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WELCOME to the June 2008 edition of George's News. As the academic year draws to a close, we pay homage to two of our most esteemed colleagues who retire in July: David Cleverly, Academic Services Manager and Marina Logan-Bruce, Library Services Manager. You can also find out what psychiatry and film-making have in common and how a new funding award will help us boost employment and enterprise opportunities.



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News in brief

Alumni Pledge over £38K to Annual Fund

St George's Alumni have pledged a total of £38,865 towards this year's Annual Fund.

Fourteen students took part in the four-week telephone fundraising campaign. Money raised will go towards the Student Hardship Fund, and the Student Experience Fund. Staff and students can now apply for grants through the Student Experience Fund. Awards made under the scheme last year included £1,000 for a safe sex campaign for new SGUL students. The deadline for applications is 18 June.

Contact Chris Conneely, Development Manager at chris.conneely@sgul.ac.uk or call 020 8725 2286.

Elite Sport Experts Visit SGUL

SGUL's Centre for Enterprise and Innovation hosted a once in a lifetime opportunity for staff and students to gain valuable career advice from an impressive panel of sports medics and physios.

Gary Lewin, Chief Physiotherapist to the England Football team, Michael Turner, medic to the Lawn Tennis Association, Michele Gemignani, medic to Juventus Football, John Davies international rugby medic, and Liz Mendl from the Scottish Institute of Sport visited St George's to talk about career opportunities on 8 May.

St George's prepares for GMC inspection

St George's will be assessed by the General Medical Council (GMC) between July 2008 and July 2009. The inspection is part of the Council's quality assurance programme (QABME), which aims to ensure that all UK medical schools maintain good standards.

St George's is gathering evidence in response to a questionnaire, to be submitted to the GMC by September 2008. A team from the GMC will then visit SGUL several times between January and June 2009 to meet with key staff and students and observe facilities and teaching practices. The GMC team



St George's students and local school children at an 'Experiments Roadshow'

will submit a formal report to the GMC Education Committee in Autumn 2009.

A steering group, chaired by Professor Sean Hilton, is overseeing the process. Professor Hilton says: "Staff should be familiar with Tomorrow's Doctors and Good Medical Practice, the GMC's key publications which set out the standards against which we will be assessed. We will put out regular updates and invite staff comments on our evidence submissions."

Experiments Roadshow Awards

Over 40 students volunteers were recognised for their achievements at the 'Experiments Roadshow Awards' on 29 May.

The 'Experiments Roadshow' programme gives school pupils in years eight to 11 a taste of the healthcare professions, by linking them up with St George's student mentors, who deliver interactive science sessions in their schools.

Akin Onigbinde scooped 'Student Volunteer of the Year' for his outstanding contribution to the programme. 'Fresher of the Year' awards went to Fatimah Javaid, Oluwatosin Oo Hastrup, Vongai Mandanire and Terri Follett. Gold, silver and bronze awards were also

given to student mentors who delivered ten, six or three sessions respectively. This year 80 mentors delivered 110 sessions in London.

Students' Union Officers 2008-09 appointed

Jack Sugrue, 2nd year Biomedical Sciences student and former SU RAG Officer has been voted new President of St George's Students' Union.

Jack won on a strong manifesto, pledging to stand up for students' views, help develop St George's site and services and to preserve SGUL's close-knit community, including students from all courses.

The three other new sabbatical officers are Laura Matheson, Vice President (Education & Welfare), Jonathan Hollow, Vice President (Finance & Services) and Raymond Sacks, General Secretary.

SWan Alliance appoints Programme Manager

Celia Cornwell has joined the SWan Alliance as Strategic Partnership Programme Manager. Previously Director of International Strategy and Development at Curtin University of Technology in Perth, she will be responsible for the operational management of the Alliance. ■

Principal's column

THE weeks between the two bank holidays have been extremely busy. I must commend our students first. I attended the annual dinner of St George's Student Action for Refugees (STAR) and was bowled over by the commitment, energy and enthusiasm of the organisation in supporting children of refugee families. This is just one example of the outstanding charitable activities undertaken by our students and SGUL is justifiably proud. Sadiq Khan, our local MP, attended the dinner as president of STAR and he was very impressed by the student who attempted to bar my entry as I had left my invitation card on my desk. "That student will go far", he said.

