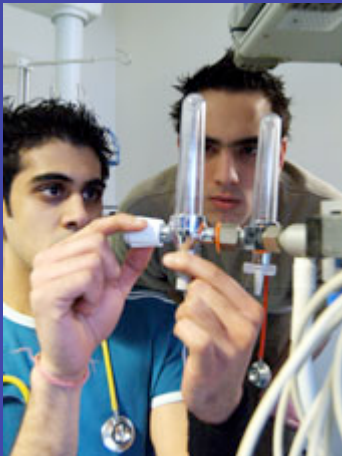


“And there shall the Sussex songs be sung”



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New medical school developments

- Birmingham review: *Evaluation of the National Expansion of Medical Schools (NEMS)*:

<http://www.publichealth.bham.ac.uk/hiaru/NEMS%20Evaluation%20Intro.htm>

- Medical Schools: *Delivering the Doctors of the Future* (DoH and GMC):

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/07/54/06/04075406.pdf>

- Intake in 2005 will have risen by 57% against 1998 baseline

Background

- New medical schools in England:
 - Bradford
 - BSMS
 - Derby
 - Durham
 - HYMS
 - Keele
 - LWMS
 - Peninsula
 - UEA
- 136 students finished Y1 last Friday, building by similar intakes to steady state in 2008
- Partnership between two HE institutions and NHS (Brighton & Sussex Universities Hospitals NHS Trust)

Why Brighton?

- Partners' strengths:
 - University of Brighton: history of educating health professionals
 - University of Sussex: strong life sciences base
 - NHS: strong clinical base and local health economy

No dedicated “medical library”

- BSMS staff and students are full members of both universities, have access rights in the NHS and are triply blessed:
 - Three print collections
 - Two electronic collections, integrated with BSMS-only resources, including NHS core collection
 - HE libraries use same LMS, including reading list tool

What's hot at BSMS

- Current awareness for medical educators
- Open access: PLOS Medicine
- Information literacy
- Joint purchasing

Blogging

- Blog=weblog (first used December 1997)
- Can be: individual or collaborative, personal musings or an “official” view
- In its purest form, a log of sites visited
- Made more useful by development of RSS and newsreaders
- See my blog for more resources

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QUOTATIONS

DATE CHART

1. A file storing a detailed record of requests handled (and sometimes also errors generated) by a web server.

1993 *comp.infosystems.www* (Usenet newsgroup) 4 Nov. (*title of posting*) Announcing getsites 1.5, a Web log analyzer. **1995** *Computer Technol. Rev.* Key creates a log—the WebLog—listing everyone who has accessed software from a particular Web site. **1998** *Boston Globe* (Electronic ed.) 19 Oct., The logs indicated which computers were hitting his site, the number of visitors, and the time they retrieved his page. **2002** *Network Computing* 21 Jan. 60/3 We in seeing the most viewed products... Was chicken-wing sauce viewed more often than steak sauce...? We got a good, diverse group of actual Web log data.

2. A frequently updated web site consisting of personal observations, excerpts from other sources, etc., typically run by a single person, usually with hyperlinks to other sites; an online journal or diary.

1997 J. BARGER *Lively New Webpage* in *alt.culture.www* (Usenet newsgroup) 23 Dec., I decided to start my own webpage logging the best stuff I find as basis:..www.mcs.net/~jorn/html/weblog.html. This will cover any and everything that interests me, from net culture to politics to literature etc. **1998** *Village Voice* Sept. 33/3 Jorn Barger's Robot Wisdom WebLog might not be pretty, but it's one of the best collections of news and musings culled from the Web—and updated. **1998** *Independent* 23 Oct. II. 9/1 A weblog is simply a site where you post your thoughts whenever the muse strikes. **2002** *Times* (Electronic ed.) 14 Jan., There is stupendously well informed... Scour the highlights in weblogs.

The need

- New medical school, many new to undergraduate teaching
- 200 teaching staff in Phase 1 alone
- Both medicine and education in state of permanent revolution

Current awareness service coverage

- current news on medical education
- news on ICT applications, including the use of PDAs in medical education Project Handful
- new resources to support teaching, learning and research, both print and electronic
- links to other news feeds
- details of media coverage of BSMS
- events of interest to medical educators
- customised updates from PubMed

How it's done

- [iBlog](#)
- Regular scanning of BMJ, THES, LTSN-01, databases, relevant listservs, newsgroups, other blogs...
- Hosted on personal web site, moving to bsms.ac.uk domain
- <http://www.roper.org.uk/bsms/>

How to develop it

- Review of use at end of pilot stage
- Taxonomy: [METRO](#)
- Official domain
- Change authoring tool: [typepad/moveable](#)
[type?](#)
- Collaboration: other medical schools,
[CHMS](#), [BMA](#) etc etc

For more

- <http://www.ropert.org.uk/bsms/>
- <http://tomroper.typepad.com>