

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on 7 July 2014

The FPM Board met on 7 July 2014

Mr Simon Williams, Censor-in-Chief, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons met with the Board. This was an opportunity for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Faculty to strengthen links between the two organisations, and to discuss the development and availability of the Faculty's online pain management education modules.

Honours, appointments and awards: The following were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list:

- Professor Barry Baker AM, FANZCA, FCICM was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant services to medicine (particularly to cardiovascular anaesthesia), to medical education and to professional medical organisations.
- Professor John Myburgh AO, FANZCA, FCICM was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to medicine as an intensive and critical care practitioner, educator and researcher, and as an international innovator in patient management.
- Dr Felicity Hawker AM, FANZCA, FCICM was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for distinguished service to intensive care medicine, and to professional organisations.

Other appointments and awards:

- Dr Frank New FRANZCP, FFPANZCA was awarded AMA Citation of the Branch – this is awarded to Queensland Members who have distinguished themselves by service to the medical profession or to the community
- Australian Pain Society Distinguished Members Awards 2014: Dr Frank New, Dr James O'Callaghan and Dr Daryl Salmon were recognised for their outstanding contributions to the Society and for their significant and enduring contributions in the field of pain.

2014 FPM Board meeting dates:

Board deadline for papers
(midday) 21 August 2014
November (TBC)

Board meeting dates
4 September 2014 (Sydney)
November teleconference (TBC)

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate Affairs

2014 Business Plan: The Faculty continues to make good progress against key initiatives in its business plan in the second quarter.

ANZCA Project Management Framework: On behalf of the ANZCA Strategic Project Office, Ms Maria Bishop, Project Manager presented the ANZCA Project Management Framework (APF) to the Board. The objective of the APF is to provide a standardized set of guidelines to ensure projects are delivered in a disciplined, well managed and consistent manner. This will benefit the delivery of projects on schedule, within budget and within the required level of quality.

ANZCA Education Unit update: Mr Olly Jones, General Manager Education presented an update to the Board on the implementation of the College Learning and Collaboration Management System (LCMS). Over the coming months the College will launch NETWORKS, which will take online learning and collaboration to new levels. With a branding and philosophy of “*Connect, Share, Learn*”, NETWORKS will expand and improve on the College’s existing educational offerings. These include podcasts, webinars and online courses designed to allow Fellows and Trainees to undertake training and undertake continuing professional development activities. NETWORKS will support delivery of the Faculty’s Revised Curriculum and will streamline online committee, and subcommittee meetings, and project group practices. It will replace the current E-Communities with a vastly improved collaborative system.

The system will also provide potential for individuals as part of a group to collaborate online using discussion-type forums.

ANZCA and FPM will benefit from the multitude of tools available in NETWORKS to enable the Faculty to meet its strategic aims. These are as follows: delivering a world class training program; providing a professional development framework that supports ongoing development of skills and expertise; enhancing services to Fellows and Trainees, and; strengthening connections within the College community.

Assessor

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

Dr Conor Hearth, FCARCSI	Ireland
Dr Ruta Nerlekar, FANZCA	Queensland
Dr Vahid Mohabbati, FRACGP	New South Wales

Training Unit Accreditation: To avoid ongoing confusion with NSW Health in the use of terminology currently used by the FPM for hospital accreditation, the Board adopted the term ‘Level’ to replace ‘Tier’. For example, ‘Level 1’ is now equivalent to the former ‘Tier 1’.

The Hunter Pain Clinic and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre have been reaccredited as Level 2 training units. The Canberra Hospital Pain Management Unit has become an accredited Level 1 training unit, bringing the number of accredited pain units to 30.

Resources

2014 Budget: The Faculty remained in a positive position against budget at the end of the June.

Media: A chronic pain story was aired on ABC 7.30 Queensland titled “Queenslanders on frontline of fight against chronic pain”. Link: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-06-20/queenslanders-on-frontline-of-fight-against/5540410>

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Supervisor of Training ratification: Dr Corry DeNeef FFPMANZCA (VIC) was appointed supervisor of training at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Unit.

Curriculum Redesign Project: The Curriculum Redesign Project (CRP) continues to progress according to plan with a number of different aspects of the project being worked on by trusted groups both within the Faculty office and amongst key fellow groups. Work is progressing on revising Regulations 3 (Fellowship), 4 (Training), and 5 (Assessment) associated with the revised curriculum.

