

RCSU ChemSoc Activities Report

February 12, 2018

- Prof. Ramon Vilar Seminar
- Biweekly Yoga
- Trampolining with DocSoc
- Planned: Bowling Night
- Planned: Curry Night
- Planned: Seminars

Prof. Ramon Vilar Seminar: 31/01/18

We had 50 free lunches on offer supplied by the Department. Very good attendance - around 70 people - including a good handful of professors from Chemistry which was great to see. This is an encouraging start to our merger with the Department's internal Seminar Committee. We are now working in unison to ensure a greater variety of speakers and to avoid clashes. We were given 4 slots for seminars in the whole term, which we have now filled.

Biweekly stress-relief with IC Yoga

We now offer Yoga sessions for Chemistry students every other Wednesday, at £2 per session per person. Attendance to the first session (last week) was small due to limited time for promotion - but the 5 or so attendees will be returning next time, with their friends. We have space for 15-20 people per session.

Trampolining with DocSoc: 11/02/18

DocSoc organised a trampolining event this weekend and have invited us for the second year running. We were initially given 20 tickets to distribute; however, uptake was poor (as the event ran on a weekend, which we have found to be off-putting). We could also only afford a £5 subsidy, while DocSoc was subsidising each ticket by £10. DocSoc bought our unsold tickets and the event ran as planned.

Bowling Night: 20/02/18

Last year, 2nd year students independently organised a trip to Tenpin Bowling in Acton - we will be hosting a similar trip to the same venue. There's no way to book lanes or purchase tickets in a way that we can subsidise them, so instead we will be asking people to come along and book their own lanes on the night. That should come to £4 per person for the bowling - but there are food outlets on the site and pool/arcade machines as well as an extra.

Curry Night: 27/02/18

Battersea Tandoori, £10 per head, 40/50 people, subsidy TBC.

Planned Seminars

Ajay Gambhir: Senior Research Fellow at Grantham Institute, focusing on low-carbon economy and models the processes that drive down low-carbon technology costs. Former Team Leader for EU and International Climate Change Economics within the UK Government. He has worked in the UK's Office for Climate Change as part of the civil service team that prepared the initial draft of the Climate Change Act 2008 - the world's first climate legislation.

Prof. Henry Rzepa: Computational/Synthetic Chemistry research.

+1 other whose name I forgot.