We are fortunate in having an MP with a real feel for the local community; Sadiq was, after all born at St George's. I intend to keep him updated about all of our activities both academic and social.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sabbatical student officers Paulo, Michelle, Mike and Tanya for the excellent jobs that they have done. I appreciate that they have several weeks yet to serve but they have been outstanding exemplars for those who will follow.

Earlier this month I attended the graduation ceremony for the Joint Faculty at the Barbican. This was a splendid morning that was so evidently enjoyed by the graduands, parents, partners and staff. I particularly enjoyed the whoops as graduands processed



across the stage and look forward to SGUL's graduation on 23 June.

SGUL has had two quality assessment visits in the past four

weeks. Both visits passed off well and our assessors appeared very satisfied. I am grateful to academic and administrative colleagues who

"I would like to thank our sabbatical student officers for the excellent jobs they have done"

weeks – the Funding Council (HEFCE) has been auditing our student data returns and the QAA visit about degree awarding

contributed to the very smooth running of the visits.

There have been a number of good news stories this month. Our

submission for funding for business enterprise has been approved by HEFCE, the Paramedic Science Centre was successfully launched, and we are on the brink of signing an exciting agreement with the University of Malta for an educational consultancy – more anon.

I am very keen to ensure that our research strategy is 'fit for purpose' for the Research Excellence Framework that will succeed the RAE next year. I am grateful to Nigel Brown for chairing a review group that will also consider our space configuration and plans for refurbishment. The group will work closely with George Griffin as Vice-Principal for Research.

We have begun the series of discussions and meetings with Surrey, Kingston and Royal Holloway Universities to explore options for a sustainable future for SGUL. It is far too soon to make any comment apart from the very evident commitment shown by each university to addressing the issues and questions outlined in our strategic framework. I will be making it clear in my preamble at each meeting our commitment to South West London and the importance we attach to the Joint Faculty and our close links with St George's Hospital NHS Trust and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust.

Best wishes

Professor Peter Kopelman
Principal



All staff and students are encouraged to voice their opinions to the Principal at this year's series of "Have Your Say" Open Fora.

Anyone can write in with a question for the Principal to answer at one of the meetings by emailing it to media@sgul.ac.uk.

Questions will be printed out and sorted into subject

matter – such as the Strategic Options Review, our building projects or finance issues – and the Principal will answer questions from each topic. After that, the Professor Kopelman will invite questions from the floor.

The Have Your Say meetings take place:

Wed 25 June, 12.30pm, Lecture Theatre G

Tue 22 July, 12.30pm, Michael Heron Lecture Theatre

Tue 23 Sep, 12.30pm, Michael Heron Lecture Theatre

News

From couch to camera

ST George's psychiatrist Dr Adil Akram depicts the moving story of one mother's battle with post natal depression on film, offering a rare insight into a much misunderstood illness.

Winning a place on the groundbreaking documentary initiative, Science on Film, was an opportunity for Dr Adil Akram, Walport Academic Clinical Fellow and Specialist Registrar in Psychiatry at St George's, University of London, to bring to life the inspiring story of one of his patients.

The mother of two was admitted to Springfield earlier this year, suffering from Post Natal Depression (PND). Now fully recovered, she tells her moving story for the documentary (funded by the Wellcome Trust and Documentary Filmmakers Group).

Dr Akram's intimate portrayal of her experience dispels many of the myths surrounding inpatient psychiatric care, especially around new mothers. "[She] wanted to convey that post natal depression is an illness like any other, that with the right treatment, you do recover," Dr Akram explains. "In the past, mothers suffering psychiatric problems were separated from their babies, something we try very hard to avoid today." The Perinatal Psychiatry service, based at St George's and Springfield Hospital, emphasises the importance of protecting, preserving and encouraging the mother and baby bond.

Only eight scientists in the country were chosen to make a film under the Science In Film banner. When St George's Communications team invited documentary proposals for the scheme earlier this year, Dr Akram's personal portrait was chosen. "The patient featured has suffered PND twice. The first time, it wasn't diagnosed until very late,



Dr Adil Akram demonstrates his directorial skills

months after the birth of her baby. During her second pregnancy she was referred to me for monitoring," Dr Akram explains. "Although her pregnancy was fine, following the birth of her second child she suffered a relapse." One in four mothers who have had PND once will experience it again with their second child.

