

Vice-President (Operations) Report

A note by Nas Andriopoulos – RCSU Vice-President (Operations)

It has been a strong term for Operations, in what can only be described as testing conditions, having functioned without the overview of an active VPO until November. As such the responsibilities of the VPO were taken on by the Executive Committee, whilst the members of the Operations Board went about their duties in diligent fashion. Sponsorship, the chief responsibility of VPO, was handled by the President and Treasurer who secured a total of £7,700 over the summer. Whilst this amount is larger than last year's sponsorship total, we hope to increase this as the year progresses.

Operations

Progress has been made by Zoe, the Academic Affairs Officer, in the rolling out of Panopto services across the Faculty and with the preparation of the Representation handbook.

Jonas, the Web and Communications Officer, has developed a new RCSU website, which will be launched shortly. Below are some screenshots of the new website. Members' opinions on the styling of the website and any ideas for content would be appreciated.

Another notable activity has been the production of Broadsheet which has undergone a minor adjustment of direction and now seeks to "bring science, society and the arts together". This term's issue is incredibly professionally put together and I commend Ben and his team for doing such a sterling job. The issue is available around campus and I recommend it to everyone.

Science Challenge, the RCSU's headline event, was launched at the beginning of December, which featured the judges unavailing their questions to an engaged audience with myriad scientific demonstrations providing the evening's entertainment. The launch attendance was not as strong as it has been in previous years, which could have been due to a combination of the reduced prize pots and advertising starting later than usual. Nevertheless we are confident that the competition will attract many fine entries and we look forward to the final next term.

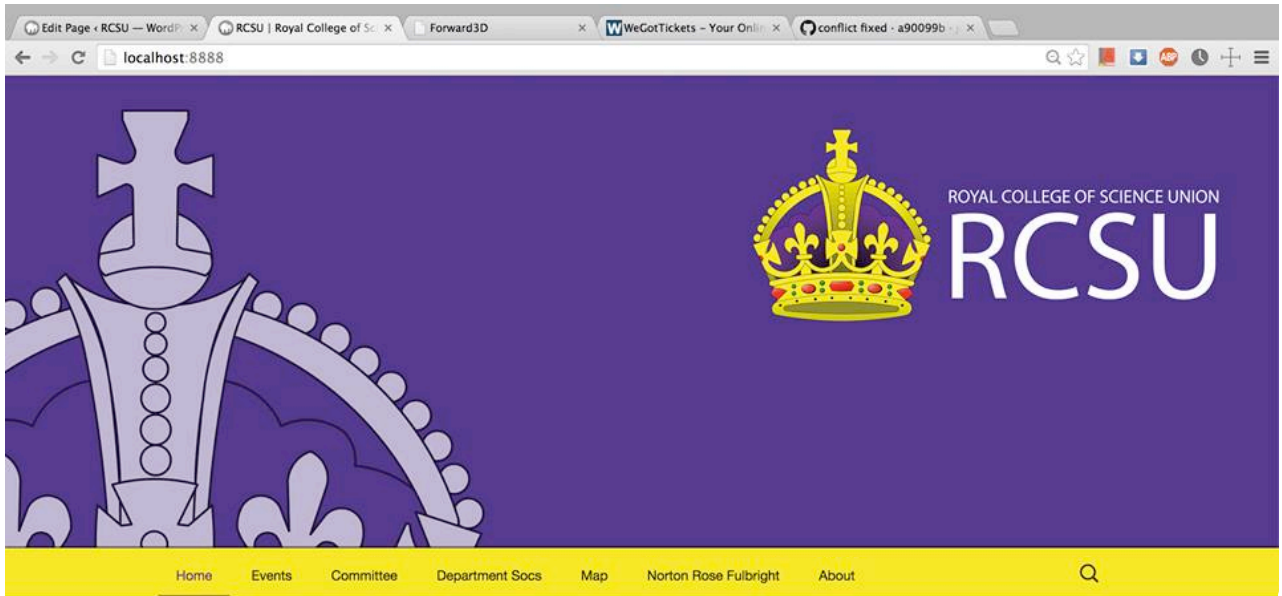
RCSA

The Royal College of Science Association are keen to forge closer links with the RCSU this year. On top of sponsoring the video prize of the Science Challenge, the RCSA are planning to make a donation to Motorclub to fund improvements to Jezebel -who will be marking her Centenary next year. We are investigating greater participation in RCSA events such as their Annual Dinner.

The Future

Pursuing additional sponsorship will be a priority of the VPO in the coming term, which will be conducted hand-in-hand with preparations for a Natural Sciences careers fair. Additionally, Akash has started planning a "Welfare Week" to be held sometime around the beginning of March. This will be accompanied by a general push to raise the profile of the Welfare Officer and the service he provides. It will no doubt be a busy term for Operations!

General Committee (2nd Meeting) Paper F



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Science Challenge



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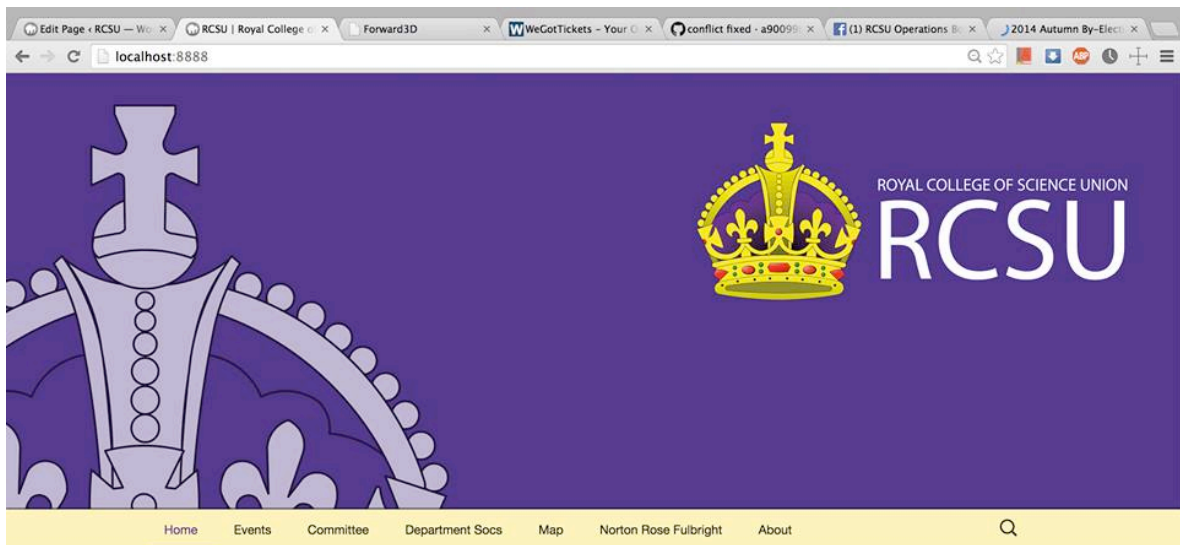


Broadsheet



RCS Motor Club

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