

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on April 30, 2015 and New Board meeting of May 3, 2015.

The FPM Board met on Thursday, April 30 and the New Board met on Sunday, May 3 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia.

Dr Graham Wright, Chair of the FPM South Australian Regional Committee met with the Board. The Board welcomed the opportunity for dialogue between Dr Wright and the Faculty with regard to strengthening the regional framework of the Faculty.

2015 FPM Board meeting dates:

Monday July 27 (Melbourne)

Thursday October 1 (Queenstown)

New Board: Dr Chris Hayes was re-elected as Vice-Dean. Dr Kieran Davis FRCA (NZ) was congratulated on his election to the Board. Associate Professor Brendan Moore was co-opted as the Queensland representative, there being no representation following the Board election. The following office bearers were elected:

Dean (re-elected in February)	Professor Ted Shipton
Vice-Dean	Dr Chris Hayes
Assessor	Dr Kieran Davis
Assistant Assessor	Dr Dilip Kapur
Chair, Continuing Professional Development Committee	Dr Michael Vagg
Chair, Curriculum Release 2 Project Steering Group	Dr Meredith Craigie
Chair, Curriculum Release 2 Project Governance Group	Dr Chris Hayes
Chair, Education Committee	Dr Chris Hayes
Chair, Examination Committee	Dr Newman Harris
Chair, Training Unit Accreditation Committee	Dr Melissa Viney
Chair, Research Committee	Associate Professor Andrew Zacest
Chair, Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence 4 th Edition	Professor Stephan Schug
Treasurer	Associate Professor Brendan Moore
Annual Scientific Meetings Officer	Dr Michael Vagg
Senior Editor <i>Pain Medicine</i>	Professor Milton Cohen
Portfolio Chairs:	
Chair Relationships Portfolio	Professor Ted Shipton
Chair, Trainee Affairs Portfolio	Dr Chris Hayes
Chair, Fellowship Affairs Portfolio	Dr Michael Vagg
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Executive Committee:

Chair, Relationships Portfolio	Professor Ted Shipton
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Chair, Resources Portfolio	Dr Meredith Craigie
FPM General Manager	Ms Helen Morris

ANZCA Council has confirmed that Dr Patrick Farrell FANZCA (NSW) is the nominated ANZCA representative to the Faculty Board.

A full list of committee members and appointments to ANZCA committees, external committees and organizations will be confirmed and published on the FPM website.

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate affairs

2015 Board Election: Following the ballot count on April 8, Dr Meredith Craigie, Associate Professor Ray Garrick, Dr Mick Vagg, Dr Melissa Viney and Associate Professor Andrew Zacest were re-elected to the FPM Board. Dr Kieran Davis was elected to the FPM Board.

2015 Business Plan: The Faculty has made good progress against key initiatives in the first quarter against the business plan. This included delivering the Curriculum Release 2 Project, expanding the Better Pain Management modules, establishing the Pain Device Implant Registry, and supporting the advancement of the Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC) initiative.

Annual reports from the New Zealand National Committee and Australian Regional Committees: The Board received annual reports from the New Zealand National Committee (NZNC) and from each of the Australian Regional Committees. These outlined the major developments and activities in New Zealand and in each state/territory in the past year. The Board acknowledged the work of the committees and the leadership of the chairs.

Assessor

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

Dr Jeremy L Brammer, FANZCA	Qld
Dr Sushama Deshpande, FANZCA	NSW
Dr Paul E Ferris, FANZCA	NSW
Adeline Siu Yin Fong, FANZCA	WA
Rosa Meng Chen Hou, FANZCA	Qld
Hasher Pallathu Kadavil, FANZCA	NSW
Dr Chuan-Whei Lee, FANZCA	Vic
Dr Martine O'Neill, FANZCA	NSW
Dr Ananthababu S Pattavilakom, FRACS	NSW
Dr Liam Michael Ring, FANZCA	Qld

Dr Michael Stone, FANZCA	NSW
Dr Ian G Thong, FRACGP	NSW
Dr Medhat W Wahba, FANZCA	SA

Resources

2015 budget: The Faculty remained in a positive position against budget at the end of the first quarter.

2014 ANZCA Media Award: The 2014 ANZCA Media Award was won by Michael Sexton from ABC TV's 7.30 program for a story about chronic pain.

Accommodation review: The Faculty staff has been relocated to the auditorium week commencing 4 May ahead of the refit of Level 2 North floor.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Supervisor of Training ratification: Dr Tipu Aamir was appointed supervisor of training at The Auckland Regional Pain Service, New Zealand. Dr Jacqueline Evans was appointed supervisor of training, and Dr Frank New appointed as support supervisor of training at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Queensland.

Curriculum Redesign Project: The Curriculum Release 2 Project continues to make good progress. There are a number of key activities underway.

Development of the eLearning resources by the nine "Essential Topic Area" (ETA) authoring groups carries on. The modules for all nine ETAs should be completed by July.

Work continues on the development of the "Practice Development Stage" and the "Optional Topic Areas" to assist trainees developing their proposals. This should be completed by July.

The program for the second face-to-face workshop that will be held from 25-26 July is being developed. Dr Paul Wrigley and Dr Faiz Noore are the convenors.