"Film-making and psychiatry use very similar key skills"

"Making a documentary about a subject like this was challenging. She has been very brave, but I wanted to preserve her anonymity and that of her family as far as possible, so no names have been used on film," said Dr Akram.

"The biggest challenge has been editing the footage down to five

minutes. Trying to capture the whole story visually as well as in the patient's words was important and it has been incredibly rewarding to work with the expert film-makers who have helped bring her story to life.

"In the end we wanted to create a film which would have impact – to do justice to her, and the Perinatal

and narrative. "Film-making and psychiatry use very similar key skills. Exploring a personal narrative and being able to understand a person's character are integral to both," he explains.

Dr Akram hopes to share his enthusiasm for Psychiatry and film-making with the students at St George's, and teaches a course, available to second year MBBS students, called 'Psychiatry and Film'.

The Science on Film documentaries will be screened together at a launch party at the Wellcome Trust, giving all eight scientists the opportunity to view their work together. They will then be screened on Channel Four's FourDocs website. Look out for emails from the Communications Team, informing you of similar opportunities upcoming. ■

Psychiatry team," Dr Akram said.

This is not Dr Akram's first foray into film; a strong interest in both fiction and documentaries has already led to him producing and directing three short films shown in festivals in London, Paris and New York. He believes there is a special relationship between storytelling

It is what you know



Consultation workshops

A new external website and diary management system are amongst the proposals being put forward under a draft information strategy for SGUL.

The strategy aims to ensure that all staff have access to the information they need, when they need it and in the right format.

Fifty-eight staff fed into consultation workshops this March and April, which identified key areas for improvement. Based on the consultation, the draft strategy recommends four key priorities:

1. Ensuring that the right information is available for the **Research Excellence Framework**, such as research outputs and citation rates per output.

2. Improving the **external website**, making it more attractive and 'fit for purpose'.

3. Ensuring that SGUL plans sufficiently for **additional student numbers** in the future, involving appropriate staff at the right time.

4. Introducing a single **diary**

management system, making it quicker and easier for staff to arrange meetings.

The strategy also recommends some clear principles for managing information flow across the university. For example, staff would be encouraged to share

information unless there are good reasons for not doing so and to avoid duplication.

Jeannette Strachan, Academic Registrar and Deputy Director of Administration says: "Information underpins all the activities at St George's including teaching and

The strategy will be considered by the Council this autumn.

For further information on the proposals, please contact Jeannette Strachan at jstrachan@sgul.ac.uk ■

"It is essential that everyone has access to the information they need"

learning, research and management. It is essential that everyone has access to the information they need. The information strategy will help us achieve this by guiding the way we collect, use and share information."

Website revamp

The Communications team is currently selecting an agency to revamp the external website, improving design, structure and navigation. If you have any specific feedback on the website, please contact the team on media@sgul.ac.uk

Feature

Hope for anorexia sufferers

THE world's first treatment trial for sufferers of chronic anorexia will be taking place at St George's over the next 30 months, led by the Eating Disorders Research Group.

The study aims to establish the first effective outpatient treatment for those with severe and enduring anorexia nervosa. Anorexia nervosa is a serious mental illness associated with high levels of disability and psychiatric disturbance, affecting around two per cent of the female population worldwide. The effects of anorexia are often long-lasting with about 20 per cent of sufferers failing to recover from their illness and

"No one else has done a treatment study of this kind as an international trial"

developing chronic anorexia. Chronic anorexia also has the highest mortality rates for any mental illness, with an approximate 20 per cent death rate, usually from starvation or suicide.

This is higher than any other mental illness including drug dependency or alcohol-related illnesses.

Chronic anorexia is commonly associated with high levels of unemployment, multiple medical complications and repeat admissions to inpatient wards.

It has often proved resistant to traditional hospital-based treatments, meaning there is a continuing urgent need for effective outpatient treatment.



