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Upcoming events



September 1-3:
NLDS (National Leadership Development Seminar) in Canberra

September 15:
Applications for Conference '09 Convener open to all medical students

September 31:
NZMSA Website Quiz closes

November 29-30:
Last NZMSA meeting for 2008



NZMSA ran our flagship event, 'Conference08 – Made in New Zealand', from July 18th-20th in Wellington this year. We were delighted with the way the weekend came together, and with the positive feedback we received from the participants and speakers. It was an immense privilege for us to bring together 130 of you with a number of outstanding individuals from the New Zealand health sector to reflect on being 'Made in New Zealand'. The Politicians Forum was a highlight of the weekend and reflected the intense political environment of health and tertiary education advocacy. Presentations by national student groups (MAAP, NZMSJ, MSGA, PHIPSA, PMA and Te Oranga) highlighted some incredible efforts by New Zealand medical students to contribute to medicine well beyond the classroom. Even the opportunity for students from different medical schools to mingle informally was valuable and exciting. Considerable thanks are due to the 'core' organizing committee, students around the country in the 'cortex' committee, the speakers who gave up valuable weekend time and the sponsors who made the event affordable to students. We are also looking for a Convener for Conference 09, go to page 3 for more details. Also, keep an eye out on our website for more photos!

Conference 08 Committee

National Blood Drive

The NZMSA Blood Drive 2008 was a huge success, with medical students around the country pitching in to help. Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin medical schools gave 161 units in total, with Dunedin winning the first Vampire Cup for donating the most! Thanks to everyone who got involved - your contribution may help save 483 lives. Let's keep it up and see you guys again in 2009!

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Global Health Conference and TNT

Australian Medical Student Association's GHC'08 in Melbourne attracted over 500 students from Asia-Pacific. Its vibrant 3-day academic, cultural and social programme followed IFMSA's Training New Trainers programme. Selected delegates trained in research and resource utilisation, facilitation and presentation techniques, communication skills and group motivation tools. The trainers then trained GHC delegates on project management and group leadership. It was a highly successful and popular programme. For more info contact haisuekang@gmail.com



Feedback sought on ACE Process

The results of the Advanced Choice of Employment (ACE) match went out to trainee interns on Monday 4th August. ACE is the process that matches trainee interns with first year house officer positions in NZ. The NZMSA will be seeking feedback from trainee interns this month as to their experiences with ACE - what was good, what was frustrating or concerning for them, and ways in which the process can be improved to make life easier for all. Please contribute to this - it provides us with the information necessary to keep making sure the system works for you guys.



NZMSA 2008 Annual General Meeting

The NZMSA AGM was held in Auckland on Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th August. The 2009 NZMSA President was elected during the weekend, and we are pleased to introduce Will Perry (2008 VPE), a 5th year student from Christchurch, as the President Elect for 2009.. Other issues up for discussion included Incentive Based Debt Relief, Taking the Pulse - research into the workforce environment from a student's perspective, the outcomes of the Medical Training Board's work this year including the possibility of provisional registration of trainee interns, Global Health directions and Conference 09. Thank you also to those of you who attended the AGM.

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Call for Conference09 Convenor

NZMSA is looking for a convenor to bring Conference09 to life! This is a challenging job but immensely rewarding, and we look forward to expressions of interest from enthusiastic students. Contact us at vpi@nzmsa.org.nz for more information, or to express your interest, before **September 15**

Check out NZMSA Website & Win!

NZMSA officially launched its new website at Conference '08: www.nzmsa.org.nz. Here you'll find out about NZMSA, latest news, upcoming events, and photos from med students all around the country. To celebrate the launch, we're running a competition. Get online, fill out the short NZMSA quiz found under the events section, and be in the draw to win a \$40 petrol voucher. Draw closes **September 31st**. Winner will be published on the NZMSA website. Good luck!

Will Perry
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Beyond the Med-School Gates

Beyond the Med School Gates started last year in recognition of the fact that while med school teaches you how to save lives, it teaches you little about life in the real world, beyond the med school gates. These evenings are aimed at senior medical students to help you survive as a first year doc and are being run in all 4 centres across the country in September. There will be contributions by Financial experts, Legal authorities, Junior Doctors currently in the thick of it, and you of course. More info will be coming your way via email in the next week.

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Feijoa and fig crême brûlée: one of many highlights from Conference '08. Check out the website for more photos

AMSA Tokyo Conference

Asian Medical Student Conference (AMSC) in Tokyo on the theme of Non communicable disease in the Asia Pacific region was an amazing event. With a rich academic, cultural and social programme, the conference attracted medical students worldwide. The next conference is from the 7-11th Jan 2009 in KL-- MALAYSIA. The theme is HIV/AIDS and any med student interested in Asia-Pacific issues can attend. Contact amsa.newzealand@gmail.com for more info and check out our group on facebook!

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