

Medicus August

A mid-august night's dream

Saturday August 16th saw the Grand River Ballroom at the Sheraton host the Annual MDA National/MSAND Med Ball. Medical students, Notre Dame Faculty members and guests were invited to celebrate the achievements of 2008 and 'let their hair down' – with a special focus during the night on the guests of honour; the Premiere Graduates of Notre Dame Medicine; MED400.

The Evening was themed appropriately 'A Midsummer night's dream' – The dusk light invited you inside – where the Ballroom greeted all with the little touches of decoration that brought the literary 'moonlit forest' to life. From the ribbons and bells on the magnificent table centrepieces to the swing jazz ensemble - the efforts of the organising committee were appreciated.

Professor Gavin Frost the new Dean of the School addressed the guests of the evening with special mention going to Professor Adrian Bower, the foundation Dean of the School and Professor Jenny McConnell; who will both be leaving Notre Dame at the end of 2008. MED400 student representative Pallas O'Hara and Eilen Saekang also spoke on behalf of their cohort presenting the crowd with a touching video presentation of the last 4 years of memories.

Once fed and merry, the crowd took to the dance floor, and just as in Shakespeare's forest, the wine flowed; Queens frolicked with asses and fairy spirits quarrelled. In the end, the dream sequence was over, all was well –regardless of regrettable dance moves and sore heads, the course of true love had been run – all guests survived and they lived happily ever Sunday.

The evening would not have been possible were it not for the support of the sponsors Perth Medical laboratories, STA travel and Littman. Thanks go to Ania Smialkowski who led a team of devoted individuals (Lachlan Nave, Cristina Norris, Chantelle Ruoss, Maxine Garnsey and Maya Rajagopalan) working tirelessly for months to make the special evening a magic mix of fantasy and reality. The photo trail of the event is testament to the great night that so many experienced.

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