

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first Medsin newsletter of 2009. Happy new year to you all! We have many exciting events coming up and also a poster competition with a prize of £250! Read on to find out more....

For more information on our latest events visit our website www.uclmedsin.org
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1. GLOBAL HEALTH POSTER COMPETITION

This year, Medsin UCL is hosting what we hope will be an annual Global Health Poster Competition. We invite all students from all departments to team up and research a global health topic of their choice, then to use their knowledge to create an informative poster, and with it give a short presentation on their work to be judged by a panel of UCL academics and students.

1st Place: £250
2nd Place: £100
3rd Place: £50

All Participants will receive Book Vouchers, a Certificate, and credit on the Medsin UCL Website.

You may apply as a full team (up to 4 students), an incomplete team, or as one person. We can team you up with other applicants if you want - in fact, we encourage you to email us with incomplete teams so that we can group you with other students from other departments.

The aim of the project is to encourage students to meet like-minded students from other departments, so try to vary students within your teams.

The Competition Resource Pack (available here: <http://uclmedsin.org/documents.htm>) contains all the details, advice and administration you will need; you must read this as it is important.

The first deadline for applications is **midnight Thursday 5th February**. Email your name, department, course and year of study to Medsin.ucl@gmail.com

Good luck!

2. GIVING MEDICAL AID IN SIERRA LEONE

From simple solutions to complex realities. Mission creep, difficult departures; a case study from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Sierra Leone.
Talk by Dr. Rob Hughes

Date: Thursday 29th January

Time: 19:00 (please be prompt as main door closes 19.10 for security reasons)

Venue: Gavin de Beer LT (Anatomy Building Ground Floor, map:

<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=1178&d=19&w=False>)

Rob Hughes is a junior doctor with first hand experience of delivering medical aid in the developing world. He was previously Vice-President of Medsin-UK and coordinator of the International Federation of Medical Students Association's 'Think Global' project. Rob completed the International Health BSc at UCL in 2006. He has worked in India, Brazil, Tanzania and Sierra Leone.

UCL Friends of MSF

Website: <http://www.msf.org.uk/ucl.friend>

Email: uclmsf@googlegmail.com

3. MEDSIN NATIONAL CONFERENCE 08 – LECTURES AVAILABLE ONLINE

In October 2008, UCL hosted the Medsin National Conference with the title and theme of 'Power & Politics in Global Health'.

The conference attracted over 400 students from across the UK and beyond and renowned speakers from around the world.

In case you missed this hugely successful conference, the videos are now available online for free in our new Video Library at [http://uclmedsin.org/videolibrary\(conference08\).htm](http://uclmedsin.org/videolibrary(conference08).htm).

4. MEDSIN NAME CHANGE

This year Medsin UK is voting to decide on a new name. Medsin UCL has a vote in deciding this and we need your input.

At this stage we are drawing up a shortlist of 5 names (one of which is 'Medsin') which you can see here <http://www.medsin.org/news/290>.

Please email us (Medsin.ucl@gmail.com) with your opinions so that we may vote.

5. RETHINKING HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

Talk by Saleem Haddad

Date: Tuesday 3rd February 2009

Time: 19.00 (Please be prompt as main door closes 19.10 for security reasons)

Venue: Gavin de Beer LT (Anatomy Building Ground Floor, map:

<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=1178&d=19&w=False>)

Saleem Haddad works for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). He will be exploring the challenges of delivering humanitarian aid in Muslim contexts, especially those affected by

the 'War on Terror'. He will consider the need to rethink the approach of humanitarian aid agencies in a changing global climate.

This talk is forms part of One World Week, delivered in partnership with UCL's Islamic Society.

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6. GLOBAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY

Date: Thursday 5th February
Time: 18.00 - 20.00
Venue: Haldane Room, Wilkins Building, UCL

"The need for inclusion of persons with disabilities in global health and development"

Hosted by Medsin UCL, Leonard Cheshire Disability and the UCL Institute for Global Health.

This talk and discussion will be led by Professor Nora Groce, who will raise awareness of and discuss the importance of addressing disability within the global health and development arena, a topic which is vastly overlooked. Prof Groce will also discuss the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Leonard Cheshire Disability, a UK established but internationally operational charity that provides services in support of disabled people and also campaigns for the civil and human rights of disabled people.

FREE entry – Just turn up

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Other Related News and Events

1. THE KING'S LECTURE IN ETHICS
2. Ace Medicine Presents: OSCE Online Video & E-Book Library
3. HOPE for Children overseas volunteering programmes

1. THE KING'S LECTURE IN ETHICS

"Is There a Human Right to Essential Pharmaceuticals?
The Global Common, the Intellectual Common, and the Possibility of
Private Intellectual Property"

Mathias Risse
Kennedy School of Government
Harvard University

Monday 26 January
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Safra Lecture Theatre

King's College London
Strand
London WC2R 2LS

THE EVENT IS FREE, UNTICKETED, AND OPEN TO ALL.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE WILL BE WELCOMED.

Map: <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/about/campuses/strand-det.html>

2. Ace Medicine Presents: OSCE Online Video & E-Book Library

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- Performed by Specialist Registrars
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- Concise and Logical Presentations of each Patient
- 300 page E-Book with detailed notes

View Free sample examination at www.AceMedicine.com/about.html
10% Student Union discount available until 30/02/09 (Use promotion code 705)

3. HOPE for Children overseas volunteering programmes

Want to go on an 8 week not-for-profit overseas volunteering programme run by the charity HOPE for Children (www.hope-for-children.org) in Zambia, India or Uganda (summer '09)?

All volunteers live and work together for a period of eight weeks. More information: http://attachment.hope4c.org/Hope_for_Children_Overseas_volunteering_information_package_2009.pdf (please copy and paste if not active). All programmes are entirely not-for-profit, professionally organized by in-country coordinators and involve working in schools, centres for street children and orphanages. One week free at the end to travel. Last year a total of 46 students went. Make a difference and get to know a different culture!

Deadline: 30th January 2009. Further information or an application form contact Clive Gerner: clivegerner@hope4c.org or 020 7159 3320. There is also a meeting in the Hope for Children office (Holloway, North London), Monday 26th Jan, 5.30pm-6.30pm if want to meet in person.

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Action of the week:

This week is dedicated to **Healthy Planet** – mobilising students and the health profession to fight climate change (<http://uclmedsin.org/healthyplanet.htm>). Climate change is rapidly becoming the defining global health issue of the 21st century, and mobilisation of the health profession is an excellent way for us to tackle this threat and put pressure on the government. The *Climate and Health Council* (www.climateandhealth.org) is the leading group in mobilising the health profession against climate change. We are trying to get 10,000 health professionals to sign their declaration by April 2009 – including students and medical schools.

- Action #1: SIGN the declaration - <http://www.climateandhealth.org/getinvolved/pledge/>
- Action #2: DISTRIBUTE to your friends and colleagues in the UK AND Internationally.

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