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ENGAGEMENT

The Engagement Working Group had one full-team hui in June to organise CLF and get the ball rolling on Vampire Cup.

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP FORUM The Clinical Leadership Forum will occur on 28 to 30 July in Ōtepoti. All tickets to the event have been sold except for 12 still available to Otago locals. The working group are currently coordinating with the NZMSA reps, OUMSA, PIHPSA, and TOKŌ to get those last tickets sold! All ticket holders have been emailed regarding completing volunteer mahi on the Saturday morning, called 'Whenua Day'. Other details of the schedule are currently being finalised, with speakers and logistics to be released on 17th July. Two new prospective sponsors are conversing with NZMSA to help address the ongoing challenge of paying for travel.

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM The Student Research Forum will occur on 8 to 9 September in Ōtautahi. Flights for NZMSJ and NZMSA reps working on this event have been booked. Workshops are being planned, and speakers/academics are being invited. Invited academics will award the 2 x \$1,000 prizes and give feedback to taura who present a 3min-thesis style research presentation.

MENTORING PROGRAMME The 'check-in form' to encourage development of mentoring relationships and monitor engagement is still active and collecting responses.

VAMPIRE CUP The Vampire Cup will be held throughout October, with the UoA or UoO winner announced on Halloween. The Engagement Working Group is currently seeking convenient donation sites for students to attend in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, with another 'Auckland' based site also being considered.

WORKFORCE

GUIDE TO GRADUATION Guide to Workforce (the second part in the Guide to Graduation series) is underway and due to be released in early September, at the same time as TI's receive PGY1 job offers. In addition to the previously confirmed collaboration with STONZ, RDA, Hauora Taiwhenua, MAS, Findex, and Research Review, the Workforce Working Group is also exploring collaborations with NZMII, Medicus, MCNZ and MPS. The working group are supported by Te Whatu Ora to ensure the union comparison table and explanation of both unions is comprehensive but neutral.

BEYOND THE MED SCHOOL GATES This was a successful event which ran for three nights from the 30 May to 1 June from 7:00pm until approximately 8:30pm each evening. Students seemed to particularly engage with the career focused panels such as the 'Speciality Training Panel', union talks, and NZ College of GPs talk.

Statistics for 2023 include:

- Night 1: 989 views with 31 live participating students
- Night 2: 450 views with 25 live participating students
- Night 3: 563 views with 15 live participating students

This compares to 764 views with 19 live participating students on night 1 2022, and 330 views with 25 live participating students on night 2 2022. This strongly suggests we have improved both our live engagement and outreach to students in 2023, a fantastic achievement by the Workforce Working Group.

WORKFORCE ADVOCACY At the recent ACE RMO reference group meeting on 28th June some 'small wins' for students were confirmed.

1. There is now an updated reference flow chart which de-emphasizes the negative portrayal of needing to get references from 5th year of medical school or an elective due to placement order.
2. Provisionally vocationally registered consultants are now considered acceptable referees in addition to vocationally registered consultants.

Advocacy continues regarding:

1. Either protecting TI's time off to attend ACE roadshow webinars, or shifting the event to the evening so that they are outside of work hours and easier for students to attend.
2. Obtaining immediate access to raw recordings of current webinars if students cannot attend live (currently you can only view previous year webinars).
3. Gathering data on students who are in the talent pool after job offers.

ADVOCACY

PGY1 JOBS The Advocacy Working Group have been in contact with the office of Dr Verrall and have been told the issue is currently being consulted.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP Indira attended a meeting with the Ministry of Education (MoE). They have declined our request for the TI grant to be increased and have also declined to review the grant. They reiterated the Ministers comments that until allied health students are provided a grant, it is unlikely TI medical students will have their grant increased. However, the MoE are willing to discuss providing the grant as a lump sum to undergraduate students to the Minister. Indira will attend a follow up meeting in September.

NATIONAL SURVEY Submissions to the survey have closed. We received over 250 submissions and will begin analysing the data soon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- NZMSA Executive Meeting: 20 July 2023
- NZMSA Directors Meeting: 27 July 2023
- NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting: 3 August 2023
- Clinical Leadership Forum: 28 - 30 July 2023
- Student Research Forum: 8-9 September 2023
- Vampire Cup: October 2023