

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on November 10, 2014

The FPM Board met via teleconference on November 10, 2014.

2015 FPM Board meeting dates have been confirmed:

12pm Wednesday January 28	Monday February 16
12pm Friday April 10	Thursday April 30 (Adelaide)
12pm Friday April 10	Sunday May 3 (NEW Board Adelaide)
12pm Wednesday July 8	Monday July 27
12pm Friday September 11	Thursday October 1 (New Zealand)

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate affairs

Faculty By-laws 3 and 4: The FPM Board approved the Faculty By-laws 3 and 4, available [here](#), for the 2015 training program, which govern admission to Fellowship and the FPM training program.

Revised By-law 10: Revised Bylaw 10 (Annual Subscriptions) has now been published on the website and Fellows advised of the changes that subscriptions are now due within one calendar year. This revised regulation can be viewed on the [FPM website](#)

Assessor

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

Dr Gavin Weekes, FCARCSI	Victoria
Dr Chi Wing Chan, FANZCA	Hong Kong

Resources

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

2015 budget: The FPM Board provisionally approved the 2015 budget ahead of approval by ANZCA Council.

2015 Business Plan: The FPM Board approved the 2015 business plan. Key activities include delivery and evaluation of the revised curriculum and training program, expansion of the Better Pain Management online education program, collaboration with Monash University on FPM Pain Device Implant Registry and continued support for PainAustralia.

Media: Professor Milton Cohen appeared on the SBS current affairs program, Insight, as part of a panel that debated the medicinal value of marijuana. The episode "*Is medicinal marijuana doing good or harm*" can be viewed [here](#).

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Examinations: The 2014 Faculty of Pain Medicine written examinations were held across ANZCA/FPM regional and national offices on Friday November 7. The clinical examinations will be held at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia on November 29-30.

Supervisor of Training ratification: Dr Diane Pacey FAFRM(RACP), FFPMANZCA (WA) was appointed supervisor of training at the Hunter Pain Clinic.

Curriculum Redesign Project: The Curriculum Redesign Project (CRP) reached a significant milestone with the launch of the 2015 training program and curriculum in September.

The FPM Board approved the [FPM Training Handbook](#) which is now available on the FPM website. The training handbook is the gateway to information and policies relating to the revised training program. It is a living document and will be updated regularly throughout the transition period following review of feedback from supervisors and trainees.

The first sitting of the foundations of pain medicine examination was held at ANZCA regional offices on November 7.

The Curriculum Redesign Project team has made great progress on resources to support trainees commencing the core training stage in 2015. Development of the essential topic area (ETA) eLearning modules continues, with the first module currently under review by the Medical Expert Panel and Teaching and Learning Expert Panel. Also in progress is the development of the Practice Development Stage and the Optional Topic Areas beginning with refinement of the concepts. Preparation is under way for the first clinical skills workshop at ANZCA House in February 2015 as well.

As approved by the Board, the first year of the revised training program will be called 'the transition year'.

The Board acknowledged the By-laws working group, the Curriculum Redesign Project Steering Group and the Faculty team for their great efforts undertaken to meet deadlines.

FPM Better Pain Management Education Program: The Faculty's online pain management education program for healthcare professionals is now available to allied health groups in a format that can be hosted on each organization's own learning platform. A launch of the program in Networks is due shortly for access by Fellows and Trainees.

The next phase is the development of a further six highly recommended and preferred topic modules. This has started with input from the Australian Pain Society that has endorsed this education program. The expectation is that these additional modules will be available online in the first half of 2015.

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. The registration brochure and online registration is available on the website at <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/events/2015-refresher-course-day>.

2015 Spring Meeting – October 2-4, Queenstown NZ

Convenor: Dr Duncan Wood

2016 Refresher Course Day and ASM – April 29 and April 30-May 3, Auckland NZ

Convenor: Dr Jane Thomas

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

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

Research

Opioid Conversion Table: This has been developed by the FPM Research Committee working group and will be published on the website soon.

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): Roll-out of this initiative continues to expand across NSW and other states. Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand are at various stages of recruitment and implementation of this programme.

The first benchmarking report has been distributed to the 12 services who submitted data and the ePPOC manager is currently visiting these sites to get feedback on the report. The initial benchmarking report for paediatric services is underway.

The Faculty was represented at November meetings of the Management Advisory Group (MAG) and Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee (SCAC) by Dr Chris Hayes and Associate Professor Carolyn Arnold, respectively. Further business case discussions were a major focus of the MAG meeting.

Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th Edition (APM: SE4): The APM: SE4 working group continues to make good progress with this initiative. It is anticipated that the publication will be launched at the 2015 ASM in Adelaide.

Pain Device Implant Registry: Progress on this initiative continues. A meeting is planned with Monash University for November 21st. Dialogue has commenced with the pain device companies with regard to funding for the four year pilot.

Build advocacy and access

Liaison with Pain Societies

Global Year Against Neuropathic Pain launched October 20: The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), the Australian Pain Society, the New Zealand Pain Society, the Faculty of the Pain Medicine of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and PainAustralia announced the launch of the Global Year Against Neuropathic Pain. This commenced from October 20, 2014, bringing global attention to pain that arises as a direct consequence of a lesion or disease affecting the somatosensory system. Sponsored by the [International Association for the Study of Pain](#), the 12-month campaign focuses on education for health care professionals and government leaders, and the creation of public awareness.

A poster developed collaboratively by the New Zealand Pain Society, the Australian Pain Society and the Faculty of Pain Medicine is available on the Faculty website. Fact sheets developed by the IASP are available on the FPM website for downloading as well.

Professional

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) – FPM involvement in steering subcommittee and resources: Dr Chris Hayes is representing the Faculty on an expert panel that will work with the ACSQHC to develop national standards for pain management in collaboration with PainAustralia, the Australian Pain Society and other stakeholders. Coordination of a brief submission to the ACSQHC under the Chair of the President of the Australian Pain Society is underway to make the case for further consideration of pain management issues in the next iteration of the Australian standards document. The standards of potential relevance to the field of pain medicine include:

1. Governance for safety and quality in health service organisations
2. Partnering with consumers
3. Medication safety
4. Clinical handover
5. Preventing and managing pressure injuries
6. Recognising and responding to the deteriorating patient

Notified Fellow's Publications:

Professor Ted Shipton has published an article on the history and strategic plan of the Faculty. Shipton EA, Moore B, Cousins M, Atkinson L. The Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists – history and strategic plan. Pain Medicine. 2014: early view online.

Professor Pam Macintyre has published an article on opioid prescribing for ongoing management of acute pain.

Macintyre PE, Huxtable CA, Flint SL, Dobbin MD. Costs and consequences: A review of discharge opioid prescribing for ongoing management of acute pain. Anaesth Intensive Care. 2014 Sep;42(5):558-574.

The full text of these articles can be accessed through the ANZCA Library's [online journal list](#).

Submissions: The Faculty made the following submissions:

- Medical Council of New Zealand – Review of medical Council's list of approved qualifications for locum tenens registration.
- Australian Society of Anaesthetists – Use of botulinum toxin (BOTOX) for chronic migraine
- Department of Health and Ageing, Canberra – Funding arrangements for the electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC).
- South Australia Health – Pain medicine training program and South Australian Workforce
- Federal Member for Sydney, Parliament House, Canberra – FPM Online Pain Management Education Program for allied healthcare professionals.
- Minister of Health, Wellington – Government's plan for reducing and preventing musculoskeletal pain.



Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton
Dean

November 24, 2014