

Introduction

There is no doubt the autumn term has come – the days are cooling, students aren't lying out on the grass outside Senate House at lunchtime, the evenings grow shorter (end of the poetic phase).

However, things to look forward to are the annual Cardiff-Bristol Sports competition. Bristol hasn't done terribly well the last few years and support and cheering on would be great. Galenicals orchestra and choir (abetted by some senior staff members who attend because there is cake) will be coming soon. Their eager followers will be looking forward to the announcement on the Christmas concert dates.

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- Student achievements – there are lots

Death of a student in Year 3

Year 3 students and everyone in the Medical School were saddened when we heard of the sudden death of Otilie (Ottie) Uden on Friday 13th October. She died from an extraordinarily rare condition. Ottie was a popular student, who at the time of her death was studying Junior Medicine and Surgery in South Bristol. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

Should you would like to talk to someone about this in more depth the University has a [Student Counselling Service](#) who are aware of what happened.

We are going to hold a memorial service in Bristol to celebrate Ottie's life and are working with her close friends to plan this event.

What's new?

Grants for conferences

Have you been put off submitting an abstract or registration for a meeting by the cost of a conference?

Student grants to help with conference travel costs: deadline 27 October

The Alumni Foundation offers financial support to students to help with the costs involved in travelling to conferences to present their research findings. Every student is eligible to apply for a travel grant worth up to £500. More information, including details of how students can apply see: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alumni/students/application-for-funding/>

Key points about this are here:

- Every student at the University of Bristol is eligible to receive (a) travel grant(s) during his/her studies at Bristol worth (i) a maximum £500 during his/her undergraduate or intercalator course(s); and (ii) worth a maximum of £500 during his/her postgraduate course(s). In each case, this award may be made in the form of either a single grant or several smaller grants. Applicants who have access to other sources of funding for travel (through his/her scholarship, studentship and/or research group, if applicable) should exhaust these funds before applying to the Alumni Foundation.
- Applicants must be fully registered fee-paying students and must be registered at the time of the conference.
- In **exceptional circumstances, where an application cannot be made to fit into the normal timetable**, the Chair of the Alumni Foundation has the discretion to consider applications between meetings. In such cases, the maximum amount that can be awarded is £400.

Student Achievements



At the RCGP annual conference, our students and trainees were well represented. At the RCGP Inspiring the Future Awards Alexa Lazarou (Year 4, former GPSoc Chair) (on the right) was awarded joint RCGP Student of the Year. Hannah Niesser (also Year 4, Current GPSoc Chair) (on the left) accepted the Award for 'Best Event or Initiative' on behalf of last year's committee for our South West Regional GPSoc Conference. Centre of the picture is GP Trainee, Dr Peter Edwards, who was awarded first prize and highly commended for 2 posters at the Student and FY Poster Competition at the RCGP Annual Conference.

Gordon Stirrat Portfolio Prize



This is a new prize in Reproductive Health and Care of the Newborn (Year 4), endowed by Prof Gordon Stirrat, formerly Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dean of Medicine and Pro-Vice

Chancellor. It is an annual prize for the best portfolio, but also requires good performance in written and SSC exams. For the academic year, 2016-2017, the prize has been won by Hannah Freer (below), Year 5. Well done Hannah!

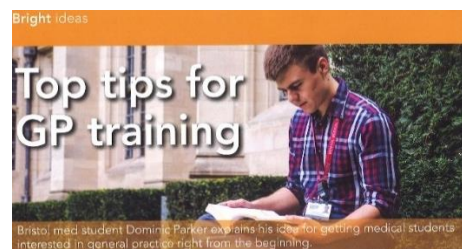
Harrison Carter (left below), a Year 5 medical student, was awarded the 'International MNI Award 2017', a €30,000 research prize at the European Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ESPEN) in The Hague.



He has been awarded €30,000 to develop a medical and public health nutrition programme for UK medical students to help improve patient outcomes and implement strategies to advance nutritional care in clinical practice. His project was judged alongside 22 others from across the world and he is to be congratulated for being awarded the 1st prize.

Joanna Kondratowicz is taking a year out of the programme to tour the UK and European tennis circuit. Joanna got a first class degree in Bio Ethics then completed Year 3. She will be re-joining the programme next year

Dominic Parke (Year 4) featured on the back of GPFrontline, the RCGP magazine, this month. He wrote a piece in the magazine about getting medical students interested in General Practice, from the beginning of their time in Medical School.



Conferences and Events

Getting to grips with leadership – the stresses, the strains, the lack of time, the unending emails, is something that is of interest to us all. I know that our cohort of students are destined to be leaders in medicine in this country and further afield. What better way to learn about the challenges involved than by attending a local (free) BMA organised conference on this topic. If you are interested in attending please contact Hazel Brittan- BMA Local Organiser, hbrittan@bma.org.uk 0740 883 4227, who would love to hear from you.

The workshop will aim to help individuals identify what they want from their medical careers and how they might achieve this.



Innovative teaching in Year 1.

The new course for MB21 students follows a different model with case based learning. Yesterday, Year 1 students had a lecture interrupted deliberately by the Galenicals choir to complement Trevor Thompson's teaching on Arts in Medicine. Watch the clip! (UoB login required – click Authenticate when using link below)

<https://mediasite.bris.ac.uk/Mediasite/Play/4b76094c2a554188b2f655e3df3c0e581d>

Finally

Do you have something to share? Send it to susan.pettinger-moores@bristol.ac.uk