Dear Members,

We are this year’s UK DermSoc Representatives and our role is to promote, support and co-ordinate DermSoc groups nationally.

Currently there are 17 DermSocs in operation around the country and we hope to see the remaining medical schools set up societies in the forthcoming year!

Join the official Facebook group at:
http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/dermsocuk/
which aims to improve inter-university communication and promote discussion on upcoming Dermatology opportunities relevant to medical students.

News

Following last year’s success, the second annual, National DermSoc meeting will be held on Monday 17th March 2014 from 10am -3pm at the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) House, 4 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 5HQ. The programme outlined below:

✧ 10:00  Registration and introduction from the UK representatives
✧ 10:30  Guest speakers of The BAD- ‘Cutaneous Drug Eruptions’ from Dr Shaheen Haque-Hussein and ‘Dermatology Research’ from Dr Elizabeth Blakeway
✧ 11:30  Guest speaker from the British Skin Foundation - Fundraising opportunities
✧ 12:00  Careers in Dermatology - Talk and Q&A by Dr Ketaki Bhave
✧ 12:30  Coffee and Lunch provided by the BAD
✧ 13:30  Discussion of current and future plans by DermSoc Committees

Monday 17th March
2nd Annual National DermSoc Meeting 2014
Spotlight

Imperial College London DermSoc

A word from Ethan Goh, president 2013/14:

Our DermSoc is run by a dedicated committee of seven enthusiastic medics. We are extremely grateful and fortunate enough to have three consultants onboard:
Dr Ien Chan at St Mary's hospital
Dr Afrina Alam at West Middlesex hospital
Dr Shirin Zaheri, a future consultant at Charing Cross Hospital

Our events for the year are wide-ranging and cater to all years. These include:
1. Upcoming skin cancer talks for first and second years run in conjunction with the oncology society.
2. Suturing OSCE sessions for third years.
3. A dermatology for Finals seminar.
4. A careers talk held jointly by our consultants.
5. An essay competition run throughout the year.

In addition, we have set out to increase the exposure of dermatology amongst undergraduate students, through the extensive use of both our website and social media such as Facebook.
On our official website, we regularly upload topical dermatology research articles on leading journals. It is frequently updated with career guidance and learning resources to augment undergraduate dermatology teaching. We also offer opportunities for medical students from all universities to sign up for taster dermatology clinics and audit/research projects.

Finally our Facebook page regularly features weekly dermatology spot diagnoses, which we feel provides an interesting and otherwise missed educational opportunity to professional Facebook newsfeed loafers!

Special Mentions
To the newly revived Leeds and Liverpool DermSocs! We look forward to hearing of your success!

The next edition of the newsletter is due in the summer and if you would like to write about your DermSoc activities please send any articles, updates and photographs to dermsoc@hotmail.co.uk and we’ll endeavour incorporate them.

For more information about dermatology and The BAD please visit: http://www.bad.org.uk//site/616/default.aspx.
Up and Coming Events

**DermSchool GLASGOW!**
30th June 2014

Registration is now open for this fun, fantastic and free event!

DermSchool is a one day conference for medical students and junior doctors and is packed with career pearls, a poster session, practical demonstrations and lectures from esteemed dermatologists around the UK.

Sign up now to avoid disappointment at: [http://www.bad.org.uk/site/1494/default.aspx](http://www.bad.org.uk/site/1494/default.aspx)

**DermSchool Cake Sale**
May 2014

We are organising a Fundraising cake sale in May 2014 for our different DermSocs across the country to take part in. More details to be announced soon!

This will be in aid of The British Skin Foundation. Come and learn more about what they do at the National DermSoc Day!