

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on 3 May 2014 and New Board meeting of 7 May 2014.

The FPM Board met on 3 May at Suntec City, Singapore and the New Board on 7 May at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore.

2014 FPM Board meeting dates:

Board deadline for papers
(midday) 24 June 2014
(midday) 21 August 2014
November (TBC)

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

Deaths: The Board noted with regret the deaths of Dr Attila Gyory (NSW) and Dr Humphry Cramond (Qld) and acknowledged their contributions and support to the Faculty.

New FPM Dean: The Board congratulated Professor Ted Shipton (NZ), who took office as the Dean following the Annual General Meeting on 7 May in Singapore.

New Board: Dr Chris Hayes was elected as Vice-Dean. Professor Stephan Schug FANZCP (WA) was congratulated on his election to the Board. Dr Kieran Davis was co-opted as the North Island New Zealand representative and 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 (elected in February)	Professor Ted Shipton
Vice-Dean	Dr Chris Hayes
Assessor	Dr Dilip Kapur
Assistant Assessor	Dr Kieran Davis
Chair, Curriculum Redesign Project	
Steering Group	Dr Meredith Craigie
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
Treasurer	Associate Professor Brendan Moore
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 Michael Vagg

Portfolio Chairs:

Chair Relationships Portfolio	Professor Ted Shipton
Chair, Trainee Affairs Portfolio	Dr Chris Hayes
Chair, Fellowship Affairs Portfolio	Dr Michael Vagg
Chair, Resources Portfolio	Dr Meredith Craigie

Executive Committee:

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Chair, Resources Portfolio	Dr Meredith Craigie
FPM General Manager	Ms Helen Morris

ANZCA Council confirmed that Dr Rod Mitchell FANZCA (SA) is the nominated ANZCA representative to the Faculty Board, replacing Associate Professor David A Scott, who was warmly thanked for his contributions and wise advice.

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

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate Affairs

2014 Board Election: Dr Christopher Hayes FANZCA (NSW) and Professor Ted Shipton were re-elected, and Professor Stephan Schug FANZCA (WA) was elected to the FPM Board following the ballot count on 7 April.

2014 Business Plan: The Faculty has made good progress against key initiatives in the business plan in the first quarter.

Terms of Reference – FPM Australian Regional Committees: Board approved Terms of Reference for the FPM Australian Regional Committees.

Regional and National Committees: The Board received annual reports from the FPM New Zealand National Committee and each of the Australian Regional Committees, outlining the major developments and activities in New Zealand and 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 congratulated on their admission to FPM Fellowship by training and examination:

Dr Sanjay PRABHU	SA
Dr Hema RAJAPPA	NSW
Dr Jacqueline EVANS	QLD
Dr Barry SLON	VIC
Dr Joann ROTHERHAM	VIC
Dr Harold EEMAN	VIC
Dr Tim HO	NSW

Resources

2014 Budget: The Faculty was in a positive position against budget at the end of the first quarter.

2013 ANZCA Media Award: “Pain, finding perspectives”, a cover feature by *New Zealand Doctor* journalist Virginia McMillan, has won the \$A5000 Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Media Award for the best news story or feature about anaesthesia or pain medicine that appeared in the Australian and New Zealand media in 2013.

Ms McMillan’s article appeared in the December 4, 2013 edition of *New Zealand Doctor* and examined why chronic pain is so difficult to treat.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Supervisor of Training ratification:

Dr Safa Hamza was appointed Supervisor of Training, Barbara Walker Centre for Pain Management, Victoria.

The following were re-appointed as Supervisors of Training for a further three years:

Dr David Lindholm, Caulfield Pain Management and Research Centre, Victoria

Dr Jane Thomas, Auckland Regional Pain Service, New Zealand

Dr Eric Visser, Freemantle Hospital, Western Australia

Dr Michelle Tan, Pain Management Centre, Singapore General Hospital

Dr Charles Kim, The Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dr Glen Sheh, CONCORD Hospital, NSW

Curriculum Redesign Project: The Curriculum Redesign Project (CRP) is progressing according to plan, with the major achievement being the launch of the provisional iteration of the revised curriculum. This document outlines the learning outcomes for the Pain Medicine Roles in Practice, Foundation Component and the nine Essential Topic Areas (ETAs) to be implemented in the Core Training Stage. The document is available on the website at http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/training/curriculum-redesign-project/FPM_2015_Provisional_Iteration_of_Revised_Curriculum.pdf and feedback from Fellows and Trainees is sought.

The CRP development has a number of activities progressing concurrently. Work is progressing on the development of the Regulations for the revised training program, and on creating the first draft of the Handbook as well.

Planning by the Curriculum Redesign Project Steering Group (CRPSG) for the development of the Practice Development Stage will occur later in 2014. New authoring groups will be developed. Fellows who volunteered but have not participated as yet will be approached to engage in this phase.

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

FPM Online Pain Management Education Program: The project to house the Faculty’s education modules on a new learning platform at ANZCA to make the education more accessible to the broader medical community continues to progress. Delivery is anticipated at the end of June. A market analysis has been undertaken to ascertain interest from allied health groups in accessing the modules. Business processes are in development for groups interested in accessing this program. The Board approved Terms of Reference

for the FPM Pain Management Education Program Steering Group, which will oversee delivery of this project, its further expansion and review of its content.

