other groups, including the Green Society and the Debating Society at the University of Hull, to secure first place in the hotly-contested category.

Year 5 HYMS student and president of Hull MedSoc, Christian Wake, also won the Fundraiser of the Year award for his work before and during RAG Week.

Christian had played a lead role in organising successful events such as the 48-hour CPR marathon, in which more than 200 students and staff members participated, raising £1000 for charity.

Christian said: “Not only is this award a first for MedSoc, it also suggests that HYMS students are moving away from the ‘hard-to-reach’ label, a move which we’ve striven to achieve.

“After several years of hard work by HYMS students, HUU have finally recognised how proactive we are and I envisage that the link between HYMS and the Union will only grow stronger.”

As the official coordinator for extra-curricular activities across HYMS, including sports, fundraising, academic interest and general interest societies, MedSoc has a presence on both York and Hull campuses. It coordinates all student societies within the medical school and is entirely student-run.

Hull University Union is the students’ union at the University of Hull. The HUU Awards are organised annually to recognise outstanding achievement.

Clinical teaching excellence awards

Many students have nominated NHS staff to receive the new Clinical Teaching Excellence Awards, launched by HYMS last month.

The winners have now been selected and prizes will be presented at a series of informal awards evenings to which all HYMS staff and students are invited.

The awards for Grimsby and Scunthorpe will be held in the restaurant at Grimsby FC on 5 June. York and Scarborough awards will be presented on 11 June in the York Medical Society rooms, while Hull awards will be presented on the mezzanine floor of Hull University Business School on 12 June. For more details and to attend, follow the link.

Graduation plans in place

This year’s HYMS graduation ceremony will take place on Monday 14 July at 4:30pm in City Hall, Hull, hosted by the University of Hull.

The ceremony will be preceded by a celebratory drinks reception for HYMS graduates and guests at the Mercure Hull Royal Hotel on Ferensway at 2pm. Graduating students will receive further details about the ceremony and the reception by email.

HYMS staff who would like to attend the reception or volunteer to help with the ceremony should contact Claire Foster at claire.foster@hyms.ac.uk.
**Calendar of events**

For full details of all these events, plus many more lectures, seminars, conferences and social events, visit [www.hyms.ac.uk/events](http://www.hyms.ac.uk/events).

For details of student events and societies, visit [www.hymsmedsoc.co.uk](http://www.hymsmedsoc.co.uk).

**June**

**12**

Lecture  
**Motor neurone disease**  
Presented by Dr Nanda Kumar, Consultant Neurologist  
Dove House Hospice  
Chamberlain Road, Hull

**17 & 19**

Workshops  
**Exploring the impact of ill health through poetry**  
Led by poet Peter Sansom  
Part of the York Festival of Ideas  
King’s Manor, York

**20**

One-day workshop  
**Managing medically unexplained symptoms in primary care – a practical guide**  
Tickton Grange, Beverley

**July**

**4**

Conference  
**Past, present and future of leukemia and lymphoma diagnosis**  
Royal Armouries, Leeds

**14**

HYMS graduation  
**Graduation ceremony and celebratory drinks reception**  
Reception at Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull  
Ceremony in City Hall, Hull

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**York reception to be refurbished**

The main first floor reception area in the HYMS building at the University of York is to be refurbished and substantially improved. To allow this to happen, from Thursday 3 July the reception itself will move temporarily to the second floor and the first floor meeting room will be relocated to Large Clinical Skills 2.

**Mentoring opportunity**

Following feedback from the Athena SWAN survey in 2013, HYMS is establishing a new career mentoring scheme for both academic and support staff. To get involved as mentor or mentee (or both), follow the link to register for an initial training session.

**Comms presentations**

Candidates for the new Head of External Relations and Engagement role will present their ideas on the morning of 13 June for raising the profile of HYMS. All staff are welcome to attend.

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**Jason’s BMJ success**

An article co-authored by Jason Boland, Senior Lecturer in Palliative Care, has been published in the *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care journal* (2014:4:196-201). The article is entitled ‘Developing a service for patients with very severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) within resources’.

**Editorial internship**

PGCME Director Gabrielle Finn has been awarded the Medical Education journal’s editorial internship as a member of her previous team at Durham University.

**First intercalated PhD**

Hester Baverstock has become the first student to complete an intercalated PhD at HYMS after completing her thesis studying how skulls adapt to morphological change. She was supervised by Dr Sam Cobb in the Centre for Anatomical and Human Sciences, and funded by a University of Hull studentship. Intercalated PhDs are only available at a handful of British medical schools, including HYMS.

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**Staff news**

**Welcome to...**

Dr Petra Newbound, HYMS Research Coordinator in Hull, who starts work in June.

**Goodbye to...**

Ros Low, Education Liaison Manager, who retires on 17 June.

Toby Wardman, Communications Officer, who left HYMS at the start of the month.

**Congratulations to...**

Aaron Brown, HYMS alumnus, whose marriage to Becky Grimes in York Minster was reported in The Times.

**Graduation Ball 2014**

The HYMS Grad Ball Committee warmly invite all members of staff to attend the 2014 Graduation Ball. Follow the link for further details.

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