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ENGAGEMENT

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP FORUM This year CLF will be titled 'Clinicians Caring for Climate'. Currently, formal invitations are being sent to potential workshop presenters and one speaker has been confirmed. The working group is gauging local interest for a carbon capture volunteering project.

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM Collaboration with the NZMSJ is off to a promising start with a productive cross-association meeting. The 8 September 2023 in Ōtautahi has been floated by both CMSA and the NZMSJ as a tentative date and location for the event. Thank you to our CMSA representative Erin for giving us a video tour of the campus! Unfortunately, Wellington did not have the facilities to support the event as planned.

MENTORING PROGRAMME The working group have spent some extra time on the runway collecting passengers, but its time to launch! Matches have been made by Mukish and contacts have been shared to kick-off the 1-on-1 mentoring.

WORKFORCE

GUIDE TO GRADUATION The final draft of the first edition of 'Guide to Employment' has been completed and will be publicly available via circulation to student emails, social media, and the NZMSA website in the first week of April. The second edition will be published in September to coincide with employment offers. The third edition will be released in mid-October for incoming TI students. There has been steady sponsorship uptake.

BEYOND THE MED SCHOOL GATES Almost all speakers have now been confirmed for this event and a final timetable is being formalised. Advertising will start in late April (one month prior to the event) and will be completed using social media and student email circulation.

ACE The representative from ACE has been very responsive to student queries regarding ACE applications and will potentially speak at the BTMSG event (TBC). The ACE roadshow starts in April and registration is now open through the ACE website.

ADVOCACY There is a meeting on 3 April 2023 with the ACE RMO reference group. This group discuss the administration of the ACE system.

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PGY1 PLACES NZMSA have been invited to participate in a discussion hosted by the Council of Medical Colleges regarding workforce sustainability. Indira (VP advocacy) has also contacted Alisa Claire (Head of Workforce at Te Whatu Ora) about the PGY1 issue, and Alisa has indicated that the issue is being addressed by the Te Whatu Ora working group which Indira and Olivia (VP Workforce) are already a part of. A letter to the Minister of Health regarding the PGY1 workforce issue has been drafted and will be sent after Easter.

CULTURAL SAFETY Cultural safety in medical education is a local issue at both Otago and Auckland universities. A report has been written describing the current state of cultural

competency and cultural safety education in medicine based on results from the NZMSA national survey. This report will be circulated to the RMSAs.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP NZMSA is currently planning a long-term strategy to address the issue of financial hardship. As part of this, the advocacy working group have dedicated an individual position on their workforce to complete mahi on this topic. The working group will implement plans based on upcoming discussions with the Steering Committee and wider executive.

NATIONAL SURVEY The National Survey will be opened in mid-May so that that it can be advertised at events such as the NZMSA conference.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting: 6 March 2023
- NZMSA Executive Meeting: 20 March 2023
- NZMSA Directors Meeting: 27 March 2023