

## **Vice-Principal Health's Report to Senate**

### **1. Development of the Malta MB BS Programme**

The Malta programme is anticipated to commence in September 2017. The GMC provided formal feedback following its visit in March which confirmed that it will establish an annual rolling review for the MB BS, subject to our meeting their interim requirements. To date around 200 applications have been received. Interviews are underway and offers will be made shortly. We have negotiated a significant number of bursaries which we hope will further enhance recruitment. A formal student contract is in preparation.

Work continues on the new build and the target completion dates remains January 2018 for our Medical School Building and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 for the refurbishment of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form College temporary site.

Trish Brown is now in post as Director of Operations (Malta).

### **2. UK medical student numbers**

In the recent distribution of the first 500 of the 1,500 additional medical student places in England announced by the government, QMUL was awarded 22 places from 2018/19. The remaining 1,000 will be distributed via a bidding process for 2019/20.

### **3. International medical student numbers**

The current cap on international students at 7.5% of MB BS students is to be lifted from 2018/19. However, international students will no longer have the costs of their clinical placements covered (formerly termed SIFT) which cover the costs incurred by healthcare providers in hosting medical students. These costs will need to be met from the International student fees.

### **4. Research funding.**

A few successes are highlighted below.

- Our Cancer Research UK Barts Centre has received over £10 million to renew its status as an official CRUK Centre (almost a doubling of its previous investment).
- £1.5 million to establish a new Centre for Preventive Neurology.
- £2.3m from the Wellcome Trust and MRC for work on Mechanisms underlying enhanced infection prophylaxis for advanced HIV in Africa
- MRC award of £1m for work on the genetic basis and biology of dyskeratosis congenita and bone marrow failure.
- BHF Intermediate Career Fellowship for work on Neutrophil-induced pro-angiogenic T-cells; differentiation, function and therapeutic potential in cardiovascular diseases.
- ARUK award of just over £0.5m for work on the role of Agrin loss in the establishment and treatment of OA pain.
- £2M for the Barts Women's Health Research Centre.

**5. Athena Swan**

The School's Athena Swan self-assessment team has been meeting regularly and are working towards the renewal of the Silver award for Medicine in November 2017 and submission of a Silver application from Dentistry.

**6. Estates Update**

The Faculty has developed a series of possible projects, particularly at the Charterhouse Square campus where pressure is especially acute.

**7. Key Recruits**

The Arthritis Research UK Chair in Inflammation Sciences has been awarded to Prof Antal Rot with a start date July 2017.

**8. University league tables**

SMD has done well in recent league tables:

- The Complete University Guide: 1<sup>st</sup> in the UK for dentistry and 4<sup>th</sup> for medicine
- Guardian University league tables: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK for dentistry and 3<sup>rd</sup> for medicine.

In both league tables we were top in London for both medicine and dentistry.