Hearts and minds

GONE are the days where the cardiologist would only consider hearts, and the renal physician would ignore anything that was not a kidney. Discoveries that many renal, rheumatic, cardiovascular and brain conditions share common mechanisms have seen medicine move to a much more collaborative future, a concept the St George's Cardiovascular Research Group (CRG) is embracing, with a major new push to stimulate communication and new collaborations among individuals and groups interested in cardiovascular disease at both SGUL and the Trust.

"To this end we have developed a new website, revamped our steering committee, and organised regular monthly seminars," says Professor Juan Carlos Kaski, Chairman of the CRG, who is also deputy Head of the Division of Cardiac and Vascular Sciences. "This is where we hope some of the big new ideas for research at SGUL will be coming from.

"Working with immunologists and rheumatologists has shown us that immune mechanisms can trigger heart disease in young people with chronic inflammatory problems like lupus or rheumatoid arthritis. Working alone, the heart specialists would not have made the connection. It was only when we talked to other specialists that we discovered the mechanisms these conditions have in common."

Professor Kaski hopes the CRG website (www.cardiovascular-research.co.uk) will bring their work to a global audience. He was encouraged by the success of his 'virtual' Cardiology meeting – organised under the auspices of two international medical societies earlier in the year.

The CRG is organising an annual international meeting at St George's on 25-26 September (for details see the website) and will create a virtual version allowing people unable to attend the annual conference to log on.

Senior lecturer Dr Steve Bevan will be fronting the website and new monthly forums on hot topics to do with cardiovascular disease. If you have suggestions for the website or forums, email Steve on sbevan@sgul.ac.uk ■

George's researchers will be working alongside colleagues at the University of Sydney and the University of Chicago to undertake this international trial. The focus of the treatments will be on improving patients' overall quality of life and not just the restoration of weight, which has often been the core of previous treatments.

The project's aims are to compare the capacity of cognitive behavioural therapy treatment and non-specific supportive clinical management treatment in improving a patient's quality of life

and reducing social isolation; and to find out the impact of both treatments on eating disorder pathology and associated healthcare costs. The study will be ground-breaking in the sense that "both treatments are manualised and specially adapted by our researchers for use with this chronic sample", says study leader Professor Hubert Lacey.

The study will involve 90 outpatient volunteers, with treatment interventions being conducted at George's Eating Disorders Service and at a similar

site in Sydney, Australia.

The data management for the project is being undertaken at the University of Chicago under Professor LeGrange. The study will be funded by a £250,000 grant from the Medical Research Council.

Professor Lacey adds: "For a psychological treatment this is large grant. No one else has done a treatment study of this kind, on this population as an international trial.

"It is also the first significant funding from a major grant-giving body on this subject so we are very excited to see the results." ■

Enterprise, engagement and employment



ST George's is celebrating winning a major uplift in the level of funding from HEFCE's Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF). The £3.2 million award will be delivered over three years. The money will be used to promote three ambitions: to improve enterprise opportunities for staff, to engage with local business and the community, and to broaden employment opportunities for all our students.

Principal Professor Peter Kopelman said, "I am delighted that the application for HEIF funding has been so successful. It will strengthen enterprise and consultancy within the University and enable us to develop even closer links with business and industry, which are so important for research, and should provide even

greater opportunities for graduate employment for the future."

One significant investment from the HEIF award will be the development of a state of the art clinical research facility. Working in partnership with St George's Trust, provision will be made for clinical trials, including beds and support services. This exciting development is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Building on previous awards, the

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Centre for Enterprise and Innovation will continue to develop St George's technology transfer expertise. Growing existing relationships with external partners, including WestFocus and the

SWan-alliance will form part of the development program. The Centre will also continue to prioritise managing the rights to St George's staff and students' intellectual property, by funding invaluable legal advice and guiding them through complex systems available to protect their work.

With the nature of our graduating population changing, a much greater number of science as well as profession-specific graduates

are leaving St George's.

This increased funding will enable St George's to maintain its enviable record on student employment, a point of pride for the institution. It will also enable us

to work with our partners Kingston University and Royal Holloway to ensure that we are fully engaged with employers and that employers know the quality of SGUL graduates.

