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1	Spring Meeting and Annual Members Meeting
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Book now to take advantage of our new low rates for 2010 with exclusive discounts for all ICS members. Even more good news...the early bird rate has been extended for 14 days until the 4th May 2010!

Hot topics for this year's [scientific programme](#) at Leeds Royal Armouries.

- What's new and important in the literature?
- Towards zero nosocomial infections in ICU
- Weighty issues in ICU
- What have we learnt from the swine flu pandemic?
- Rehabilitation from critical illness
- Pro Con debates
- CME sessions covering core intensive care topics-*A must for revalidation and keeping up to date with your education and practice.*

There will also be a major technical exhibition showcasing all the latest developments from industry, Trainees', Members', Nurse and AHP forums, the prestigious Gilston Lecture and industry sponsored symposiums.

Annual Members Meeting 2010

The Annual Members meeting is taking place on Tuesday 18 May 2010 at 18:00 hours in The Royal Armouries, Leeds. After day one of the Spring Meeting.

[Spring Meeting Dinner and Dance](#) Tuesday 18th May, Royal Armouries Leeds

This year's [Dinner and Dance](#) will take place at the Royal Armouries.

Tickets are only £45 and include a red carpet entrance, a drinks reception with an interpretation, delicious food and live music. There will also be an opportunity to win some unbelievable prizes during the raffle draw with all proceeds going to the Intensive Care Foundation.

With special thanks to the following companies who have kindly donated a fantastic range of prizes for the raffle:

B. Braun - 3 iPod nanos
Dyson Foundation - Vacuum cleaner
Intavent Direct - 1 iPod
Masimo - £500 weekend city break voucher
Proact Medical - UA-767Plus Automatic Blood Pressure Monitor
Smiths Medical - £250 Wisepress scientific book vouchers
Teleflex Medical - TOM TOM SATNAV System

Dress code: Black Tie

Tables of 10 Special Offer-We will be offering a discount to tables of 10: 10 tickets= £405 (1 ticket is £40.50). To take advantage of this offer please call the office on 0207 280 4350 or email robina@ics.ac.uk

2010 Fun Run - Leeds

[Download Fun Run Flyer](#)






Every year the ICF organises a 5k fun run which takes place during the Annual Spring Meeting. For information on how to participate please email gemma@ics.ac.uk

This year's fun run is being lead by Dr Marcela Vizcaychipi. All proceeds from run will go towards the Intensive Care Foundation.

	<p>Foundation.</p> <p>7:00am, Wednesday 19th May 2010 Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds, LS10 1LW</p> <p>For more information please visit the website</p>
2	<p>Working Together in Intensive Care – N&AHP Seminar – Wednesday 14th July 2010 – Churchill</p> <p>This exciting one day conference showcases the unique contribution that nurses and allied professionals (N&AHPs) make to critical care, and launches the new N&AHP division within the Intensive Care Society. We invite you to join us to hear about a range of topics from speakers that exemplify expertise and multi-disciplinary approach to care.</p> <p>Topics to include:</p> <p>Learning from patient's stories Standardising medications Guidelines on delirium Patient and relative initiated critical care outreach</p> <p>In addition you can learn more about this exciting new division of the ICS. Find out how you can contribute and what benefits are available to you as an N&AHP member of the ICS.</p>
3	<p>The Intensive Care Society Forthcoming Events 2010.</p> <p>9 April 2010 ICS Seminar – Acute Kidney Injury. Churchill House, London</p> <p>17-19 May 2010 The Annual Spring Meeting Leeds Royal Armouries, Leeds</p> <p>17-18 June 2010 ICS/RCoA/RCP Joint Intensive Care Symposium. Churchill House, London</p> <p>14 July 2010 The Inaugural Seminar of The Intensive Care Society's new Nursing and Allied Health Professional Division 'Working Together in Intensive Care' Churchill House, London</p> <p>22 November 2010 ICS Seminar – What is new in Resuscitation? Churchill House, London</p> <p>For further information and registration forms please visit the ICS website www.ics.ac.uk</p>
4	<p>Council and Trainee Elections</p>
	<p>Council and Trainee Elections – Reminder to Vote</p> <p>Members eligible to vote for the Council elections (Full and Trainee members) and Trainee elections</p>

