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1	Spring Meeting 18th, 19th May 2010 – Early Bird rates available
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Registration for our Annual Spring Meeting taking place at Leeds Royal Armouries is open. Book you now to take advantage of our new low rates for 2010 and [early bird discounts](#).

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

- What's new and important in the literature?
- Towards zero noscomial infections in ICU
- Body weight and critical illness
- What have we learnt from swine flu pandemic

	<p>-Rehabilitation from critical illness. -Pro Con Debates</p> <p>This meeting is must for revalidation and keeping up to date with your education, training and practice</p> <p>Spring Meeting Dinner and Dance Tuesday 18th May, Royal Armouries Leeds</p> <p>This year's event promises to be an entertaining and unique evening with a red carpet entrance, dinner drinks reception with an interpretation as well as live music and dinner for only £45 per person. 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</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>Spring Seminars- PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!</p>
	<p>Update in Trauma Care 24th March 2010! Leading specialists from both civilian and military practice will discuss trauma systems and new concepts in the management of the trauma patient. This programme will provide a better understanding of the role of all disciplines involved in acute trauma care. The need for team work, early intervention and critical decision making is highlighted so that the patient benefits from the optimum treatment at the right time.</p> <p>Acute Lung Injury 29th March 2010 This seminar will be clinically based and will outline recent advances in the management of ALI and the potential and challenges of delivering novel therapies in ALI. Aimed at consultants and trainees in intensive care medicine.</p> <p>Acute Kidney Injury 9th April 2010 The first part of this seminar will focus on updates on the evolving definitions and diagnosis of acute kidney injury and the ability to predict renal outcome and current evidence for the dose of renal support when indicated. We will then hear from a specialist in renal transplantation medicine who will give us a nephrologist's view of AKI and how the recipient of the transplanted kidney may provide insight into mechanisms of AKI in critical care, followed by the interaction of AKI with other organ failures with AKI.</p>
4	<p>The Intensive Care Society Forthcoming Events 2010.</p>

	<p>24 March 2010 ICS Seminar – Trauma Critical Care. Churchill House, London</p> <p>29 March 2010 ICS Seminar – Acute Lung Injury. Churchill House, London</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 D ‘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>
5	Dual Membership Offer with the ESICM
	<p>Join ESICM for only E100 if you are already a member of the Intensive Care Society. For further details see the Dual Membership Flyer</p>
6	Awards
	Young Investigator and Travelling Fellowship Awards are now open for applications.
7	National Patient Safety Agency Alert
	<p>The safer use of intravenous gentamicin for neonates.</p> <p>The Alert recommends a series of actions, including the use of a care bundle, for the safer administration of intravenous gentamicin to neonates. The Alert and supporting information is on the NPSA website at: http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/resources/?EntryId45=66271</p>
8	Foundation News

	<p>The Intensive Care Foundation is delighted to announce that with the support of B Braun, it is able to fund for the MSc distant learning course again for 2010. This course is organised by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is designed to provide students with a theoretical and practical understanding of the issues involved in the design, conduct, analysis and interpretation of randomised controlled trials of health interventions. Further details can be obtained from www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/masters/dmsct.html</p> <p>Four MSc Students have received support since inception, one has gone on to be awarded a prestigious Wellcome Research Training Fellowship to complete a PhD. A summary of their experience is available on the ICS website.</p> <p>Applicants should ideally hold a NTN and intend to train in critical care so guaranteeing their full time but having protected academic time. However other applicants are welcome but must supply a written undertaking by their educational supervisor (or equivalent) that protected academic time is available to complete the course.</p> <p>How to apply for the B Braun ICF MSc Scholarship Suitably qualified individuals should express their interest by email to the Intensive Care Foundation at the Society's offices.</p> <p>The application should contain (1) a CV, (2) 500 words outlining the reasons for applying and (3) a written undertaking by the applicant's educational supervisor (or equivalent) that protected academic time is available to complete the course. Applications should be received by 1st April and a decision will be made within the following three weeks. More information is available at http://www.ics.ac.uk/foundation_home/education_msc_awards</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Foundation Events</p>
	<p>Leeds Fun Run - 7:00am, Wednesday 19th May 2010</p> <p>Dr Marcela Vizcaychipi at Imperial and Paola at the ICS Office have been working very hard organising the 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.</p> <p>Three Peak Challenge - 18/20 June 2010</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/3peakscobb or http://www.justgiving.com/Marcela-V.</p> <p>Snowdonia Xtreme Challenge - Saturday 26th June 2010</p> <p>Last year raised over £34,000. To exceed this target and spread the fund raising task, we need more</p>

	<p>The individual fund raising target is £250; the event is four months away so that is £63 per month or £ sponsorship to raise each week! Please do think about entering a team. Industry and the general public are out in force and it would be nice to see a larger showing the ICUs themselves. Further details at</p> <p>Other peoples' efforts</p> <p>The Society and its Foundation are now beginning to appear on the public radar! There are now two members of the public actively raising money for our cause. One is running in 10K race (http://www.justgiving.com/katherine-haytree) and the other will take our logo to the top of Everest (http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/ianridley). Please support their efforts.</p> <p>If anyone else is supporting the Foundation in any other way, please let me know at saxon@ridley.waitrose.com.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>ICU expert inquiry</p>
	<p>Oli Sylvester, who works for iS Health, a medical communications agency based in the UK, is currently researching into the possibility of running an ICU advisory board with a focus on invasive fungal infection. He would like any ICU specialists/experts with an interest in fungal infections to contribute to this meeting. Contact details below:</p> <p>Oli Sylvester Project Manager</p> <p>iS Health, Wrecclesham House, Wrecclesham Road, Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 4PS, UK Switchboard: +44(0)1252 733353 Fax: +44(0)1252 726843 Web: www.is-health.co.uk Email: oli@is-health.co.uk</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Other Meetings of Interest</u></p>
	<p>BSAC SPRING MEETING 2010 The significant challenge – Managing infections in intensive care Hosted in collaboration with the Intensive Care Society Tuesday 23 March 2010 International Convention Centre, Birmingham</p> <p><u>REGISTER NOW!</u> <u>CALL FOR ABSTRACTS</u></p> <p>Discounted rates for BSAC Members and Trainees</p> <p>Hosted in collaboration with the Intensive Care Society, the 2010 Spring Meeting will examine and address the challenges of managing infections within intensive care. Looking at current issues and difficulties, the meeting through plenary presentations will consider diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers for sepsis, antibiotic dosing in critical care, and the benefits of employing strategies to deliver immediate therapeutic early goal directed therapy.</p> <p>Delegates will have the opportunity to update their knowledge, share their skills and experience and to</p>

	away ideas for new strategies for diagnosis and treatment.
12	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
13	Medical Device Alert
	<p>1) DEVICE: T-Piece connector incorporated into various breathing systems MANUFACTURER: Intersurgical Ltd.</p> <p>2) DEVICE: Servo 300 and 900 ventilators (SV300 and SV900) MANUFACTURER: Siemens (now Maquet)</p> <p>3) DEVICE: Powerheart AED G3 automatic external defibrillators (AED's) –specific serial nu MANUFACTURER: Cardiac science corporation</p>
14	Information for Intensive Care Nurses from the Encephalitis Society
	Information can be found by following this link .

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