

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on February 16, 2015

The FPM Board met on February 16, 2015

Dr Matthew Frei, President, Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, met with the Board. This was an opportunity to discuss topics including opioid prescribing and medical use of cannabis as well as areas of potential collaboration with the Faculty.

2015 FPM Board meeting dates:

Thursday April 30 (Adelaide)

Sunday May 3 (New Board, Adelaide)

Monday July 27 (Melbourne)

Thursday October 1 (Queenstown)

Honours, appointments and awards

The Board noted with pleasure that Professor Alan Merry, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA (NZ) has been elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

2015 Australian Day Honours list:

FPM Board member, Associate Professor Raymond Garrick, AM, FRACP, FFPMANZCA was awarded Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to medicine in the field of chronic pain management and to medical education as an academic.

Dr Richard Willis, FANZCA (former ANZCA President) was awarded Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to medicine in the field of anaesthesia and to professional organisations.

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate affairs

2015 FPM Business Plan: The 2015 FPM Business Plan lays out the activities that the Faculty aims to achieve throughout the year. The Business Plan was approved by the FPM Board and will be formally accepted by ANZCA Council on 28 February.

2015 FPM Board Election: Nominations closed on 6 February for the 2015 Board election for the six vacancies on the FPM Board. In accordance with Faculty by-laws, Associate Professor Ray Garrick and Dr Michael Vagg were re-elected unopposed as representatives of a Division Faculty or Chapter of the RACP. Associate Professor Andrew Zacest was re-elected unopposed as the RACS representative to the Board. There being six nominees for the remaining three Board vacancies, a ballot will now proceed in April. Ballot papers will be circulated to voting Fellows in early March. In accordance with Faculty by-laws, at least one of these vacancies must be filled by a Faculty Fellow with FANZCA. The remaining two vacancies may be filled by any Faculty Fellow.

Assessor

New Fellows: The following are to be congratulated on their admission to FPM Fellowship by Training and examination:

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| Dr Suzanne L Cartwright, FANZCA | New South Wales |
| Dr James Paul Jarman, FANZCA | Western Australia |
| Dr Amanda Johns, FAFRM(RACP) | New South Wales |
| Dr Kang Yung Shum, FAFRM(RACP) | Victoria |
| Dr Pavla Anna Walsh, FRACP | Western Australia |
| Dr Paul G Vroegop, FRANZCP | New Zealand |

Resources

2014 budget: The Faculty finished the year in a positive position against budget.

Accommodation review: Phase 2 of the accommodation review is underway including a refit of the Faculty office on L2 North of ANZCA House.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Curriculum Redesign Project: The Curriculum Redesign Project (CRP) was successfully completed in December 2014 and in January 2015 the Curriculum Release 2 Project (CR2P) commenced. This is a new and exciting stage, with the commencement of the 2015 training program in New Zealand on December 8 last year and in Australia on February 2 this year. The CR2P will run for another 6 months, in order to fulfill its defined objectives.

A successful basic clinical skills workshop for trainees was held over the weekend of February 14 and 15 at ANZCA House. Further development of the concepts for the second workshop has begun.

A number of key activities are underway including the development of the e-learning modules for the ETAs, and evaluation of the training program. The program for the first Supervisors of Training workshop is being developed. This workshop will be held on May 4 in conjunction with the ASM in Adelaide.

For trainees who commenced training prior to the 2015 Hospital Employment Year, the first opportunity to undertake the long case assessment will take place in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide and Wellington in April 2015. A second long case assessment open to all trainees will take place in September 2015. As a transition year, a third long case assessment opportunity will be offered between the written and clinical examinations in November 2015. This will be open to trainees who have been unsuccessful in only one prior long case during 2015 or who have an application to sit approved by the Faculty due to individual circumstances.

The Board has acknowledged the "Curriculum Release 2 Project Steering Group" for their great efforts undertaken in the development of this program.

Faculty of Pain Medicine examination 2014: The 2014 Faculty of Pain Medicine clinical examination was held on November 29-30 at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA. The written examination was held on November 7. Thirty-two of the 42 candidates were successful.

FPM Better Pain Management Education Program: ‘Better Pain Management – Pain Education for Professionals.’ is an interactive online education program that examines best practice Pain Management for all health care professionals. A further six modules are to be developed (provisionally visceral/ pelvic pain, soft tissue/non-joint MSK pain, post-acute pain management, understanding pain related procedures, pain physiology/ pain in children, and management of high dose problematic opioid use). Instructions to authors have been compiled, and authoring groups are being approached.

