

This newsletter covers student achievements and gives updates on events and publications.

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## Bristol Medical School

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, we move to a new era. The beginning of the official entity, the Bristol Medical School, under its Head of School, Professor Sarah Purdy. This is the first time in years that a formal entity like this will exist and we are sure that it will be a major advance, with coordinated planning for the Undergraduate MB ChB programme, and a cohesive approach to administrative support. The next thing on Prof Purdy's radar is a building for Bristol Medical School.



Prof Sarah Purdy, Head of Bristol Medical School, from Aug 1st

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## Local News:

The QS World University Rankings ranks the world's top universities with an overall position as well as subject rankings and is the most rigorous of its type. This week (June 8<sup>th</sup>) they published their rankings for 2018. It is quite exciting to realise that their ranking put the **University of Bristol at ninth in the UK and 44<sup>th</sup> in the world.**

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## Final MB ChB results are out:

On June 8th, the results of the Final Exam Board were published. These included all those who by the beginning of April had completed all competencies and assessment, and only had the elective to complete. Below - one student who received her final confirmation of graduation while travelling after her elective!



The exam board also discussed students who had some area to complete during the elective period (written exam, BCDE exam, clinical competencies and so on). There were more than 20 in that category and it is great to be able to announce that of those who had work to make up, all but two students were able to do so and will be able to graduate with their colleagues.

**Congratulations to all!**

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## Staff Achievements

Each year, staff and students nominate their colleagues and staff members to be considered for the Bristol Teaching Awards. On Tuesday evening (6<sup>th</sup>), staff and students were invited to a gala dinner in the great hall (see below).

Our Year 1 administrator, Joe McAllister, was nominated for the award of University Award for Education (Health Sciences), one of three members of the Faculty to be nominated. That was a great achievement and sadly Joe did not win, though our Faculty Education Director, David Dymock, was the overall winner in this category.



## Student (and ex-student) Achievements

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, we woke to the terrible news from Manchester, with stories of lost children and lost parents, and the distress we felt across the country.

We heard at the end of the week that two Bristol graduates, **Arun Banerji and Manu Pillai (both MB ChB in 2016 and now working as FY1s in the North West)** were two of the first doctors on scene at the Manchester Arena bombing. Their flat overlooks the arena, they were straight down in scrubs tops when they heard the explosion. They were on scene for three hours, seeing and treating people with some horrible injuries.

One of our graduates, their friend, wrote to tell us, and to express his pride in him, and let us know of their real bravery in such a situation. Well done to them. They are a great example to us all.

Philippa Walker-Smith, a year 4 student, was doing her dermatology in the BRI when she came across an unusual inflammatory lesion on a young man's cheek. It turned out to be due to a relatively new organism, *Arthroderma benhamiae*, which was isolated after culture. Well done to her for spotting this and for getting it published in the BMJ recently. (<http://www.bmj.com/content/357/bmj.i2007.long>).

### Tinea faciei caused by *Arthroderma benhamiae*

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A healthy 17-year-old man presented with a one-week history of erythematous plaques on the forehead. The lesions were initially treated with topical corticosteroids, which failed to resolve the condition. The patient was subsequently referred to the dermatology department. Histopathology showed features consistent with tinea faciei. The organism was identified as *Arthroderma benhamiae* after culture. This case highlights the need to consider fungal pathogens in the differential diagnosis of erythematous plaques on the face.



A Year 5 student last year, Chantal Cox-George (MB ChB 2016), while a student in Swindon Academy, wrote a paper on Domestic Violence and its relevance to O&G. The paper focuses on the ways that domestic violence occurring during pregnancy has negative effects on both the mother and the unborn child. It highlights the high proportion of pregnant women who present as victims of domestic violence in pregnancy. You can read her paper at

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/tog.12374/epdf>



## Complete a short MSC survey for the chance to win £350!

As part of both organisations' response to the Wass report 'By choice – not by chance' the Royal College of General Practitioners and Medical Schools Council have been working together to develop a survey of students' career aspirations. The survey asks students what is important in terms of your future careers and how you view GP as a career as well as what has

influenced your views. There are also questions that investigate views on how medicine will change in the future and how you think that will impact on your careers.

The survey can be accessed via this link:  
<https://shiftlearning.researchfeedback.net/wh/s.asp?k=149140159020>

The survey closing date is 15th July

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### **Funding opportunities**

Are you looking for funding to present something at a conference?

### **Travel grants for conferences**

Did you know you can apply for grants from the Alumni Foundation to cover travel costs for conferences?

Follow this link for all the information and to apply: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alumni/students/apply-for-funding/>

### **College of Medicine Opportunities for Health and Social Care Students 2017**

#### **\*\*College of Medicine Conference 2017\*\***

Students from all health, social and care provider courses are invited to attend the College of Medicine's national, annual interdisciplinary conference in September 2017. The theme this year is 'Sustainability- sustaining wellbeing, health and social care, nutrition, physical activity and resilience and even sustainable technology.

The conference this year will be held on Saturday 16th and 17th September 2017 at the Austin Court Venue, Birmingham at a price of £42.50 per day for two days, including accommodation, venue access, all catering with an evening meal plus breakfast. Please note, this price is entirely not for profit and is heavily discounted by our charitable donors and sponsors.

To attend, please register your interest by emailing [students@collegeofmedicine.org.uk](mailto:students@collegeofmedicine.org.uk), including your name, university, year of study and course. Places are offered on a first come first served basis so please reserve your place today!

**\*\*Abstract submission for September conference\*\***

As part of the conference, we encourage you to submit an abstract for poster presentation, with the theme of sustainability, in all its breadth and variety; we love to hear of the work and research you are doing to improve patient care. In your registration email, if you would like to be considered for a poster presentation, please send a 250-word abstract including the following: Title, Authors, Introduction, Methods, Results and Conclusions. There will be generous prizes for the poster presenter winners, awarded at the conference in September.

#### **\*\*Michael Pittilo Essay Prize 2017\*\***

Students from all health, social and care provider courses are invited to submit a 1,500-word essay to answer the following question:

“How can patients, communities, healthcare professionals and governing bodies work together to ensure sustainability of the healthcare system?”

Winners and runners-up will receive generous cash prizes, which will be awarded at the College of Medicine conference in September 2017. Please submit your entry to [students@collegeofmedicine.org.uk](mailto:students@collegeofmedicine.org.uk) by 9th July 2017.

### **Sponsorship available from the RAF**

If you are currently studying at medical school, or are applying for a place at a medical school, the Royal Air Force could sponsor your Medical training, in the form of a bursary or a cadetship, leading ultimately to a career as a Royal Air Force Medical Officer.

For more information please visit: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/?category=medical-and-medical-support>

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**Thank you for reading this. We hope your revision time for exams is fruitful and you all perform to your best ability.**

### **Finally**

Do you have something to share? Send it to [susan.pettinger-moores@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:susan.pettinger-moores@bristol.ac.uk)