There will also be a drive towards developing educational and scientific consultancy in the University. In the past St George's has had considerable success in this area, with staff offering consultancy services, particularly to the Pharma industry, as well as building an international reputation for education innovation.

Consolidating these efforts with the full support of the Centre for Enterprise and Innovation will put consultants' expertise at the disposal of many more external companies and institutions. The professional marketing and management of the business will be of great benefit to all involved. ■

Moving with the times

David Cleverly, Head of Academic Services, retires in July 2008 after over 30 years at St George's. David enjoys change, and he's certainly seen a lot of it here...

I take David Cleverly, who turns 60 in July, back to his first day at St George's on 1 December 1977. "It was awful!" he says.

David, then 29, started as a laboratory supervisor, having been appointed by the Director of the department. However, when he arrived he found out that the Department Manager disapproved of his appointment. He'd also been appointed to work alongside someone who "had been making a hash of it".

"The first day was a shock," he remembers, "and if I hadn't been the sort to stick with things, I think I would have turned around and walked out again. It was a very tricky time."

"I realised there was a huge amount of opportunity at St George's as it was small, new and growing"

In 1977, St George's had just moved to the current site in Tooting, but was largely staffed by people from the old medical school at Hyde Park Corner. The school was also very small, with just 80 medical students intake per year and 30 to 40 dental students.

"There was a funny mixture of old staff, who used to say 'It's not like it was at the Corner' and new staff who saw this as an exciting place to be," he says.

"Within a short amount of time I realised there was a huge amount of opportunity at St George's as it

was small, new and growing. Within a year I was appointed to run the laboratories."

Within another year or two, the departmental manager left and David was asked to take up his job. In the mid 80's the Academic Director left and David took over the entire department. By that time the media production services were expanding rapidly, and the department also housed a large workshop section which made and repaired scientific equipment.

As Head of Academic Services, David now leads services that support teaching and research, including a technical team and 'media services', which provides design, photography, multimedia

and print services, as well as AV support for teaching. He is also responsible for teaching accommodation.

Over the past 30 years, David has seen St George's change from a small ad-hoc institution to a larger more structured place:

"The only reason I've stayed at St George's for 30 years is the change. I enjoy change and there's always been plenty of that."

The close contact with students is one of the things David enjoys most about working at St George's.

"That's what we're here for!" he



David Cleverly, 2008

says. "There's always been good contact between staff and students at all levels, another really special thing about St George's."

David has also enjoyed directing and producing educational programmes. In 1994 he produced an award winning film on how to break bad news to patients, which is still used across the country.

"I'll probably get bored within six months"

David has no shortage of amusing anecdotes up his sleeve. "The royal visits are always a

laugh", he says. His favourite moment was from the Queen's most recent visit a few years ago:

"A certain senior member of staff was droning on, and he said something like 'I've been here for 30 odd years and they can't get rid of me now'. The Queen was heard to mutter: 'I'm sure something can be arranged'."

It certainly sounds like he's earned a good rest, although he admits: "I'll probably get bored within six months." Luckily, David's first grandchild is on the way, and he also plans to study for an MA in History.

"It's always been an interest of mine," he says, "but I'll probably leave it for a while, until I've had the chance to rest a bit, and get the garden in shape." ■

People

My day... My Hobby... My Job...

From Rats to Riches

Marina Logan-Bruce, Library Services Manager, retires this July after spending her entire career at St George's. Marina talks about how she rose through the ranks and the bad old days at Hyde Park Corner...

Throughout St George's, Marina is principally known for two things: her encyclopaedic knowledge... and her purple hair. Asked why she's stayed at St George's for 36 years, Marina's answer is simple: "I've enjoyed it!" she says. "Because my job's changed every few years, I've not felt stuck in a rut."

Marina started at St George's in September 1971 as a Library Assistant – her first role after graduating with a Librarianship degree from Loughborough University. At that time, St George's was still based on the old site at Hyde Park Corner, which had seen better days.

"It was squalid!" she says. "It was run down, it was cramped, it was grubby, and it was riddled with cockroaches and rats."

Despite the squalid surroundings, Marina looks back on that period with fondness.

"There was a lot of camaraderie then," she says "You felt that you knew everybody. We had a staff club in the basement and it was a den of alcoholics!"