Continuing Professional Development

Scientific Meetings

*2014 FPM Refresher Course Day & ASM– 4 May & 5-9 May
Suntec & Sands Expo and Convention Centres, Singapore*

The Faculty's Refresher Course Day and ASM programs were a great success. These were a tribute to the hard work of the Faculty's Scientific Convenors, Dr Lewis Holford and Dr Kian Hian Tan, and organising committee members Professor Peter Teddy and Dr Nathan Taylor. The Refresher Course Day attracted a record 213 delegates as well as good support from the healthcare industry with 5 exhibitors present. The program "Pain at the Cutting Edge: Surgery and pain" explored the interface between surgery and pain medicine. The program examined the science underlying post-surgical pain and discussed issues surrounding the management of pain in the peri- and postoperative periods, and the link between pain management and surgical outcomes. The day was completed with dinner at the iconic Raffles Hotel. Dr Phoebe Scott, an entertaining dinner speaker delivered an informative presentation on art in Singapore which included the re-opening of the former Supreme Court building as the National Art Gallery of Singapore. Associate Professor Brendan Moore was thanked for his leadership and significant contributions as Dean in advancing the Faculty's strategic initiatives.

Media coverage of both the Refresher Course Day and the pain stream of the ASM was widespread and included media releases and interviews from the FPM ASM Visitor Professor Audun Stubhaug and FPM ASM Officer, Dr Michael Vagg. Media can be viewed at:

<http://www.anzca.edu.au/events/ANZCA%20annual%20scientific%20meetings/2014-anzca-annual-scientific-meeting/media>

Prizes

The Dean's Prize, comprising a certificate and a \$1000 grant for educational or research purposes, was awarded at the FPM Annual General Meeting on 7 May 2014 to Dr Julia Dubowitz (Vic) for her paper entitled "*Incidence of persistent post surgical pain after pelvic exenteration*".

The FPM Best Free Paper award, comprising a certificate and a \$500 grant for educational or research purposes, was awarded to Dr Sumitra Bakshi (India) for her paper entitled "*ReSO_nS trial - REctus Sheath block for postoperative analgesia in gynaeco-Onco Surgical patients – a double blinded randomized controlled trial*".

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

Dr Matthew Crawford has been appointed convenor for this meeting. Theme: "Joining the dots: links and transitions in pain management". International Speaker: Dr Stefan Friedrichsdorf, Minneapolis Children's Hospital, Minnesota, USA.

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

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

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

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

Research

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): Roll-out of this initiative continues to expand across NSW and other states. Currently 8 adult sites in NSW are well underway in terms of collecting data, and another 10 sites are in preparation stage. Around Australia, 14 services in Victoria will potentially come online pending negotiations with the Department of Health. Queensland has 5 sites coming online pending funding from the state health department. Western Australia has 2 sites coming online. New Zealand will be joining with 2 sites coming online with the help of some ACC support.

The ePPOC team in Wollongong is updating the EPI centre website and its associated software. The new version will include a paediatric data set that will assist in streamlining data entry. The use of on-line data entry where possible will serve to maximise efficiency.

An Opioid conversion table as well as ePPOC major drug groupings have been developed by the FPM Research Committee working group.

VicPPOP, a Victorian outcome project which was run across 3 centres (Caulfield/Melbourne Health/Ballarat), is currently being evaluated; data collection should finish in approximately December 2014. The study used a larger data set. This included a functional measure and a detailed medication analysis as well as the measures used in ePPOC. The results will be presented when available.

Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th Edition: The Working Party continues to make good progress in accordance with the business plan. Nearly all potential contributors have been identified. Currently 16 contributions have been received and are ready for editing. The project is on track for publication in 2015.

Pain Device Implant Register: This initiative is progressing well and has now gone to tender for a university partner to develop, maintain and manage the registry. The Faculty is working cooperatively with all stakeholder device companies who are supportive of this initiative. Seed funding has been generously provided by Medtronic to allow the project to progress in the early stages.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

National Pain Strategy: Painaustralia's Annual Review 2013 and the National Pain Strategy Draft Review – April 2014 are now available on the Painaustralia website. The Board acknowledged the substantial progress being made in advancing education and advocacy.

Use of Pain Medicine Specialist (Physician) Terminology: Concerns with respect to patient safety and standards arising from 'non-Fellows' undertaking various procedures or using titles like 'pain specialist' have been brought to the Faculty Board, as a result legal advice was sought on this issue. Our advice is that the National Law imposes clear restrictions on the use of protected titles. In particular, it is an offence under the National Law for a person who is not a specialist health practitioner to use a protected specialist title or 'hold out' to be registered in a recognised specialty. The protected title recognised under the National Law with respect to pain management is "Specialist Pain Medicine Physician". It is an offence under the National Law for a person to knowingly or recklessly use a

specialist title for a recognised specialty unless the person is officially registered under the National Law in that specialty.

The Faculty intends to assess on a case-by-case basis, those incidents brought to its attention pertaining to the use of protected titles and/or misleading and deceptive conduct. It will take action in the form of a letter to the practitioner to outline our legal advice on the matter.

Notified Fellow's Publication:

Ashby MA. A land half won: pain and the modern world. MJA volume 200, Issue 6 – 7 April 2014.

Submissions:

The Faculty contributed to the following submissions:

- Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, Canberra – Regulations regarding the prescriptions of opioids – April 2014.
- Minister of Health, Qld – Patients care, training, and accreditation impact of the current dispute with senior hospital doctors – April 2014.
- Pain Australia - Review and Evaluation of the National Pain Strategy 2014 - March 2014



Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton
Dean

21 May 2014