

Interim Vice Principal Health's report to Senate

Faculty Leadership

As colleagues will be aware Professor Steve Thornton has been appointed as VP Health and the office are arranging induction meetings with key colleagues, starting with the faculty and then across the rest of the university and key partner organisations. Steve will commence his post after the winter break.

Malta

This is a fast moving area of work and, at the time of this report, a team of staff are in Malta. As such an oral update may be available at the Senate meeting.

Led by Anthony Warrens the School continues to work towards the requirements set out by the GMC. A significant level of detail is required by the GMC and this is currently being collected with colleagues in London and in Malta in order to comply with a deadline in January for submission of the report. Prior to submission the report to the GMC will be approved via a sub-group of the Taught Programs Board, the SMD Executive Group and QMSE.

In order to develop academic relations with the University of Malta, a series of joint research workshops are planned. The first of these, held in Malta focussed on cancer research and was represented by 6 academic staff from Barts Cancer Institute.

Malta Enterprise (ME) / QMUL are aiming to facilitate joint research initiatives between Malta and SMD/ QMUL Faculties, especially in light of space being provided in the Life Sciences Park, and hope to have ME funded visits later this year.

Research Successes

- Amrita Ahluwalia has been awarded the Prize for Research by the WISE Organization (Women in Science and Engineering).
- Cancer Research UK Programme: Prof Kairbaan Hodivala-Dilke (£1,357,505)
- ERC Starting Grant: Dr Jesmond Dalli (€1.9M)
- Arthritis Research UK: Prof Costantino Pitzalis (£285,251)
- MRC MICA Award: Dr Michele Bombardieri (£214,841K)

Partner Health Trusts

VP Health Team met with Alwen Williams who has now been confirmed as Chief Executive at Barts Health, and have begun to consider how we can build our relationship with the Trust to ensure a more productive communication and alignment of strategic plans.

Matthew Hopkins from Barking & Havering NHS Trust met with the VP Health Team. He too is keen on building opportunities for the Medical School to work with them and we are aiming to establish QM as the senior academic partner leading the planning and implementation of the Accountable Care Organisation project for UCLPartners.

William Harvey Day

In October we celebrated our 25th William Harvey Research Day with contributions from almost 200 individuals across the faculty and 3 key note talks from Patrick Chinnery (Cambridge University), Frances Ashcroft (Oxford University) and Tilly Tansey from the Department of History. Thanks to all those who visited during the day and the St Luke's Tide Service in the evening.

Early Career Researchers

Following on from the last report, a panel to support the ECRs and consider the progression of those associated with the 2012 PAR bid has met earlier this month. Overall the Early Career Researchers have been a great benefit to the faculty, noted in our REF return and providing dynamism to our community.