Marina recalls one evening when she was so inebriated that she had to be carried home by her husband and a friend.

"I gather it was difficult to keep me in a straight line," she jokes.

Marina moved to the Tooting site in 1979, where she gradually worked her way through the ranks as the library grew and work became more specialised. Before taking on her current role as Library Services Manager in 2003, she worked in acquisitions and as Deputy Librarian.



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As Library Services Manager, Marina supervises the operational work of the library. Explaining what she enjoys about her role, she says:

"I enjoy running things... and I enjoy the academic environment"

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Marina particularly enjoyed working on the recent library refurbishment in 2003. "It was fantastic to watch it all taking shape," she says.

The biggest change to library work over Marina's career has been the development of electronic resources, which has "made life much easier". This has

meant that the library has a slightly different role:

"The main thrust of what we do now... is to teach the students to use the resources themselves," Marina explains.

Marina looks forward to a quiet

retirement. "It'll be nice not having to think for a while," she says. Her immediate plans include working on her house and garden, which she describes as being in "a state of advanced decrepitude". She also enjoys walking and frequenting the London Library.

So, what will she miss?

"I'll miss the people," she says. "I've got fantastic staff who've been a terrific support. I might be the head of the library but it's the staff who do all the real work." ■

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Welcome



Helen White joins us as Widening Participation Administrator in Registry. She will be coordinating a number of projects, including

Spring and Summer Schools and the Experiments Roadshow. Contact Helen at hwhite@sgul.ac.uk or on 020 8266 6483.

Iván Vallado is the new Research Technician in the Centre For Infection, joining St George's from Summit Plc. Iván will be involved in colorectal microbicides research at Professor Robin Shattock's laboratory. You can contact Iván on ext 1601.

Dr Shanghua Sun joins us as a Lecturer in Biomedical Informatics. Formally a Post-doctoral research fellow of UCL, Shanghua will be a Module Leader for the IT related aspects of the new Biomedical Informatics course. You can contact Shanghua at ssun@sgul.ac.uk.

Ms Rebecca Lynch joins us as a Research Assistant. Based in the Centre for Law, Ethics and Mental Health, Rebecca will be working with other UK Universities with an interest in mental health ethics. Contact Rebecca at rlynch@sgul.ac.uk or on ext. 0634

Miss Tracy McGinley is our new Undergraduate Teaching Administrator. Tracy has joined the Mental Health Division and will be the main point of contact for the Student Service Centre. Contact Tracy at tmcginley@sgul.ac.uk or on ext. 5508

Dr Steven Roy Malinkowski is our new Educational Technology Leader. Previously a Lecturer at St. Cloud State University, Minnesota, Steven will be working to increase the use of eLearning at SGUL, and assisting with research grant bids. Contact Steven at smalikow@sgul.ac.uk or on ext.0450.

Student Union Awards 2008

TWENTY-eight students were recognised for their contributions to student life at St George's Students' Union Awards 2008 on 28 May.

Laurels, awarded for unsurpassed excellence in several areas of University life went to Benjamin Irving, Ayoola Awopetu and Maria Papadakos.

Students' Union Colours are the highest awards that can be given to an individual student for contribution to one area of student life. This year they went to: Mark Moffatt and Warren D'Souza (Hockey), Donna Lunn (Performing Arts), Gurdeep Singh Mannu (Sikh Society), Suzie Key (Rowing), Sobida Arulanantham, Sarah Reynolds and Andy Lockyer (Student Action for Refugees), Navin Vig (Ops in Surgery), William Reeve (Hockey), James Jackson (Rugby), Bethan Williams (Netball),



Sports Team of the Year, the Netball 1st VII

Bukki Oriola (Performing Arts), and Mateen Jiwani (Widening Participation).

Michelle Penn and Charlotte Walsh were awarded Gold Cards for consistent excellence in more than one area of student life. Silver cards, for going beyond the call of duty in one area, went to Donna Lunn, Howard Sleeth, Seiwa Opare, Paolo Perella, Ray Hsu, Clare McCarroll, Helen Laird, Esther (Kui)

Gathura and Mukthar Bizrah.

Other awards went to Raymond Sacks for Performer of the Year, Warren D'Souza for Sports Person of the Year and the Netball 1st VII for Sports Team of the Year.

