

REPORT FROM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Professional Development Committee last met on the 19th August at Heriot-Watt University.

The following points represent the primary items of business:

- **SUS Conference:** The committee looked at feedback about the conference held in Dundee. Overall it was felt that the event had been a huge success and the new format of incorporating break-out time had worked really well. Constructive criticism will be utilised to make sure that next year's event is even better.
Conference 2009 was then looked at and it is proposed to hold the event from the 9-11th June at Heriot-Watt University. Appropriate venues and content would be considered ahead of time this year.
- **Christmas Seminar:** The suggested venue for the Christmas Seminar this year is Queen Margaret University on the 11th December. Thought is being given to content for the day.
- **Special Interest Groups:** Successful meetings were held during the conference for two special interest groups: Operations Staff and Elite Sport Support Staff. Feedback will be gathered following these meetings and further work in each of these areas facilitated.
- **Marketing Strategy:** The new marketing strategy was presented to the committee, in particular the action plans where PDC will be instrumental in delivering objectives.
- **Student Handbook:** The handbook was now available for download on the SUS website. New Presidents will be tasked with keeping this updated as time goes on.
- **Audit 2008:** Thought was given to this year's audit which will be sent out towards the end of October. It was agreed that the format will remain the same this year and any minor question amendments can be accommodated.

Key dates to note:

- SUS Christmas Seminar 11th December QMU

SUS Executive is asked to:

Item
➤ Give their views on the conference and seminar venues