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# **MAOT Student Subcommittee**

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# Student Subcommittee Aims

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- To motivate students to become members of M.A.O.T
- To facilitate communication between M.A.O.T and students
- To increase the participation of students in educational and social activities organised
- To identify students who can voluntarily assist the association in organisational needs (to create and encourage students to participate in extra-curriculum activities organised by our association)
- To select a student representative on the M.A.O.T. committee



# Actions

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- An introductory meeting with the OT students (intakes 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012) was carried out to get to know the group and to help the students familiarise themselves with the association
- Students were asked to provide their contact details during the meeting
- Students were also provided with MAOT contact details

## Actions <sup>(2)</sup>

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- Following a request by the students themselves, a team building meeting was held for all OT students, again focusing on the role of MAOT with students. Held in summer 2012.
- Bridging the Gap meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> year students – summer 2013
- Regular communication via email



# Meeting Outcomes

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- 2 student representatives volunteered (intakes 2009, 2010, 2011)
- Sharing of contact details
- Obtained feedback from students re
  1. How can two-way communication with future OTs be possible?
  2. How can this communication be maintained?
  3. What are areas of possible collaboration?



# Outcomes: Students' perceptions – communication

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- Student meetings especially at the beginning of the course and throughout the course – e.g. twice a year
- Meetings & activities between OTs and students
- Join the association
- Sharing contact details
- Make use of the internet and social networks
- Mobile communication via messages

# Outcomes: Students' perceptions – communication (2)

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- Weekend seminars
- Attendance at annual meeting/ seminars/ conferences/ courses
- Team building between all students of each year
- A system for feedback and suggestions – e.g. questionnaires
- Newsletter & journal
- A forum whereby students can share ideas and difficulties encountered during studies

# Outcomes: Students' perceptions – communication (3)

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- Exposure to research
- Inform students re courses, areas of OT specialisation and job opportunities abroad
- Opportunities for observation and learning more about OT before applying to the course (especially during University application period)



# Outcomes: Students' perceptions – Areas of possible collaboration


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- Consider student ideas for future CPDs
- More courses for OT students and opportunities to talk to OTs re clinical practice – incl. research methods
- Opportunity to attend foreign & local meetings
- Interviews with visiting students
- Participation in educating students & the public re: OT & health promotion
- Publications such as newsletters, can include articles written by students

# Future Plans – for 2012- 2013

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- A meeting shall be carried out with all students together before the start of the university academic year – DONE
- To meet first years (2012 Intake) during the 2nd academic semester – DONE
- A talk/meeting is being planned at end of the 4th year – with the aim of bridging the gap - DONE
- Student representatives to be present during the Student Committee meetings – DIFFICULT



## Future Plans (2) – 2013 onwards

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- Maintain Introductory Meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> yrs, Team Building, & Bridging the Gap
- Provide training re research methods
- Creation of a virtual student page for students to share OT ideas and difficulties encountered during studies



## Future Plans (3) – 2013 onwards

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- Liaison with PR committee re opportunities for observation and learning more about OT before applying to the BSc(Hons) course
- Encouragement to participate in COTEC event
- Meeting with MAOT Students Reps to prepare for Team Building 2013, and other events

# Questions

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# **Thank k You**

- OT Students
- OT Dept at the UoM