Paolo Perella, Students' Union President said: "These awards are a great opportunity to show the individuals how much we appreciate their commitment to life at St George's."

New Staff

Administration

Ms F Allan – Event Organiser/Assistant
Mr H Beere – Receivables Manager
Miss S Ibezi – Clinical Sciences Teaching Administrator

Basic Medical Sciences

Dr J Dennis – Medical Biomics Genomics Scientist
Dr J James – Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Cellular & Molecular Medicine

Dr T Bicanic – Clinical Lecturer in Infectious Diseases
Miss M Chawda – Research Assistant

Centre for Medical and Healthcare Education

Dr S Malinkowski – Educational Technology Leader in Medicine
Dr S Oluwo – Technical Developer

Clinical Development Sciences

Dr S Ruddy – Postdoctoral Research Assistant

Community Health Sciences

Ms D Coster – Research Assistant

Information Services

Mrs F Yusuf – Weekend Information Assistant

Student Services

Miss M Errington – Counsellor

Grants

NIHR Flexibility and Sustainability

NIHR Flexibility & Sustainability Funding for South East England Local Research Networks.
Professor Hugh Markus – **£73,008**

Atlantic Philanthropies

Retention of older participants in longitudinal studies: an exploratory study. Gill Mein (SGUL), Anthea

Tinker (King's College London), Janet Askham (Pickering Institute), Richard Ashcroft (Queen Mary, University of London) (co-applicants) – **£72,975**

Wellcome Trust

A genome wide association study in ischaemic stroke. Professor Hugh Markus, Prof Peter Rothwell, Dr

Martin Farrall, Dr Catherine Sudlow, Dr Martin Dichgans and Dr Steve Bevan (co-applicants)

The costs of genotyping 4000 stroke cases with a genome wide screen and replication in 7000 stroke cases plus – **£92,403**

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Honours and achievements



Professor Hamid Ghodse, Director of the International Centre for Drug Policy at St George's, has been elected President of the International

Narcotics Control Board (INCB). Professor Ghodse has been a member of the INCB since 1992 and has served eight times as the Board's President. The Vienna-based Board is an independent body, established by the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs to monitor and support Government compliance with the international drug control treaties.

Congratulations to **Christine Goodair** on her recent successes at the World Masters Swimming Championships held in Perth, Western Australia, in April.

Christine, who is Programme Co-ordinator for International Centre for Drug Policy in Mental Health at St George's, not only achieved her personal goals, but also led her relay teams to success, achieving silvers in the Women's 200 years age group (where the combined age of the team is 200 or more) in both the freestyle and medley relays.



Professor Derek Macallan, Professor of Infectious Diseases and Medicine, organised the 'Lymphocyte kinetics in health and disease'

event at Regent's college on 19-20 May. This event brought together experts in the field to share concepts, discuss methodologies and explore future areas for research.



Hitting the headlines

•Burmese tragedy likely to cause widespread disease

George Griffin, Professor of Infectious Diseases and Medicine, appeared on TV and radio in May discussing the dangerous situation for survivors of the Cyclone in Burma; including Channel Four news, Sky News and BBC Radio Four's 'Today' programme.

•Kids "often traumatised" by intensive care

Gillian Colville, Honorary Research Fellow at SGUL hit the headlines

with her study examining children's memories of their time in intensive care. The BBC, New Scientist and other global media reported that nearly third of children admitted to intensive care will suffer powerful and frightening hallucinations which stay with them.

•Veggie burgers often saltier

Graham MacGregor, Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at SGUL hit the headlines with his study of the salt content of vegetarian food. The Evening standard and the Mail

reported that veggie burgers and sausages often contain more salt than their meat equivalents.

•St George's expert leads new Eating Disorder Clinic

The Sutton Observer reported that St George's expert Professor Hubert Lacey will lead the Midlands' first dedicated treatment centre for young people with eating disorders, in Sutton Coldfield.

• For the full stories and more, see the Communications Portal page.

