

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on 2 May 2013 and New Board meeting of 5 May 2013.

The Board met on 2 May. Ms Claire Austin, CEO Australian Medicare Local Alliance met with the board to discuss areas of potential cooperation and collaboration with regard to GP education in pain management, building on the success of recent collaboration with the RACGP.

New Board: The new Board met on 5 May. Professor Ted Shipton was re-elected as Vice-Dean. Dr Newman Harris FRANZCP (NSW) was welcomed to the Board following his election as the RANZCP Board Member, replacing Dr Frank New. The following office bearers were elected:

Dean (elected in February)	Associate Professor Brendan Moore
Vice-Dean	Professor Ted Shipton
Assessor	Dr Dilip Kapur
Assistant Assessor	Dr Kieran Davis
Chair, Education Committee	Dr Meredith Craigie
Chair, Examination Committee	Dr Newman Harris
Chair, Training Unit Accreditation Committee	Dr Melissa Viney
Chair, Research Committee	Dr Chris Hayes
Treasurer	Dr Dilip Kapur
Scientific Meetings Officer	Associate Professor Leigh Atkinson
Annual Scientific Meetings Officer	Dr Michael Vagg
Senior Editor <i>Pain Medicine</i>	Professor Milton Cohen
Continuing Professional Development Officer	Dr Penny Briscoe

Portfolio Chairs:

Chair Relationships Portfolio	Associate Professor Brendan Moore
Chair, Trainee Affairs Portfolio	Professor Ted Shipton
Chair, Fellowship Affairs Portfolio	Dr Chris Hayes
Chair, Resources Portfolio	Dr Dilip Kapur

Executive Committee:

Chair, Relationships Portfolio	Associate Professor Brendan Moore
Chair, Trainee Affairs Portfolio	Professor Ted Shipton
Chair, Fellowship Affairs Portfolio	Dr Chris Hayes
FPM General Manager	Ms Helen Morris

ANZCA Council confirmed that Dr David A Scott will continue as the ANZCA representative to the FPM Board.

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

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate Affairs

2013 Board Election: Dr Newman Harris, FRANCP, FFPMANZCA was elected to the FPM Board following the ballot count on 8 April. Dr Harris was congratulated and welcomed at the new Board Meeting on 5 May.

Policy on privileges of current and past FPM Board members: The Board approved this policy, which outlines the privileges afforded to the current and past FPM Board Members, including current and past Deans of the Faculty.

Accommodation review: The ANZCA CEO, Ms Linda Sorrell, presented to the Board on the Strategic Accommodation Review and will facilitate ongoing dialogue on the relocation of the Faculty to ANZCA House.

Regional and National Committees:

New Zealand National Committee: The Board ratified the appointment of Dr Kieran Davis FRCA (Auckland), Dr Paul Hardy FRCA (Wellington) and Professor Ted Shipton FANZCA (Christchurch) as the inaugural FPM New Zealand National committee following elections in March. The newly formed committee will first meet on 22nd May.

Reflecting the formation of the FPM New Zealand National Committee, revised FPM Regional and National Committee regulations were accepted for promulgation at Board. The revised regulations will be available on the FPM website.

Queensland: Dr Richard Pendleton FANZCA has succeeded Dr Mark Tadros as Chair of the FPM Queensland Regional Committee. Dr Tadros was warmly thanked for his hard work on the committee.

Assessor

New Fellows: The following are congratulated on their admission to FPM Fellowship. All new Fellows were invited to present during the College Ceremony at the 2013 ASM in Melbourne.

Jonathan CHAN	SA
Timothy GRICE	Qld
Nadine YAMEN	NSW
Andrew HUANG	Vic
Andrew PATERSON	NSW
Tillman BOESEL	NSW

International Medical Graduate Specialists (IMGS): The Board approved IMGS Committee Terms of Reference and regulations for the *Recognition as a specialist in pain medicine for international medical graduate specialists (IMGS) and admission to fellowship by assessment for IMGS*.

Certification of Completion of Training and Summative Assessment (CCTSA): Board approved the development of this certificate to be awarded to trainees who successfully complete all the requirements of FPM training and summative assessment, but do not hold a primary specialist qualification acceptable to

the Board. The CCTSA is not equivalent to Fellowship and does not provide grounds for eligibility for registration as a specialist pain medicine physician in Australia or New Zealand. Faculty regulation 3.5 was approved reflecting this development.

Fellowship

Election to Fellowship: Dr Brigitte Gertoberens MD (NZ) was elected to Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine

Training Unit Accreditation: The Royal Hobart Hospital Pain Management Unit, Barbara Walker Centre for Pain Management St Vincent's Hospital, Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital Pain Unit and Townsville Hospital Pain Unit have been re-accredited for pain medicine training. Wellington Hospital Pain Unit has become an accredited training unit, bringing the number of accredited Pain units to 30.

