



UK DermSoc Newsletter

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 years 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 Bhate*
- ❖ **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>.

Your National DermSoc UK Committee



Natasha Lee, medical student rep. A fourth year medic at the University of Leeds. "If people are asked to picture an organ, the skin is often forgotten, but it is such a fascinating part of the body! A career in dermatology offers a medical/surgical mix and brings you into contact with patients of all ages which is what I hope to have from a career in medicine."



Anna Ascott, medical student rep. A third year medic at Barts and The London. "I've always loved anything skin related, and I've been interested in a career in Dermatology from sixth form onwards, where I started out by giving enthusiastic (and most probably unreliable!) advice to my friends."



Amiee Vyas, junior doctor rep. An FY1 in the University Hospitals of Leicester Trust, who graduated from King's College London. "Clinic-based medicine is definitely the route for me. Dermatology encompasses all of my career hopes: continuity of care and exposure to a wide patient demographic, with research and surgical opportunities in this setting."



Fangyi Xie, junior doctor rep. An FY1 in Oxford Deanery, who graduated from University of Cambridge. "I am interested in Dermatology because of the huge variety of medical conditions you encounter, and there is also the scope for surgery."

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>

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!