

Soccer action

Australia is bidding to host the 2018 football World Cup, but international soccer action is already on our doorstep, thanks to RMIT University.

Two hundred players from more than 20 countries took part in an International Cup soccer tournament at RMIT's Bundoora campus late last month.

The futsal (indoor and outdoor football) competition consisted of 20-minute games, played by teams of RMIT students (domestic and international) and staff. "The event welcomes new international students to the University and celebrates multi-culturalism and diversity at RMIT," said International Student Information and Support organizer (and photographer) Louise Cooper,

Pictured: Clockwork Orange celebrate their win with Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students), Professor Joyce Kirk (top). The Colombianos team, with their second-place trophy (below).



Quickly crossing the country

Victoria University student Liam Adams (pictured) won silver in an individual World University Cross Country race held in France earlier this month.

The Australian men and women both won team medals in wet, cold and muddy conditions with snow showers and minus 2°C temperature testing the resolve of all competitors. The women's team won silver and the men bronze.

The men's 11km race was decided in a sprint which was won by Moroccan Najim Elqady (36:14) just edging Adams by four seconds with the bronze

going to German Denis Hohl.

The men's team event was won by France ahead of Germany with the Australian team of Adams, Chris Hamer (University of Melbourne), Sam Crowther (Deakin) scoring the points to secure the bronze medal.

Meanwhile, in the Australian University Championship for Orienteering held in Dubbo over Easter, University of Melbourne's Sophie Barker came fourth in the women's section. 

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