	<p>(Trainee members only) will have received their voting instructions and candidates details. All voting will be undertaken online via the Electoral Reform Services (ERS) website and full instructions will be sent to you.</p> <p>Deadline for voting will be 12 noon on Friday 16 April 2010. Please ensure you cast your votes for the important positions on the Society's Council and Trainee Committee.</p>
5	Awards
	<p>Young Investigator and Travelling Fellowship Awards are now open for applications.</p>
6	Linkman Information
	<p>The Linkman meeting will be taking place at the Annual Spring meeting Tuesday 18th May 2010 during lunch break at 12:30.</p> <p>If you have anything you would like adding to the agenda please contact Nina (nina@ics.ac.uk)</p>
7	Foundation Events
	<p>Public Support</p> <p>There are now two members of the public actively raising money for our cause. Unfortunately Andy Le Grand's grandmother passed away on the ICU at Watford General Hospital. However Andy was so impressed with the care she received, he has decided to run 10 k in May to support the Society and its Foundation. Please support his superb effort. The Foundation's logo will be unfurled where oxygen is extremely thin ~ the summit of Everest. Ian has already raised over £3000 for the Foundation and he leaves on Saturday 3rd April. Please support his efforts.</p> <p>Leeds Fun Run</p> <p>Dr Marcela Vizcaychipi at Imperial and Paola at the ICS Office have been working very hard organising a Fun Run at the Spring Meeting. Previously the runners have just turned up on the day but as the event has grown, it is now important that you register beforehand. This will at least mean that you will get a T shirt and a pair of running shoes. The run is on the Wednesday morning between the two days so there is no excuse not to join in. For more details here</p> <p>Three Peak Challenge</p> <p>The eight places for this event were quickly snapped up by Alistair and Anwen Crawford, David Cobb, Leuthley, Ed Farley-Hills, Marcela Vizcaychipi, Sheena and Terry Williams. They will walk 25 miles, climb almost 10,000 feet and travel 475 miles in 24 hours to raise money for the Intensive Care Foundation. Two of the team are intensive care doctors! This is great commitment by the others. As the critical care community please support their efforts at http://www.justgiving.com/3peaks Cobb or http://www.justgiving.com/Marcela-V. Please remember that gift aid reduces the actual cost to you by 25% so you just need to enter the amount given on your tax return.</p> <p>Snowdonia Xtreme Challenge</p> <p>Last year raised over £34,000. To exceed this target and spread the fund raising task, we need more people. The individual fund raising target is £250; the event is four months away so that is £63 per month or £16.25 per week. We need sponsorship to raise each week! Please do think about entering a team. Industry and the general public</p>

	<p>out in force and it would be nice to see a larger showing the ICUs themselves. Further details at http://www.ics.ac.uk/foundation_home/fundraising_activities/snowdonia_challenge Please see Aprils Newsletter for further information. Please remember that registration closes at the end of May.</p> <p>If anyone else is supporting the Foundation in any other way, please let me know at saxon@ridley.waitrose.com.</p>
8	Foundation News
	<p>The Intensive Care Foundation is aiming to raise £1m to commence a wide - ranging research program delivered through a strengthened network of ICUs. This coordinated approach will ensure that lessons learned can be applied locally, regionally and internationally to help raise standards of intensive care for all.</p> <p>If you would like to donate to the Foundation on a monthly basis please complete the online standing order form through the charity website Just giving it shouldn't take more than 5 minutes of your time and will be a long lasting contribution to the Foundation.</p> <p>http://www.justgiving.com/Charity/Donate.aspx?cid=184405</p> <p>The Foundation is grateful to:</p> <p>Ridley S, Lwin A, Wyncoll D, Lippett S, Watson D, Gunning K, Higgins D who donated a £2000 fee from Lilly for further analysis of their patient registry to the Foundation</p>
9	N&AHP
	<p>This month we want to highlight the outstanding work of Winston's Wish. It is a national charity, founded 40 years ago, to provide professional assistance to children before, during and after bereavement. You may wish to get hold of some of their leaflets for your waiting area- especially 'As Big As it Gets' which covers critical illness.</p> <p>For many children the difficult process of coming to terms with the loss of a parent or relative begins months or even years before that person actually dies. The charity can offer advice to anyone concerned about a child with a seriously ill relative, both through resources that can be downloaded from their website www.winstonswish.org.uk, or by telephoning their national helpline on 08452 03 04 05. They produce an excellent information booklet, entitled "As Big as It Gets", which offers practical advice for dealing with children who have a seriously ill relative, and helping them to feel involved but not overwhelmed by the situation.</p>
10	Medication Concentrations in Critical Care Areas
	<p>The Intensive Care Society supports the adoption of standard concentrations and endorses the recommendations of a multi-professional group who have published a list of concentrations with wide acceptance by critical care for this purpose. The list is available here.</p>
11	Health Work Wellbeing - Letter
	<p>Integrating the Statement of Fitness for Work into Hospital Sickness Certification Processes.</p> <p>Please see letter.</p>

