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MedCamp 2014 - It's going to be a circus.

President's Welcome

A special welcome to our new first years starting tomorrow, and welcome back to all our students who have already been attending lectures/clinical placements for a few weeks now - we hope you have enjoyed your Welcome Back BBQs!

We hope to bring regular updates to all our members via eMUWS, our e-newsletter, this year - so make sure you read them for important announcements (including prize-winning opportunities)!

If you have any questions, thoughts, feedback or suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me; it will be a pleasure to assist you.

Once again, I look forward to meeting you all at our upcoming events!

MedRevue Exec selection

MedRevue Exec selection is now open! If you are interested in directing or producing this year, read the call for applicants and rules for applying on the [UWSMS Website](#). Send your nomination (up to 250 words) to secretary@uwsms.org by 5pm, Sunday 2 March.

Twilight Concert

Interested in organising Twilight in 2014? Expressions of interest are now open, and run until 5pm Sunday 2 March. Please send your blurb outlining why you are interested and why you feel you would be appropriate (up to 250 words) to twilight@uwsms.org

Neel Gobin

UWSMS President 2014

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O-Week

Let's be gentle everyone, they've only just started. That's right, the time has come for the new first years to begin their time with us in med and they need our help to integrate them into the great UWS MedCulture. But how do we give them a crash course? Through O-Week!

Overview of the week:

Monday 24th

2pm – 5:30pm: SoM and UWS campus tours followed by a thrilling and heart racing Scavenger Hunt that is bound to break all ice. This day is only for first years, all other days are for every year.

Wednesday 26th

1:30pm – 5:30pm: A feast fit for a king will be served with great entertainment for all. There will be a suturing stall from SAWS, GHAWS will get you painting for Millennium Development Goal's, slushies will be abundant thanks to GPSN, but there can be no kingdom without a castle and that's why there will be a JUMPING CASTLE! And yes clinical years, we'll make sure there is food for you.

Friday 28th

O-Week comes to an end but the best is saved until last. Friday night is the Welcome Dinner and Drinks at Mac Tav, which is all about bringing every year together, meeting the new year group and catching up with old friends. Please click attending in your respective Facebook event so your name is added to the guest list, as we will have a section reserved for us in the terrace.

Facebook events for O-Week

These events contain more O-Week information, and will add you onto the guest list for the Welcome Dinner and Drinks night. If you are in first year, click [here](#). If you are in years 2-5, click [here](#), GAI!

Disclaimer to first years: This is only a guide to UWSMS events; the SoM will have other lectures and tutorials planned for you throughout the day.

Much Love,

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MedCamp 2014

MedCamp is well on its way! For the first years and second year leaders, the camp will run from the 7th to the 9th of March.

The theme for 2014 is 'Circus, Circus', and we're expecting ringmasters and lion tamers alike to show their true colours! For the entire medical student body, your opportunity to meet the first years, get costumed up and party on is the Saturday night party on March 8th, kicking off from 7:30pm.

You'll find tickets, a promo video and all the info at the [UWSMS Website](#).

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Elise Buisson and Pierre Goorkiz

UWSMS First Year Representatives 2013

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Academic Update

Hello! Here's a quick update from your academic rep!

Anatomy and ICM mentoring has kicked off with positive reviews. If you are still interested in becoming a mentor please contact either: anatomy@uwsms.org, blacktownicm@uwsms.org or campbelltownicm@uwsms.org. For information on these roles check out the [UWSMS Website](#).

The first academic committee meetings of the year have commenced. If you're still confused by what these committees are, check [UWSMS Website](#) where you will find descriptions of each committee, student rep contacts and updated minutes from each meeting. Be sure to contact your respective representatives if you have anything that you want brought up at the meetings.

Any questions? Feel free to contact me.

Clement Chao

UWSMS Academic Officer 2014

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First Year Book Pack

For the first years UWSMS have arranged a deal with The University Store (formerly 'Connect') to reduce the price of the following books if bought as a pack.

- Gray's Anatomy
- Robbins Pathological Basis of Disease
- Talley & O'Connor's Clinical Medicine
- Kumar & Clark's Clinical Medicine
- Guyton & Hall's Textbook of Medical Physiology
- Rang & Dale's Pharmacology

Click here for more details at the [UWSMS Website](#).

CFSwim Macarthur

On Saturday 15th February a group of determined Medical students braved miserable weather to take part in the 2014 CFSwim Macarthur. The CFSwim Macarthur is an annual Swimathon held at Wollondilly leisure centre to benefit Cystic fibrosis Macarthur. The team performed well on the day and managed to cover a respectable 11.5km.

This year Cystic fibrosis Macarthur has chosen to use all funds raised at the Swimathon to benefit the cystic fibrosis clinics by Sydney children's hospital. The team would like to thank everyone who donated, with their supporters' generosity the team raised \$1000.

A big thank you to the Meddies swimming on the day; Carissa Watt, Corinne Ipt, Grace Charwood, Millie Schoenfeld and Mitchell Purser. A special mention must also go to their family and friends for contributing to the swim and supporting the team on the day.

This is the second consecutive year that UWS medical students have been involved with the Swimathon; we hope that this will be the start of a long partnership between UWS medical students and CFMacarthur. The team will return again next year and would encourage other students to get involved in supporting this great local initiative.



AMSA Awareness

AMSA Council

[AMSA Council](#) is held three times a year, it is a meeting of the AMSA Reps and Presidents of every medical society in Australia, in order to discuss issues relevant to the 17,000 medical students AMSA represents. The first Council of 2014 will be held in Melbourne from March 22-24th. Guests may also apply to attend AMSA Council and this year, we have been lucky enough to have three successful guest applications. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that Rajdeep Ubeja (Year 4), Lana Nguyen (Year 3) and Isabella Townshend (Year 2) will be

joining Neel Gobin, the UWSMS President and Chloe Boateng, the UWSMS AMSA Representative at the first AMSA Council of 2014.

