



## June 2010



**Ian Geddes' Images of India Exhibition**

◀ Come along to the ESU Gallery during June and see the collection of Ian Geddes's fabulous photographs of Rajasthan, India, and the West Coast of Scotland. The **Images of India Exhibition** will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday (or by appointment) until the end of June, so please do pop in and have a look round. Framed and unframed prints are available to buy.



**The Call Service (Ian Geddes)**

◀ The 76th annual **ESU Scottish American Memorial Day Service** took place on 31st May at The Call Statue in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. The Reverend David Denniston led the service, and the United States and United Kingdom Armed Forces were represented, as well as the Scottish Government and Edinburgh City Council. The service was followed by a buffet lunch at Atholl Crescent.

Book your tickets now for the ESU fundraising **Race Night** on Saturday 17th July. Last year's event was a great evening and we raised over £1,200 for the ESU. There will be races, games and a raffle, and tickets for the event cost £15, which includes dinner (BYOB) and a bet to get you started. All raffle prize donations will be gratefully received.



**ESU Scotland Chairman Brian "Blofeld" Monteith**

◀ On 22nd May we had fun at our **Casino Royale Night**. Everyone made a great effort to dress up and Anne Drake was awarded a prize for her Goldfinger outfit. There was a buffet, quiz, and blackjack and roulette tables to win prizes. Many thanks to HMV and The Townhouse Collection. Don't worry if you missed out - we'll be holding another one next year! ▶



**Casino Royale Evening**



**Outreach Debating Tournament**

◀ On 26th May we held a one-day **Outreach Debating Tournament** with Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park on the theme of Sir Walter Scott. Six schools took part in this event, held at the National Park HQ in Balloch. The winners were teams from Hermitage Academy, McLaren HS, and Balfron HS. The prize for best speech went to Euan Kerr from Clydebank HS. ▼



**International Schools' Mace Final**

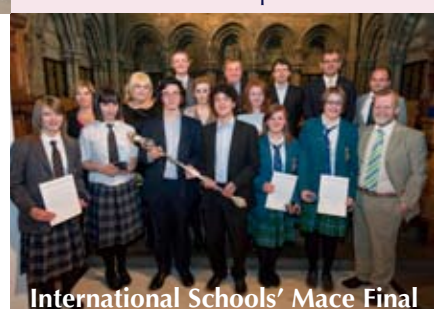
◀ Schools from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales competed to win the **ESU Schools' Mace Debating Competition International Final**, at Glasgow University Chapel on 15th May. Scotland was ably represented by the High School of Dundee. After two fantastic debates it was announced that Edward Schwitzer and Hasan Dindjer of Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' were the winners. Congratulations to all the young debaters who took part. ▼

The **Final of the ESU Juniors Debating Competition** takes place on Saturday 19th June at 1.00pm at The Scottish Parliament, and will be followed by a reception. Please contact Jack if you would like to attend.



**Outreach Winners with Mike Russell MSP**

The **Final of the ESU Public Speaking Competition** takes place on Monday 21st June at 7.00pm at The City Chambers, Edinburgh. Please contact Jack if you would like to attend. **The competition is generously sponsored by HSBC.**



**International Schools' Mace Final**



## In focus...

**Jack Donaldson, ESU Scotland's Head of Speech & Debate, provides an update on recent debating news...**

It has been a very busy few months on the school and university debating circuit. We've seen a lot of fantastic debating, and even managed to collect some silverware at The John Smith Memorial Mace in Cardiff- the first time since 1999 that Scotland has won this prestigious competition!

We have also worked with Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to run a debating competition in Balloch, and a series of workshops for the schools involved. This was a great opportunity to reach out to schools in the North of Glasgow who have limited experience of debating- all the schools involved have expressed an interest in sending teachers to training events so they can compete in our competitions, and we look forward to welcoming them to ESU Scotland in 2010/11.

We were fortunate to host the International Schools Mace Final at The University of Glasgow in May, a fantastic evening, with both motions hotly and skilfully debated. After long deliberations, the judges awarding victory to Team England. The Rector of The University, and a former International Mace winner himself, Rt Hon Charles Kennedy presented the prizes to the finalists and winners.

We're now building up to the Juniors Final at The Scottish Parliament on Saturday 19th June, and the ESU Public Speaking Final at Edinburgh City Chambers on Monday 21st June at 7pm. These will be great events, and I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to come along and watch some of our most promising young speakers in action. The motion for the Juniors final will be "This House Believes That Developing Countries Should Have The Right To Prioritise Economic Development Over The Environment", and the topic for the Public Speaking will be 'Carpe diem'. If you are able to make it, please do let the office know so we can confirm numbers.

I will soon be starting to look at possible public debates to run in the autumn. If you have any ideas for debates, or want to speak at one of our public events, please do get in touch!

This year has posed various challenges, from a larger competition than ever before to the chaos of spring snow and volcanic ash, but we have managed to overcome these challenges and will be building on this year's experiences to ensure that the competitions run smoothly in 2010/11, as we continue to work towards our objective of seeing every school in Scotland debating.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

■ All June 10.00am-5.00pm  
**In Geddes Photographic Exhibition**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh

■ Friday 18th June 3.30pm  
**Edinburgh Branch AGM**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh  
**All members welcome**

■ Saturday 19th June 1.00pm  
**ESU Scotland Juniors' Debating Competition Grand Final**  
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh  
Please contact Jack if you would like to attend

■ Monday 21st June 7.00pm  
**HSBC Schools Public Speaking Final**  
City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh  
Please contact Jack if you would like to attend

### JULY

■ Thursday 1st July 6.00-8.30pm  
**Creative Writing Group**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh  
£3, free to ESU members

■ Friday 2nd July 10.00am-12.00pm  
**International Coffee Morning**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, £2

■ Saturday 17th July 7.00pm  
**Fundraising Race Night**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh

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