12	International Fellowship Program - University of Toronto
	<div style="text-align: center;">    </div> <p>The Division of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Toronto is inviting applications for their International Fellowship Program for the academic year July 2011 to June 2012. The fellowship rotates through Toronto General, Toronto Western, and Mount Sinai Hospitals, and is certified by the University of Toronto. Applicants must have MRCP, FRCA, MRCS or equivalent, and more than 6 months ICU experience.</p> <p>Toronto General Hospital's 24-bed Medical-Surgical ICU supports one of the largest organ transplant programs in the World. It is a centre for advanced ventilation support and research including ECMO and Novalung. This hospital performs more than 1600 open-heart procedures, including transplants, and fellows can rotate through the 18-bed Cardiovascular ICU.</p> <p>Toronto Western Hospital's 20-bed Neuroscience and Medical-Surgical ICU is World renowned for its Neurovascular surgery and high frequency ventilation (HFOV) research.</p> <p>Mount Sinai Hospital has a 16 bed Medical Surgical ICU and supports the busy high risk obstetric, and haematology-oncology units in the hospital. This busy ICU offers a breadth of ICU experience including high-fidelity ICU simulator training.</p> <p>To further broaden the educational opportunities for our fellows we provide elective clinical training periods in areas such as: infectious disease, burns, anaesthesiology, teaching, and trauma. Our aim is to train future leaders in critical care for the future and to help improve the quality and delivery of patient care and Critical Care research throughout the World.</p> <p>Further information is available on the website www.criticalcare.utoronto.ca/fellowship/uhn and from the Program Director Dr Andrew Steel andrew.steel@uhn.on.ca.</p>
13	Requested Allocation of Organs
	Please read this letter from Prof James Neuberger for your attention.
14	Industry News
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	<p>Hold your patient in the palm of your hand. For the safety of critically ill patients, vital signs monitoring is essential – both at the bedside and on transport throughout the hospital. To meet the needs of these patients, Dräger developed the Infinity® Care System™ monitoring solution.</p> <p>This innovative, fully networked solution opens the door to a new dimension of mobility, adaptability and configurability – providing for the seamless transition of the patient and the patient’s information throughout the care pathway to support time-critical decision making.</p> <p>The IACS monitoring solution is designed to meet your needs today and tomorrow. Based on open, industry-standard technologies, this solution is designed to protect your investments in technology now and in the future.</p> <p>For more information, please visit the Dräger Medical stand at the Intensive Care Society Annual Spring Meeting at Leeds Armouries in May. Email us at med-marketing.uk@draeger.com or call us on 01442 213542.</p> <p>www.draeger.co.uk</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Health Innovation Challenge Fund (HICF)</p>
	<p>New theme announced</p> <p>We are pleased to announce the second themed call for proposals: Time-Critical Intervention: Solution for the Effective Management of Deteriorating, Acutely Ill Patients. This scheme, a joint funding partnership between the Wellcome Trust and the Department of Health, aims to fund translational research projects at both academic institutions and companies. The deadline for preliminary applications for this theme is 15 October 2010.</p> <p>http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Health-Innovation-Challenge-Fund/index.htm</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Medical Device Alert</p>
	<p>Device: Peripheral cannula. Nexiva closed IV Catheter system with Q.Syte connector.</p> <p>Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON076050</p> <p>Device: Anaesthetic Gas Scavenging systems (AGSS)</p> <p>Manufacturer: All Manufacturers</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON076104</p> <p>Device: Endotracheal (ET) Tubes, Adult and Paediatric Sizes.</p> <p>Manufacturer: Unomedical (A Convatec Company)</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON076290</p>

17	NIAA Research Grants
	<p>A reminder that the closing date for the 1st round of the 2010 NIAA Research Grants comes to a close Friday 23rd April 2010.</p> <p>Call details are currently on the NIAA website (http://www.niaa.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=173) and the online submission site (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/niaa-grants)</p>
18	Annual Evidence Update on critical illness rehabilitation
	<p>The first Annual Evidence Update on critical illness rehabilitation has just been published, see: http://www.library.nhs.uk/THEATRES/ViewResource.aspx?resID=345330.</p> <p>Annual Evidence Updates (AEU) are produced by NHS Evidence and aim to draw together recently published, high quality evidence - focusing particularly on systematic reviews and published guidelines which it is hoped will inform and enhance the decision making and planning of clinicians, commissioners and others involved in the process of health care.</p> <p>NICE issued guidance on critical illness rehabilitation (CG83) in March 2009 based on literature published up to June 2008. This AEU intends to highlight any relevant, good quality evidence published subsequently until October 2009.</p>
19	ICS Supported Surveys
	<p>There are currently three surveys live on our website, the surveys are quick and easy to complete, take the time to do this as it will really help research in these areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication with relatives of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients – A survey of current practice. 2. Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) ICU Use Survey 3. Diagnosis of ventilator associated pneumonia - a survey of UK practice 4. Toxic smoke inhalation: personal views of Clinicians

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