

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on 17 February 2014.

The FPM Board met on 17 February 2014.

Dr Louise Brennan, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA met with the Board as the New Fellow Representative.

2014 FPM Board meeting dates:

Board deadline for papers

(midday) 17 April 2014

(midday) 17 April 2014

(midday) 24 June 2014

(midday) 21 August 2014

Board meeting dates

3 May 2014 (Singapore)

7 May 2014 (NEW Board Singapore)

7 July 2014

4 September 2014 (Sydney)

Australian Day Honours: The 2014 Australian Day Honours List recognised Professor Michael Cousins, Officer (AO) of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to medicine through specialised tertiary curriculum development, as a researcher and advocate for reform and human rights in the field of pain, and as an author and mentor.

The Board also noted with pleasure that Professor Alan Merry, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA (NZ) was awarded honorary membership of the American Society of Anaesthesiology in recognition of his international work in patient safety, as well as the 2013 Gluckman Medal from the University of Auckland Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences for research excellence.

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate Affairs

ANZCA FPM Delegations Working Group: The ANZCA President, Dr Lindy Roberts, updated the Board on activities of the ANZCA FPM Delegations Working Group, formed to review the current delegations to the FPM Board. The group, comprising the ANZCA President, FPM Dean, CEO, Vice President and Vice Dean, has met on two occasions. A consultation process has been undertaken with ANZCA councilors, FPM board members, all directors of professional affairs and past FPM Deans. Advice will be sought from the College Solicitor with regard to the optimal form for the delegations to take. A draft document will be presented to the Board prior to the May meeting and to the ANZCA Council.

Accommodation review: The ANZCA CEO, Ms Linda Sorrell, updated the Board on the Strategic Accommodation Review and the relocation of the Faculty to ANZCA House.

Staff: Ms Deborah Sequeira was welcomed to the Faculty staff as Administrative Officer to the Board, Education and Research, replacing Ms Jennah Collins who was warmly farewellled. Ms Penny McNair has been seconded as Operations Manager to the end of the year. Ms Tariya Hyde was welcomed to the staff in Penny's previous role of Administrative Officer, Examination and Events. Dr Cassandra Sparkes is now working full-time as Project Officer to the Curriculum Redesign Project.

2013 Business Plan: The Faculty made excellent progress against key initiatives, including progress of the Curriculum Redesign Project, the electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration, the FPM Pain Device Implant Registry Project and expanding the accessibility of the FPM On-line Education initiative. Advocacy for increased support for pain medicine training positions resulted in additional funding through the Specialist Training Program and Training More Specialist doctors in Tasmanian initiative.

2014 Board Election: Nominations closed on 3 February for the 2014 Board Election for the three vacancies on the FPM Board. There being five nominations for the three vacancies, a ballot will now proceed in April. Ballot papers will be circulated to voting Fellows in early March. In accordance with Faculty regulations, at least one of these vacancies must be filled by a Faculty Fellow with FANZCA. The remaining two vacancies may be filled by any Faculty Fellow.

Dean Elect: Professor Ted Shipton was elected to the position of FPM Dean-elect and will take office following the Annual General Meeting in May 2014 in Singapore.

Assessor

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

Dr Meena MITTAL	VIC
Dr Alison KEARSLEY	UK
Dr Kim HATTINGH	SA
Dr Jason SCOTT	QLD
Dr Joshua DALY	QLD
Dr Phillip KRIEL	WA

Election to FPM Fellowship: Professor Paul Rolan, FRACP (SA) was admitted to Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine by election.

The Board resolved that from July 2014, election to Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine will be through direct election only. Regulation 3.2.6.2 allowing for applicants to be offered a summative assessment pathway will be withdrawn at that time.

IMGS: A formal Area of Need (AoN) process was ratified by the Board. AoN regulations were accepted as an amendment to FPM Regulation 16.

Resources

2013 Budget: The Faculty finished the year in a positive position against budget for both operational and capital expenditure.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Supervisor of Training ratification: The following were re-appointed as Supervisors of Training:

Dr Leah Power was re-appointed supervisor of training for the Royal Perth Hospital, Western Australia.
Dr Tim Semple was re-appointed as the Supervisor of Training of Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.
Associate Professor Greta Palmer was re-appointed as the Supervisor of Training of the Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria.

FPM Online Pain Management Education Program: The Faculty continued to progress its Online Pain Management Education Initiative with a partially funded project, provided by the Department of Health and Ageing and facilitated via the Australian Medicare Local's Alliance. The intention of the project is to house the education modules on a new learning platform at ANZCA to make the education more accessible to the broader medical community, including potentially physiotherapists, psychologists, nurses and pharmacists and other allied health professionals. The benefits of the extended program include: a broader reach for learning as members of the medical, or allied health groups can potentially access the program via arrangements with their own peak professional body's online learning systems; provision of the latest learning in pain management, content revision can be made in one centralized location and users will have access to expanded content as it is developed. The program is being overseen by a working group of the Education Committee of the Faculty.

The longer term plans of the Faculty to provide for further review and expansion and review of content to ensure it remains up to date and relevant will be aided through the generosity of an unencumbered educational grant from Pfizer Australia via the ANZCA Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine Foundation.

Curriculum Redesign Project: Many FPM Fellows are actively engaged in this project. Recent progress includes development of the FPM Roles in Practice and nine Essential Topic Areas (ETAs). The Assessment Expert Panel has commenced the redesign of assessment processes for the revised curriculum. Further development of the assessment tools is progressing.