New publications

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Listings

Inaugural Professorial Lectures

17/06/08, 5.30pm

Michael Heron Lecture Theatre,
1st Floor, Hunter Wing

Professor Vari Drennan, Professor of Health Policy and Service Delivery, Faculty of Health & Social Care Sciences and Professor Derek Macallan, Professor of Infectious Diseases and Medicine, Division of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, will be giving talks on their respective fields, at the last of this year's Inaugural lectures. All staff and students are welcome to attend. A reception will follow in Boardrooms 3 & 4, Level 2, Hunter Wing.

RSVP by 13 June to Dawn Blake at dblake@sgul.ac.uk or call 020 8266 6816

MBBS Careers Fair

16/07/08, 10am - 12.30pm

Boardrooms 2, 3 & 4, and the SU Bar, 2nd Floor, Hunter Wing

The careers fair is open to all medical students, but particularly aimed at penultimate year students. This year's fair proves to be bigger than ever, featuring a broad range of specialities and organisations including stands covering flexible training, medical journalism, getting the most out of your final year elective and postgraduate training.

For further details, please contact Kerren Churcher at kchurcher@sgul.ac.uk or call 020 8725 1981 or contact Georgina Cox at gcox@sgul.ac.uk, or call 020 8266 6350.

Health, A Right For All

18/07/08, 9am

Boardrooms 2 & 3 2nd Floor, Hunter Wing

There are many challenges affecting individuals with learning disabilities not least the health inequalities they face.

This one day event aims to address these challenges by bringing together a range of people with and without intellectual disabilities, family members, health professionals and those interested in or currently undertaking professional education to share and explore good practice within specialist and mainstream healthcare.

FREE. For details please contact Paula Manners at pmanners@sgul.ac.uk or call Deb Bunyan on 020 8725 2155

Microcirculation Conference 2008

Microcirculation Abnormalities in Vascular Disease: Scientific Principles and Clinical Significance

25/09/08-26/09/08

Michael Heron Lecture Theatre, 1st Floor, Hunter Wing.

This meeting for physicians, scientists and surgeons is presented by the Cardiovascular Research Group and chaired by Professor JC Kaski and Professor Peter Mortimer. There is no registration charge for St George's, University of London or St George's Hospital staff. A full programme is available at www.cardiovascular-research.co.uk

To book, contact Carrie Victor-Smith on victors@sgul.ac.uk or call 020 8725 5939.

Wave your hats in the air!



AROUND 500 St George's students will be donning mortar boards and gowns as they graduate from courses in medicine, biomedical science and postgraduate studies on Monday June 23. While the venue is time-honoured – the Barbican Centre – this will be the first SGUL Graduation ceremony for new Principal, Professor Peter Kopelman – himself an alumnus of the medicine course.

This year's presiding guest will be Professor Dame Carol Black, Chairman of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, former St George's PhD student, will receive an honorary degree at the ceremony. Professor Rothwell

has contributed towards major advances in the understanding and treatment of brain damage in stroke and head injury through her research in the field of neuroscience.

Six undergraduate teaching awards, voted for by students, will be presented to clinical teachers from our associated Trusts. Following the ceremony, there will be a drinks reception for new graduates and their guests in the Barbican foyer.

Principal Professor Peter Kopelman says: "I'm delighted to be hosting my first graduation ceremony as Principal of St George's. I am certain that it will be a memorable occasion."

Graduation, Monday 23 June, 10.30am, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS ■

Internal courses

- 26 June: Personal Review – Being a reviewer
- 27 June: Techniques for Interview
- 7 July: Curriculum Design and Development
- 10 July: OSCE (general) Examiner Training
- 15 July: Time Management
- 16 July: Handling Difficult Conversations Handling Conflict
- 18 July: Effective Recruitment & Selection

To book places, email staffdev@sgul.ac.uk

WIN a George's bear



Congratulations to Grace Onyenuforo, Purchasing Services Administrator, the winner of the May competition. She goes home with a George's bear!

For a chance to win a bear this month, just answer the following questions based on stories in this month's George's News:

- a) What was the name of the documentary initiative Dr Adil Akram won a place on?
- b) How long has Marina Logan-Bruce worked at St George's?
- c) How much has been pledged towards this year's Annual Fund?

Email your answers marked a), b) and c) to media@sgul.ac.uk with the 'competition' in the subject line. **Good luck!**