One of the major functions of AMSA Council is the production and adoption of policy, which guide's AMSA's advocacy. At Council, AMSA Reps represent the opinion of their medical school; therefore, we need to gauge the opinion of the student body, in order to be able to offer a truly representative opinion. In 2014, we're asking you to help us help you, by taking a moment to tell us how you feel on some issues that are relevant to us all. In order to gather the opinion's of UWSMS' members, we'll be running ThinkTanks and student body wide policy polling, see below for more info!

Policy Polling

At AMSA and AGH Councils, AMSA and AGH Representatives are asked to provide the opinions of their medical societies on particular policies, which are relevant to medical students. In order to offer a truly representative opinion of our student body and allow the entire student body to voice their opinions, we ask that you please take a couple of minutes and fill out the following poll, which will ask for your personal opinions on issues such as bonded medical places, internships and HIV/AIDS in Australia, amongst other questions. The poll is available [here](#).

AMSA/AGH ThinkTank

This year, AGH and AMSA are working together at UWS to hold joint ThinkTanks! A ThinkTank is an open forum for discussion of issues relevant to medical students. If you're a fan of intellectual debate, you will enjoy ThinkTanks at UWS. Come along and have your voice heard, so that we can represent you on a national level by offering an opinion truly representative of UWS medical students at AMSA and AGH Councils.

There will be three ThinkTanks this year, the first of which will be held at 5 pm on Monday, the 3rd of March at the UWS School of Medicine and dinner will be provided. If you would like to attend, please register your expression of interest via the [UWSMS Website](#).

Issues that will be discussed at ThinkTank include:

- Access to Safe Abortion
- Disability Care and Support
- Blood Donation deferral
- Internships
- Bonded Medical Places
- Complementary and alternative medicine in medical education

For more information, see the UWSMS ThinkTank Facebook [Event](#) or contact Chloe Boateng the UWSMS AMSA Representative and Elise Buisson the GHAWA AGH Representative at thinktank@uwsms.org.

AMSA Subcommittee

If you're interested in learning more about AMSA, making a difference regarding issues you're passionate about and upskilling, keen an ear to the ground, because applications to the UWSMS AMSA Subcommittee will be opening in March!

Chloe Boateng

UWSMS AMSA Representative 2014

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Global and Community Conversations

World Medical Association Internships

Hey Guys & Gals!

My name is Dani Abosh and I am the Community and Global Officer for 2014. I have been elected to represent your views about global health and community issues and to ensure that they are heard on the UWSMS Executive. As you know, our SoM was established for the Greater Western Sydney (GWS) area and this provides us with a unique opportunity to use our position as medical students to impact on the community and global health issues, at large.

So I will be keeping you all updated on issues associated with Community & Global fields and anything relevant in the public sphere. Furthermore, feel free to contact me if you have any questions/ideas/feelings – I would love to hear your thoughts!

GHAWS Corner

GHAWS (Global Health Awareness Western Sydney) is the Global health and Community engagement branch of UWSMS.

There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved with events throughout the year.

Book these dates for semester 1 events in advance:

- [First Year Fete Day](#) (previously known as Icecream Day): 17/03/2014
- [Auction Night](#): 28/04/2014
- [Birthing Kit Assembly Day](#): 19/05/2014

Also, keep your eyes & ears peeled for info about mentoring at Robert Townson High School and GHAWS presence at O-Week!

GHAWS Exec 2014

I would like to introduce you to the 2014 Exec Team:

- **Community President:** Kelvin Tran
- **Global President:** Abbi Linghanathan
- **Treasurer:** Zhen Liu
- **Secretary:** Natalie Nguyen
- **Publicity Officer:** Grace Charwood
- **AMSA Global Health Representative:** Elise Buisson

UWSMS is looking forward to working with them closely in 2014. If you have any questions you can contact the presidents via email at ghaws@uwsms.org.

Dani Abosh

UWSMS Community and Global Health Officer 2014

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SAWS Spot

DonateLife Week 2014 Transplant Symposium

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Thursday 27 February @ 6pm

RPAH, Kerry Packer Education Centre, Room 4.1

Click attending on the DonateLife Week 2014 Transplant Symposium Facebook [Event](#) and click [here](#) to view the DonateLife poster with more information.

Sydney ENT Masterclass

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Friday 11 April

Senior UWS medical students are being offered 5 places (free of charge) for Friday of the Sydney ENT Masterclass Lecture Series .

Students in Years 4 and 5 are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity! Please tell us in 250 words or less why you would like to attend the Series before 11:59pm Sunday, 9th March. All applications should be emailed to saws.secretary@uwsms.org along with your full name and year.

Successful candidates will be determined by SAWS, Professor Zelas, Department of Surgery and Brad Frankum.

Click [here](#) to view the Sydney ENT Masterclass program.

ANZ Intro to Plastic Surgery Conference

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Concord Hospital

Date TBA

A one day short course involving lectures and case presentations as well as group tutorials. All attendees will receive certificates of attendance and it should be an informative day for those interested in plastic surgery. All expressions of interest should be emailed to saws.secretary@uwsms.org.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Linda Tang

President, 2014

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Conference Corner

Upcoming conferences in the next month that may interest you.

- [IDEA 2014](#), Melbourne, 22nd-23rd of March

Head to the [UWSMS website](#) for a more comprehensive list of conferences.

UWSMS is proud to support member attendance at conferences through our [Travel Grants Scheme](#), which aims to ease your financial burden.



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