



Medical Alumni Association

Supporting our medical students & junior staff

Autumn 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA) newsletter. We apologise for not issuing regular newsletters over the past year but are now trying to catch up with activities and forward planning.

Webinars

We have not been entirely inactive; with the College Development Office we organised a couple of 'Christ's College and COVID' webinars in March and April 2021.

Webinar one looked at how the College managed during the first two waves of the pandemic and how this affected College life and the medical student experience. We also covered how the local public health teams worked with the University and how our local NHS responded to the challenge. We had a good audience and received positive feedback.

Thanks extended to Senior Tutor Dr Robert Hunt, Students Abe Tolley (Year 3) and Isabelle Zou (Year 4) and Dr Mike Knapton (m 1977) who is a Non-Executive Director at Cambridge University Hospital Foundation Trust.

Webinar two focused on how some of our Alumni and College staff have contributed nationally and internationally during the pandemic. Prof Paul Elliot talked about the REACT research programme and Prof Sarah Walker about the epidemiology of COVID-19 infection and vaccine immunity. Dr Maheshi Ramasamy shared some of her experience as part of the Oxford AZ Vaccine Group and Professor Dame Theresa Marteau reflected on her contribution to several SAGE advisory groups.

The webinar covered many aspects of pandemic science and policy and was fascinating. Both webinars were recorded and are available on the website [here](#).

We were delighted to hear in the 2021 Birthday Honours that Professor Paul Elliot's contribution was recognised, by awarding him the CBE and Sarah Walker the OBE for her exemplary work. They both continue to lead the research and epidemiological outputs.

Upcoming webinar

Our next Webinar is planned for November the 25th at 5pm with guests and topics include:

- Prof Julian Tang (m 1986), Professor of Respiratory Sciences at University of Leicester; ***To Mask or not to Mask – that is the question.***
- Dr Lucy Jessop (m 1995), Director of Public Health at the National Immunisation Office ROI; ***Reflections on the successful rollout of the national immunisation programme in Ireland.***
- Prof Paul Moss (m 1980), Deputy Head of the College of Medical and Dental Sciences and Professor of Haematology at the University of Birmingham; ***The immune response to SARS-CoV-2-lessons from the UK Immunology Consortium.***
- Prof Theresa Marteau DBE FMedSci (Bye-Fellow), Director Behaviour and Health Research Unit University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, ***Science in the time of COVID: Reflections on the event's research programme.***

Alumni were emailed with the invitation to register and the webinar will be by Zoom. There is no charge to attend. There will be opportunities for Q&A and the webinar will be scheduled to last for 90 minutes.

Biennial Conference

In 2020 we had planned our biennial conference on Prevention and the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Women at Christ's College. However, due to the pandemic and the lockdown policies, we postponed the conference. The Committee have reviewed the situation and feel that both the subjects remain relevant and we have some excellent speakers lined up. We propose to hold the Conference as planned on 23 April 2022. Due to the uncertainty that still surrounds the pandemic we will plan the Conference as a Hybrid Event which will allow us to have in person attendance if possible, a mixed event or a wholly on line Zoom event. The programme will be finalised and circulated once we have secured our speakers.

The Officers and Steering Committee

The CCMAA have three Patrons and Executive Officers as follows:

Patrons – Dr Visvanathan Navaratnam, FAS, Prof Martin Johnson, FRCOG, FMedSci FRS, Pro Sir Keith Peters, ScD, FRS, FRCP

President – Dr Tony Jewell

Secretary – Dr Isabel Hunag-Doran

Treasurer – Prof Jonathan Gillard, FRCR

The Patrons and Officers look to the College Directors of Studies and the CCMAA Steering Committee for guidance and support.

We are always looking to welcome new members to join our CCMAA Steering Committee, which is not an onerous role and benefits from a spread of matriculation years. The current members with their matriculation years is as follows:

Dame Theresa Marteau (Bye Fellow)

Arnold Fertig – 1968

Mike Knapton -1977

Fazal Hasan - 1979

Judith Allanson – 1980

Sanjay Jariwala – 1990

Tom Turmezei – 1996

Abteen Mostofi – 2002

Ali Amini – 2004

Dylan Mac Lochlainn - 2009

Liam Flynn – 2011

E A Weatherstone - 2013

Rishi Umeria - 2016

We would like to ensure that existing members are content to remain as members and we welcome nominations of new people. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in College in the morning before the Biennial Conference starts, with Zoom access if required.

It was agreed that the current and former CC Medical Society Presidents are invited to be members so that we can ensure a positive link between undergraduate medics and alumni. We are in addition looking to support joint events with the students in term time on a diverse range of topics.

Please contact me or Isabel Huang-Doran, our Secretary, if you want to step down or join the Committee.

Travel Prize

The Tim Heymann Travel prize was not awarded in 2021 due to the interruption to electives and overseas travel by the pandemic. The 2020 prize was awarded to Vladimir Popa-Nimigean who will be invited to make a presentation of his project at our next Conference. Congratulations to Vladimir.

Dr Tony Jewell
President

Patrons

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Steering Committee:

Drs Judith Allanson, Jonathan Gillard, Fazal Hasan, Mike Knapton, Arnold Fertig, Martin Johnson, Visvan Navaratnam, Theresa Marteau, Andrew Sharkey, Samuel Perkins, Tom Turmezei, Ali Amini, Dylan Mac Lochlainn, Abteen Mostofi, Erin Weatherstone, Liam Flynn, Sanjay Jariwala, and Isabelle Zou (CCMS President 2019-20).