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New Zealand Medical Students' Association

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## ENGAGEMENT

**MEDICAL LEADERSHIP FORUM** This month's mahi was focused on the Medical Leadership Forum, which took place in Nelson from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Our 36 delegates from around the motu attended for a weekend of learning and connecting. The leading organisers were Cam Young, Thomas Hartono, Jackie Hazelhurst and Jake Parsons. Speakers included Jamie-Lee Rahiri, Pamela Hale, Alex Browne, Seamus Leahy, Ros Pochin, Tammy Pegg, Indira Fernando and members of the local Iwi Māori Partnerships Board. Activities included a walk to the centre of New Zealand, a BYO at The Indian Café and volunteering with Tasman Environmental Trust. A huge thank you to our sponsors, including the Universities of Auckland and Otago, Specialty Trainees of New Zealand and WellSouth.

**UPCOMING WORK** The Engagement Working Group is now looking towards running local engagement events, supporting the IGNITE Conference in June, and planning the Student Research Forum in conjunction with NZMSJ.

## WORKFORCE

**GUIDE TO GRADUATION** This is currently taking a backseat for other initiatives. The second edition will be out in September 2024, with the Workforce Working Group to begin production in July 2024.

**TRAINEE INTERN VS HOUSE OFFICER ROLE EXPECTATIONS DOCUMENT** The team has met numerous times over the past month to develop this draft. The first draft is ready for feedback from the Workforce Working Group, and is expected to be distributed to the relevant internal stakeholders (Steering Committee, Directors), in Mid-May after feedback from the Working Group.

**TRAINEE INTERN CONCERNS FORM** We have 11 responses so far! They are variable in terms of usability of data. We will continue to keep this open and use this information to guide our mahi. This form has been posted onto class pages again as part of the RDA strike mahi for our students. We are especially worried that TIs are particularly vulnerable to workforce exploitation during these strikes, and have provided this form for them to anonymously report any incidences of workplace exploitation.

**BEYOND THE MED SCHOOL GATES** This is a 2 day webinar series that invites speakers from the working unions, colleges, and relevant stakeholders to speak to medical students to prepare our TIs as they progress to graduation and entering the workforce. There is a major rehaul this year, as we are shifting focus back to "preparing our TIs for Graduation." We are cutting down on a major number of speakers, however Working Unions (RDA, STONZ), key parties (MAS), and a number of existing speakers will continue to be invited. There will be more emphasis on PGY panels, with tips and tricks for the job. Emails will be sent out to relevant speakers and stakeholders this upcoming month. Different members of the Workforce Working Group will be reaching out to relevant speakers and logistics is to be planned in parallel, with regular meetings occurring to ensure cohesive communications.

## ADVOCACY

**PARENTS IN MEDICINE** We have received 18 responses from our 'Parents in Medicine Daycare Survey' we sent out last month, with a mixture of qualitative and quantitative data from student parents across both the University of Auckland and Otago. We hope to use this information to inform how we approach improving childcare supports for our student parents, and present our findings to interested parties. Future action will be discussed at the next Working Group Meeting on 02/05.

**NATIONAL SURVEY** The National Survey for 2024 has been completed! We will be distributing it throughout the next two months in waves. On April 30th it will be live and sent to Jillian Tourelle (University of Otago) and Teresa Timo (University of Auckland) to be emailed out to all medical students.

**RDA STRIKE** We are continuing to advocate for student safety during the RDA strikes on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Thus far, an Academic Staff from each campus has been elected as a point of contact for students who may be put in uncomfortable/harmful situations during this time.

**ECCO CONFERENCE** The Vice President Advocacy flew down to Otago to give an Advocacy NZMSA Workshop for the ECCO conference on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Students were interested to learn more about the work NZMSA does in the advocacy realm.

**OTHER BUSINESS** The Advocacy Working Group continues work on bringing light to issues surrounding rural placement opportunities and MAPAs/Te Kauae Parāoa.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **2 May 2024** – Emergency NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting
- **7 May 2024** – NZMSA Presidents Meeting with Te Oranga, PIHPSA and APHI
- **9 May 2024** – NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting
- **16 May 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting