

THIS ISSUE: Curriculum Conference, External Review, SSC Tutoring, Staff Development, C21 Launch, Awards, Teaching Opportunities, C21 Contacts

CURRICULUM CONFERENCE

The School of Medicine's 4th Annual Curriculum Conference (C21 Showcase) took place on March 7th 2014, the day after the formal launch of the C21 programme in the Heath Park campus' Cochrane Building. Seventy three abstracts were submitted, with 41 oral presentations and 12 workshops throughout the day.

250 attendees from across the NHS in Wales, academics and students enjoyed the keynote talks from Prof. Fiona Patterson on best evidence for selection and admissions methodology and Prof. Jill Morrison on her predictions for the future of medical education. The workshops were busy and buzzy as presenters and audience discussed the development and delivery of the new curriculum and assessment programmes. View the posters at www.scnhd.com/C21showcase



EXTERNAL REVIEW

The Quality Assurance Agency's (QAA) Institutional Review took place last month, part of a 5 year cycle ensuring HE Institutions meet expectations for quality processes and enhancement of learning opportunities for students.

The QAA Team met with a wide range of staff and students. Assessment considered University submissions plus qualitative and quantitative data from the CU Students' Union that included student opinion.

Initial feedback is encouraging, with a detailed report from QAA to follow.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Our learning resources equip you for C21: MEOP starts again in June; the Medical Education Research Seminar Series has interactive sessions and expert speakers; PG programmes in Medical Education are enrolling for 2014-15; special interest groups are growing on "Connections"; our CPD network promotes short programme accreditation and the GMC is ensuring CPD aligns with [7 framework areas](#). (<http://medicine.cf.ac.uk/medical-education/staff/staff-development>)

SPOTLIGHT ON



Jordan
Scoberg-Evans

...an SSC Tutor.

Jordan Scoberg-Evans, PhD student in the Instit. of Psychological Medicine & Clinical Neurosciences, tells us how he finds it so far.

Initially I found the idea of being a facilitator to groups of medicine undergraduates quite daunting but the training provided and the enthusiasm of the students has led me to find it very enjoyable.

Speaking with students who seem genuinely interested in your work is refreshing and guiding their learning through your field is a rewarding experience, not to mention a good test of your own knowledge when it comes to answering questions! You don't need a clinical or medical background but their interest in the clinical aspect of your work will probably cause you to learn more on another side of your research!

To become an SSC Tutor, contact [Dr Sam Hibbitts](mailto:DrSamHibbitts@cf.ac.uk) (HibbittsSJ@cf.ac.uk).

C21 LAUNCH

In March we publicly launched our exciting new MB BCh programme to patients, academics, students and NHS Wales staff, all of whom have contributed to the new curriculum.

Minister for Education & Skills, Huw Lewis AM and MedSoc President, Amy Butlin unveiled local artist Sophie Barras' commemorative C21 print, which blends elements of the curriculum with her own patient experience. Watch the C21 launch at <http://medicine.cf.ac.uk/medical-education/c21>



DIARY DATES

- ❑ Celebrating Excellence Event, w/c **14th July 2014**, of particular interest to Yr3 students/supervisors: contact [Andy Edwards](mailto:edwardsa17@cf.ac.uk) (edwardsa17@cf.ac.uk)
- ❑ **HEALTH – your responsibility**, public lecture & conference, **30th October 2014**: contact [Sue Cody](mailto:codysj@cf.ac.uk) (codysj@cf.ac.uk)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MEDIC RIGHT NOW.....

CONGRATULATIONS

BMA Cymru Wales/BMJ *Clinical Teacher of the Year Award winners*

- ❑ *Outstanding Achievement:*
Prof John Bligh
- ❑ *Clinical Teacher of the Year:*
Dr Elizabeth Metcalf
- ❑ *Rising Star:* **Dr Nicky Leopold**
- ❑ *Cardiff University School of Medicine's Lifetime Achievement Award:* **Prof Helen Sweetland**

Cardiff University Students' Union Enriching Student Life Awards

- ❑ *Enriching Student Life Award:*
Dr Steve Riley (winner), **Heather Williams & Angela Watkins** (nominees)
- ❑ *Personal Tutor of the Year Award,* **Prof. Dave Wilson & Dr Samantha Holloway** (nominees)
- ❑ *Most Effective Teacher Award,*
Dr Marcus Coffey, Dr Mathew Morgan & Dr Arthur Knight (nominees)
- ❑ **Cardiff MedSoc**, shortlisted for *NUS Wales Society of the Year*
- ❑ **Yr 4 Steph Connaire**, who won a prize at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Annual Conference
- ❑ **'Ask One Question'**, shortlisted on behalf of Cardiff University for *NHS Wales Awards 2014*.

C21 TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

With the launch of the new C21 curriculum, the School of Medicine offers academics and NHS staff a wealth of opportunities to be involved.

Roles span all 5 years of the MB BCH course and, if you include interviewing prospective medical students, even earlier. Training is available for all of the roles offered.

We are also looking for people who can help to support Welsh medium teaching.

[Contact one of the C21 team](#) to ask questions and discuss how your experience and time commitments might match the School of Medicine's C21 opportunities.

Clinician? Join us as an....

1. OSCE examiner
2. Communications Skills tutor
3. Clinical Skills tutor
4. Clinical teaching
5. Service improvement project tutor.

You're a clinician? Scientist? Researcher? Administrative staff? We have a teaching, planning or admissions role to suit you....

1. SSCs and research opportunities
2. Science in Practice
3. Academic mentor
4. Personal mentor
5. SSC tutor (can be PGR)
6. Case based learning facilitator
7. Case writer
8. Subject specialist
9. Science teaching
10. Assessments
 - a. question writing
 - b. question scrutiny
 - c. standard setting
11. Platform for Clinical
12. Science tutor
13. Reflective portfolio assessment
14. Interviewer for medical school admissions.

For more details, go to <http://medicine.cf.ac.uk/medical-education/c21/get-involved/> or email C21@cf.ac.uk.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

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