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## Presidents' Annual Dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh



*Above:* Dr Gordon Findlater and Miss Panagiota Bantanidis at the pre-dinner reception

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A good night was had by all eighty guests, a number that included numerous members of the lower years of the medical school, a sight seldom seen in previous dinners. Mention must be made of the outstanding organisation of the event which was led by the Annual Dinner Convenor, Miss Panagiota Bantanidis.

Our thanks go out to the College staff for their tireless work behind the scenes.

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*Clockwise from top left:* Mr Mavank Madhra and Miss Julia Critchley; *The four presidents:* Mr Mavank Madhra, Miss Julia Critchley, Mr Andrew MacKenzie, Miss Claire McLean; Mr Graham Miller and Mrs Isobel Gray; Miss Sophia Bantanidis; Mr Edward Dunn and Miss Elizabeth Morrow; *From left:* Miss Rebecca Venn, Miss Nia Jenkins, Miss Lucinda Tulley, Miss Charis Johnston, Miss Olivia McSheaffrey, Miss Hannah Beckwith and Mr Scott Christie; Miss Sarah Brown, Miss Jasjot Singhota and Mr Richard Berg; Mrs Elizabeth Singh and Dr Fanny Kristmundsdottir; Professor Arnold Maran and Mr Mavank Madhra.



## Inaugural Address

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, the Society held its traditional Inaugural Address to invited guests, fellows, past and current council members. Mr Simon Glover was kind enough to give us a highly interesting talk about his many and varied medical experiences throughout his long and distinguished career. The society was enlightened by his experiences serving as a Naval Medical Officer aboard one of Her Majesty's Submarines, his time spent in Africa, and his present medical role as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in the Borders General Hospital in Melrose.

It was at this event where the formal handover between old and new councils took place, where Dr Stewart Pattman (standing in for Dr Joanne Morling) handed over the medal of office to Mr Mayank Madhra.

After the formal events of the night had passed, old and new members enjoyed many a conversation over a canape buffet and drinks.

## RMS Graduants of MBChB, 2004

Our congratulations are given to the following prominent RMS members who successfully graduated this year:

Mrs Joanne Morling (née Sells);  
Mr Stewart Pattman;  
Mr John Wallace;  
Mr Tom Russ;  
Mr David Griffith;  
Mr Ben Carrick.

## Freshers' Week

Freshers' Week this year got off to rather an early start due to the new semesterised timetable the University is following. Nevertheless many council members offered their services to make this year's events some of the best seen in the RMS for many years.

Our Annual Freshers' Pub Crawl resulted in over one hundred students being taken pub-to-pub from *The Craggs* to *Doctors* which is just a few yards away from the *RMS*.

The Annual Freshers' Address and Disco again attracted large numbers of students. Dr John Simpson gave a highly entertaining account of the do's and don'ts of university life. This was followed by a free disco and the launch of our new bar.

Congratulations must be given to the Entertainments Convenor, Miss Jillian Kell, for her sterling work in arranging such a memorable week.

## Marriages

In the last year, there have been two marriages within the RMS. Our congratulations go out to the happy couples.

Mr Alan Morling to Miss Joanne Sells in Australia while Miss Sells was on her elective, December 2003.

Mr David Griffith to Miss Susan Sherry in Dalhousie Castle over the Summer.

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## The Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh - Council for the 268<sup>th</sup> Session.

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Junior President*

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