Facilitating the rollout of the 2015 training program as well as managing the transition of trainees from 2014 is ongoing. Helpful contributions to the project and development of resources continue to take place.

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

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 project to expand this program by a further six modules is underway. Authoring groups have been endorsed by the Education Committee.

The Board paid tribute to the Better Pain Management Program Steering Group and the Fellows participating in this initiative.

Opioid equi-analgesic dose calculator: The Faculty's project to develop a smart phone application (App) designed to calculate dose equivalence of opioid analgesic medications is now well advanced. The project has been endorsed by ANZCA's Safety and Quality Committee for public access via Apple and Android App stores. This App is an adaptation of the FPM professional document (Opioid dose equivalence table PM01, Appendix 2). The adaption of this document to a smart phone App will provide easy accessibility and consistency to facilitate research, improve education and fill a void in the availability of reference conversion data in clinical practice.

The App development should be completed within the next two months.

Continuing Professional Development

Scientific Meetings

2015 FPM Refresher Course Day & ASM – 1 May & 2-5 May

National Wine Centre of Australia and Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia

The Faculty's Refresher Course Day and ASM programs were a great success. This was a tribute to the hard work of the Faculty's Scientific Convenor, Dr Gary Clothier, and organising committee (consisting of Dr Penny Briscoe, Dr Roelof VanWijk, Professor Andrew Somogyi, Dr Dilip Kapur, Dr Matthew Green, Dr Robyn Campbell and Dr Susan Evans).

The Refresher Course Day attracted 174 delegates and received strong support from the healthcare industry with 3 major sponsors and 2 exhibitors present. The program "Facing pain" explored changes that are facing pain medicine (with increasing research knowledge, society's concerns about driving while receiving medication, the ageing population), as well as "Facing our Fear" with regards to our colleagues' mental illness, suicide, and dealing with the aftermath of suicide. A short play 'The dragon of pain' was enacted by the organising committee provided a fitting finish to a very successful Refresher Course Day. The academic sessions were followed by a dinner at the award winning "Jolleys Boathouse" restaurant. This included an entertaining after-dinner talk by Dr David Butler (co-author of the book "Explain pain" and director of NOI group) entitled "Dave's top ten pain teaching tips".

The 2015 FPM Refresher Course Day received widespread media coverage on television, in print, on radio and online. Professor Stephan Schug and Professor Ted Shipton were interviewed about the Faculty's submission to the Therapeutic Goods Administration about restrictions of over-the-counter sales of medicines containing codeine. The coverage was generated by a media release prepared by the Communications team and led to more than 60 media reports (not including syndications). The pain stream of the ASM also received excellent media coverage with a particular highlight being the presentation given by the FPM ASM visitor Dr David Lussier on driving and the elderly. Media coverage can be viewed [here](#).

Prizes

The Dean's Prize at the FPM Annual General Meeting was awarded to Dr Preeti Ananda Krishnan for her paper titled "*an audit of intrathecal infusion catheter with a subcutaneous port in the management of severe pain in patients with cancer*".

The FPM Best Free Paper was awarded to Dr Luke Arthur for his paper titled "*60,000+ years and 12 papers: a systematic review of pain assessment, experience and management in Aboriginal Australian people*".

The Barbara Walker Prize was presented to Dr Martine O'Neill.

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

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): In March 2015, a second outcomes report (July-December 2014) was circulated to 21 participating adult services. At the same time, the first paediatric pain services report was circulated to 3 participating paediatric sites in NSW.

Roll-out of this initiative continues to expand across NSW. In Victoria, 15 publically funded sites are now enrolled. There has been strong interest from 6 private services funded by the TAC/Workcover as well. Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand are at various stages of recruitment and implementation of this program.

Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th Edition: This working group has made good progress with this initiative under Prof Stephan Schug and his hard-working and dedicated team, and aims for publication before the end of 2015. Currently 27 contributions are pre-final, and 26 contributions are final.

The Board salutes the efforts of Professor Stephan Schug and his hard-working and dedicated team.

Pain Device Implant Registry: A briefing was held with the pain device companies and Medical Technology Association of Australia representatives in Sydney in March 2015 to discuss proposed governance arrangements, and to seek the additional funding needed to progress this initiative.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Medical use of cannabis: A position statement on the use of medicinal cannabis in patients with chronic non-cancer pain was approved by the FPM Board.

The position taken in the Faculty's [PM10](#) Statement on 'medicinal cannabis' with particular reference to its use in the management of patients with chronic non-cancer pain has been integral to the submission of PainAustralia to the Australian Senate regarding the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014.

Notified Fellow's Publication: Review Article: Edward A Shipton: Vitamin D and Pain: Vitamin D and Its Role in the Aetiology and Maintenance of Chronic Pain States and Associated Comorbidities. Pain Research and Treatment Volume 2015 (2015), Article ID 904967. The article can be viewed here:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2015/904967>

Submissions:

The Faculty contributed to the following submissions:

- Australian Medical Council and Medical Council of New Zealand Accreditation: FPM 2014 Progress Report to AMC and MCNZ.

- Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014: Painaustralia's submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.



Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton
Dean

May 15, 2015