An important element of the Curriculum Redesign Project has been the review of training assessment processes. The focus of assessment has moved to assessment for learning (formative assessment) in line with current education theory, and in line with the changing regulatory requirements by the Australian Medical Council and the Medical Council of New Zealand. Assessment of learning (summative assessment) remains essential, but will no longer constitute the primary focus of assessment processes.

The Board approved the new assessment processes for the revised curriculum.

The Curriculum Redesign Project has provided an opportunity for the Faculty of Pain Medicine to consider the higher issue of the philosophical approach to pain medicine. The review of the Faculty's program for pain medicine training has resulted in a timely re-structure with a strong, overarching focus on the essential attributes of a specialist pain medicine physician. It has provided a catalyst for reviewing the biopsychosocial philosophy as reflected in the curriculum as well. The CRP Steering Group has completed the review of the provisional iteration of the curriculum following the period of consultation with the Fellowship and other stakeholders that ended on May 31st of this year. The feedback overwhelmingly endorsed the revised curriculum and the change in approach to focus on the patient's perspective rather than be driven by the skill set of the doctor.

The Board endorsed the change in philosophical approach to pain medicine from biopsychosocial to the "sociopsychobiomedical" as reflected in the revised curriculum for pain medicine training.

A very successful Supervisors of Training (SoT) workshop was held at ANZCA House on 14 June with the major focus on the workplace based assessment. Three guest speakers each spoke on their respective college/faculty experiences and were very well received. SoTs also had an opportunity to work in groups in a session entitled "feedback to enhance learning". This will be followed up by another SoT workshop at the Spring Meeting in September in the Blue Mountains, NSW. This SoT workshop will look at the "management of trainees in difficulty" or "the difficult trainees".

The Board acknowledged the CRP team for the great work undertaken to get this program up and running.

Scientific Meetings:

2014 Spring Meeting – 5-7 September - Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains, NSW

Theme: "Joining the dots: links and transitions in pain management". International Speaker: Dr Stefan Friedrichsdorf, Minneapolis Children's Hospital, Minnesota, USA. Online registration for this event is now open. Early Bird registration closes on 25 July.

2015 Refresher Course Day & ASM – 1 May & 2-6 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.

New Fellows Conference 2015: Associate Professor Andrew Zacest has been nominated as the Board Representative to the 2015 New Fellows Conference in Adelaide from 29 April to 1 May 2015.

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

Professor Anthony Dickenson (UK) is confirmed as the 2016 FPM ASM Visitor.

Research

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): A meeting of the ePPOC National Reference Group (NRG) was held in Sydney on 26 June 2014. The NRG is now being replaced by a Management Advisory Group (MAG) and a Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee (SCAC). Both groups will hold initial meetings within the next three months. Dr Chris Hayes and Dr Carolyn Arnold have been nominated as the FPM representative to the MAG and SCAC, respectively.

Pain Device Implant Registry: This initiative is progressing well. It went to tender for a university partner to develop, maintain and manage the registry. Medtronic has provided seed funding on the understanding that the Faculty would progress and provide more information on a partnership with a university or organisation to coordinate the registry. All interested pain device companies have been kept informed of progress. The tender documentation was compiled by Transform Strategists, and then advertised on 'Tenderlink,' the broadest tender website in Australasia. Eight organisations downloaded the tender document of which seven were qualified to respond. At the end of the process, two of the eight organisations submitted a tender. The Pain Device Implant Registry Steering Group met to evaluate the two tenders. A preferred tender was identified. Negotiations are now underway.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Quality and Safety Standards for Pain Management

FPM Vice-Dean, Dr Chris Hayes was nominated by the Board to represent the Faculty on an expert panel that will work with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) to develop national standards for pain management in collaboration with painaustralia and other relevant stakeholders.

Notified Fellow's Publication:

Article: Shipton EA, The transition of acute postoperative pain to chronic pain: Part 1 - Risk factors for the development of postoperative acute persistent pain, Trends in Anaesthesia and Critical Care (2014); 4:67-70.

Link: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tacc.2014.04.001>

Article: Shipton EA, The transition of acute postoperative pain to chronic pain: Part 2 - Limiting the transition, Trends in Anaesthesia and Critical Care (2014); 4:71-75.

Link: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tacc.2014.04.002>

Submissions:

The Faculty made the following submission:

- Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), Canberra: Generic modified-release oxycodone preparations – tamper resistance.

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Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton
Dean

15 July 2014