An authoring group is currently developing the Foundation Stage learning outcomes, and this should be complete by the end of February. Other groups are being formed and will soon start work on their designated tasks.

Information about the revised curriculum will be released by early April 2014. The Fellowship will then have an opportunity to comment. There will be other opportunities for comment, including the Annual Scientific Meeting in May, where a representative of the Curriculum Redesign Steering Group will be available to respond to enquiries. A dedicated supervisor of training workshop is being held on June 14, 2014 at ANZCA House, Melbourne. Topics to be covered will include the revised curriculum and changes to SOT roles, as well as the new assessment processes. Further information regarding this workshop will be communicated in March.

The revised FPM curriculum will reframe the nature of the discipline, from a predominantly biomedical orientation to "biopsychosocial" – but now with a greater emphasis on social and psychological in addition to biomedical factors. A modified CanMEDS[®] framework is being utilised, wherein the Clinician Role is the core of the curriculum document.

Interestingly, the conceptual framework that has been developed is similar to that proposed in a recent article by FPM Honorary Fellow Professor Daniel Carr: *Time to flip the pain curriculum?* Carr DB, Bradshaw YS. *Anesthesiology*. 2014 Jan;120(1):12-4. The full article can be accessed through the ANZCA Library online journal list at www.anzca.edu.au/resources/library/journals

The Curriculum Redesign Project e-Newsletter will be re-launched in early March to keep Fellows and Trainees abreast of developments. Further details about the FPM Curriculum Redesign Project and an overview of the revised training program can be accessed via the FPM website, www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/training/curriculum-redesign-project. Inquiries can be directed to fpm.crp@anzca.edu.au.

Examination

2013 Examination: 33 candidates presented for the examination and 27 were successful. An overall pass rate of 82%. No Barbara Walker Prize or Merit Awards were awarded. The 2013 Examination Report is now available on the Faculty Website at

<http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/training/pdfs/2013%20Examination%20report%20inc%20Appendix%20Final.pdf>

The last examination under the current curriculum will take place in Adelaide in November 2014. The written component will be held on November 7, 2014, 3 weeks ahead of the clinical examination. A training process will be rolled out this year for examiners focusing on standardization processes.

Continuing Professional Development

Advancing CPD Project: The Board formally endorsed the ANZCA CPD Standard for the joint ANZCA/FPM CPD Program. The Chair of the FPM CPD Committee is responsible for overseeing audit and remediation correspondence with FPM Fellows, working with the ANZCA CPD Unit, Faculty administrative staff and the ANZCA CPD Committee Chair. A review of these arrangements will be conducted when experience has been gained in practice with audit and remediation procedures.

Scientific Meetings

FPM Refresher Course Day – 4 May 2014

Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre, Singapore. Theme “Pain at the cutting edge: surgery and pain”. The program is headlined by international guests Professor Audun Stubhaug (Norway) and Professor Jane Ballantyne (US) and will be complemented by the RACS invited international speakers Professor Robert Foreman and Professor Dirk De Ridder. There will also be speakers from Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong providing surgical, anaesthetic and pain medicine perspectives.

2014 ASM – Singapore, 5-9 May

Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. ANZCA/FPM ASM co-located with RACS. Theme “working together with our patients”. Scientific Convenor, Dr Lewis Holford. International Speakers: Professor Audun Stubhaug (Norway) and Professor Jane Ballantyne (US).

2014 Spring Meeting – Blue Mountains, 5-7 September

Theme “paediatric pain and the transition to adulthood and rural delivery of pain services”. Scientific Convenor: Dr Matthew Crawford. International Speaker: Dr Stefan Friedrichsdorf, Minneapolis Children's Hospital, Minnesota, USA.

2016 ASM

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 across NSW and other states. Currently 8 adult sites in NSW are well under way in terms of collecting data. A further 2 sites are expected to follow quite soon and another 6 sites are in line to follow later. In total there will be 16 adult sites by the end of the year. Around the country, 14 services in Victoria will potentially come online pending negotiations with the Department of Health. Queensland, although not quite as

advanced as Victoria in terms of funding potentially have 5 services coming online, 2 sites are currently being negotiated in New Zealand. Discussions have been held with 3 paediatric pain services in NSW along with other paediatric sites in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia. and as a group they have finalised the minimal data set.

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

Pain Device Implant Registry: This initiative will be progressed as a matter of priority in 2014. Subsequent to the Board meeting, the Dean, FPM GM and Dr Diarmuid McCoy attended a Monash University Seminar on Clinical Quality Registries Seminar: Leading Healthcare Quality Improvement. A consultancy is underway to identify a suitable collaborative university partner to advance this initiative.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Submissions: The Faculty made a submission to Workcover WA on the Review of the Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981 – Discussion Paper – Part 4 Medical Assessment.

Notified Fellow's Publication:

Shipton EA, Shipton EE. Should doctors be allowed to prescribe cannabinoids for pain in Australia and New Zealand? Aust N Z J Psychiatry 2014 Jan 10. [Epub ahead of print]

Zacest A. A painful problem for surgeons: what is to be done? ANZ J Surg 2013;83(11):801-802.

Cohen M. Some pain for surgeons? ANZ J Surg 2013;83(11):799



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