Resources

2013 Budget: The Faculty was in a positive position against budget at the end of the first quarter.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Trainee Agreement: Board approved a revised Trainee Agreement incorporating a paragraph to reflect the professional codes of conduct of the Australian Medical Board and the Medical Council of New Zealand

Supervisor of Training ratification: Dr Paul Gray was appointed supervisor of training for the Professor Tess Cramond Multidisciplinary Pain Centre, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Curriculum Redesign Project: A presentation entitled "Training the next generation" was made at the FPM Refresher Course Day. Calls for Expression of Interest for volunteers to help develop the FPM curriculum have met with an excellent response.

Allied Health Pain Management in Primary Care: The submission made to Bupa Health Foundation for funding for an online education for Allied Health Pain management in Primary Care was unsuccessful in this funding round.

Continuing Professional Development

Scientific Meetings

2013 ASM & FPM Refresher Course Day and ASM – 3 May & 4-8 May – Melbourne

Sofitel on Collins, Melbourne. Theme: "Selling Pain Science – Communication and Cultural Competition".

The FPM ASM Visitor, Professor Edzard Ernst, was unable to travel to the ASM due to family illness, but had pre-recorded his lecture "*The Prince and me*", which was very well received at the meeting and has subsequently attracted significant interest online.

The Faculty's Refresher Course Day and ASM programs were a great success and a tribute to the hard work of the Faculty's Scientific Convenor, Dr Michael Vagg and organizing committee members Dr Kerry Thompson and Dr Richard Talbot. The Refresher Course attracted 160 delegates as well as strong support

from healthcare industry with 3 major sponsors and 4 exhibitors present. The program explored the diversity of communication issues in pain medicine, including consultation skills, interprofessional communication, health literacy and the pain medicine 'brand' in the wider culture of our country. The day was completed with a dinner at Eureka 89, which provided breathtaking views of Melbourne, and an entertaining dinner speaker in Professor Roly Sussex. Dr Frank New was farewelled after 8 years on the Faculty Board.

Media coverage of both the Refresher Course Day and the pain stream of the ASM was widespread and included media releases and interviews from speakers including Professor Roly Sussex, Ms Loretta Marron, Dr Melita Giummarra and FPM Scientific Convenor, Dr Michael Vagg. Media can be viewed at <http://www.anzca.edu.au/events/ANZCA%20annual%20scientific%20meetings/2013-anzca-annual-scientific-meeting/media>

Prizes

The Dean's Prize was awarded at the FPM Annual General Meeting to Dr Chui Chin Chong (Vic) for her paper titled *Analgesic efficacy of oral versus sublingual ketamine*.

The FPM Best Free Paper was awarded to Professor David Champion (NSW) for his paper titled *Genetic influences and associations of common idiopathic/functional pain syndromes of childhood: evidence from twin family case-control studies*.

2013 Spring Meeting – 25-27 October 2013

Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay. Theme "Internal Pain is not Eternal Pain" Scientific Convenor, Dr Michael Vagg. Registration brochures will be circulated in late May with early bird registration closing on 30 September.

2014 Spring Meeting – NSW

Dr Matthew Crawford has been appointed convenor for this meeting. A date and venue are to be confirmed. The theme will be paediatric pain and the transition to adulthood and rural delivery of pain services.

2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide

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

Research

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): Contract negotiations are still being finalized between NSW Health, the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) and the Australian Health Services Research Institute (AHSRI) University of Wollongong. A 3 year contract will see Professor Kathy Eagar and team at AHSRI providing the ePPOC manager, statistical support and high level strategic input.

Planning has commenced for a National Representation Group. Dr Chris Hayes and Dr Carolyn Arnold will lead this initiative on behalf of the Faculty.

Pain Device Implant Register: A high level business plan for seeking 4 year industry funded support for this initiative has been developed. Further discussions have been held with the Data Management and Analysis Centre (DMAC) at the University of Adelaide. The business plan will be circulated for tender at the end of May 2013.

Build advocacy and access

Relationships

Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine: The AFRM 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting has been moved to September 18-20 and will be held in Sydney. There is a strong pain presence in the program. A half day workshop will be held on running pain programs.

New Zealand Pain Society: The Board noted that Dr Brigitte Gertoberens has been elected as President of the NZPS taking office on 19 April 2013.

Professional

Medical use of cannabis: Board agreed that a position paper on the medical use of cannabis would be developed. A working group will be led by the FPM Director of Professional Affairs, Professor Milton Cohen. Expressions of interest from Fellows interested in developing a position paper will be sought.

Submissions: The Faculty contributed to the submission to the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services - Proposal for Training More Specialist Doctors in Tasmania Funding – March 2013

Department of Health and Ageing Panel of Clinical Experts: The FPM nominated Dr Diarmuid McCoy to this panel.

National Pain Strategy: Mr Robert Regan has been appointed Chairman of PainAustralia. Mr Regan's focus will be a campaign to advocate for pain as a national health priority, calling of federal government to adopt the recommendations of the National Pain Strategy, and to formally recognize the needs of people in pain.



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Dean, FPM

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