Delivery to external organisations is to be hosted on their own Learning Management Systems to allow for individual co-branding on a splash page, and for module delivery. The Faculty will retain the intellectual property and content ownership. Access to the first six modules is now available for Faculty and ANZCA Fellows and trainees through Networks.

An opioid equivalence calculator app is being developed for Smart Phone use, as well for use as an educational and research tool.

The Board paid tribute to the “Online Pain Management Education Program Steering Group” for the excellent work they carried out in developing this initiative.

Scientific Meetings:

2015 Refresher Course Day and ASM – May 1 and May 2-5 May, Adelaide

Professor Irene Tracey (UK) and Dr David Lussier (Canada) are confirmed as the FPM ASM Visitor and the FPM South Australian Visitor, respectively.

2015 New Fellows Conference: Dr Andrew Paterson FANZCA, FFPMANZCA (NSW) and Dr Hema Malini Rajappa FRACP, FFPMANZCA (NSW) have been confirmed as FPM representatives to the 2015 New Fellows Conference in South Australia. Associate Professor Andrew Zacest will represent the Board at this event.

2015 Spring Meeting – October 2-4, Queenstown NZ

Convenor: Dr Duncan Wood

2016 Refresher Course Day and ASM – April 29 and April 30 – May 4, Auckland

Professor Steven Paul Cohen (USA) has been confirmed as the FPM New Zealand Visitor for the 2016 ASM.

2017 Refresher Course Day and ASM – May 12 and May 13-17 – Brisbane

Dr Kathleen Mary Cooke, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA (QLD) has been appointed as the FPM Scientific Convenor for the 2017 ASM in Brisbane, Queensland.

Research

Opioid Dose Equivalence – Calculation of Oral Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (oMEDD): This has been developed by the FPM Research Committee working group. The final version can be found here: <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/resources/professional-documents>.

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): An important initiative of the Faculty has been the Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC) project. The ePPOC project involves the systematic collection of patient treatment outcomes, using a standard set of data items and assessment tools, by specialist pain services in Australia and New Zealand. This information will inform the development of national benchmarks within the pain sector in order to generate better outcomes for patients experiencing chronic pain through efficient delivery of best practice interventions.

A new Benchmarking report is due out shortly for the July to December 2014 period. This new report will include 21 adult and 3 paediatric services (one from WA and several from Victoria). There has been strong

interest from Victoria TAC and VICWA (workers association) representing 6 providers from the private sector. Townsville (Qld) and Fiona Stanley Hospital (WA) are in the process of signing on as well.

The Faculty was represented at the inaugural meetings in November 2014 of both the Management Advisory Group (MAG) and the Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee (SCAC). New governance structures are now in place.

FPM PM01 – Principles regarding the Use of Opioid Analgesics in Patients with Chronic Non-Cancer Pain: The Faculty's position statement regarding the use of opioid analgesics in patients with chronic non-cancer pain is being updated. In addition, the Faculty is fairly well advanced in developing a position statement on the use of medicinal cannabis in the management of patients with chronic non-cancer pain.

Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th Edition: This working group continues to make good progress with this initiative under Prof Stephan Schug and his hard-working and dedicated team. However, the proposed publication date at the ANZCA ASM in Adelaide in May 2015 cannot be achieved. The Working Group is now aiming for the end of 2015 for publication. To ensure the quality of this document is of prime importance, the President and Dean were happy to grant an extension in relation to the time frame. Currently 47 contributions are pre-final, and 22 contributions are final. Only 2 outside contributions are still outstanding.

Pain Device Implant Registry: Seed funding, in the form of an unrestricted grant, has been generously provided by Medtronic to allow the project to progress in its early stages. A briefing will be held with the pain device companies and Medical Technology Association of Australia representatives in Sydney on 20 March to discuss the proposed governance arrangements and to seek the additional funding needed to progress this initiative.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Notified Fellow's Publication: Review Article: Edward A Shipton: Potential Risk Factors for the Onset of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type 1: A Systematic Literature Review. Anesthesiology Research and Practice, Volume 2015, Article ID 956539.

The article can be viewed here: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2015/956539>

Submissions:

The Faculty made the following submissions:

- Department of Health and Ageing, Canberra – PBS listing of Generic modified-release oxycodone preparations – lacking tamper resistance.
- Victorian Department of Health – Opioid Prescribing Guidelines - as relevant to migraine.



Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton
Dean

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