

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on April 28, 2016 and New Board meeting of May 2, 2016.

The FPM Board met on Thursday, April 28 at the Skycity Convention Centre and the New Board met on Monday, May 2 at the Aotea Centre, Auckland, New Zealand.

Dr Kristin Good, Senior Medical Advisor, Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), New Zealand met with the Board. What ensued turned out to be a valuable discussion of pain medicine services in New Zealand and an exploration of opportunities for future cooperation between the Faculty and the ACC.

Honours, appointments and awards

Inspire Awards: The Inspire Awards are new awards that were presented by Chief Justice of Victoria to recognise people with disabilities who have made a major contribution to their profession. The Inspire Awards were recently presented at Price Waterhouse Coopers in Melbourne. Awards were presented across 10 categories that included one for "Medical and Research". Two doctors received these awards - Dr Harry Eeman, FAFRM(RACP), FFPMANZCA was the winner and Dr Heather Belcher, FANZCA was the runner up. Our congratulations go to both Dr Eeman and Dr Belcher.

2016 FPM Board meeting dates:

Monday July 25 (Melbourne)
Thursday September 15 (Adelaide Hills)
Monday November 14 (Teleconference)

New Board: Dr Chris Hayes from Newcastle took over from Professor Ted Shipton (NZ) as FPM Dean at the FPM annual general meeting in Auckland. Dr Meredith Craigie from Royal Adelaide Hospital is the new Vice-dean of FPM after being elected to the position at the FPM New Board meeting. 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	Dr Chris Hayes
Vice-Dean	Dr Meredith Craigie
Assessor	Dr Kieran Davis
Assistant Assessor	Dr Dilip Kapur
Chair, Continuing Professional Development Committee	Dr Michael Vagg
Chair, Learning and Development Committee	Dr Meredith Craigie
Chair, Training and Assessment Executive Committee	Dr Meredith Craigie
Chair, Examinations Committee	Dr Newman Harris
Chair, Training Unit Accreditation Committee	Dr Melissa Viney
Chair, Research Committee	Associate Professor Andrew Zacest
Treasurer	Associate Professor Brendan Moore
Annual Scientific Meetings Officer	Dr Michael Vagg

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Dean

Dr Chris Hayes

Vice-Dean

Dr Meredith Craigie

Chair, Professional Affairs Executive
Committee (PAEC)

Dr Michael Vagg

Chair, Training and Assessment Executive
Committee (TAEC)

Dr Meredith Craigie

FPM General Manager

Ms Helen Morris

ANZCA Council has confirmed that Dr Patrick Farrell FANZCA (NSW) will continue as the nominated ANZCA representative to the Faculty Board.

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

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate affairs

Information and Communications Technology Governance Committee: Positions are available on a new college Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Governance Committee reporting to ANZCA Council on matters pertaining to the overall governance of information and communications technology, strategic project direction and project delivery. Both ANZCA and FPM Fellows are invited to apply. Information can be found on the website at: <http://www.anzca.edu.au/Front-page-news/College-seeking-to-fill-positions>.

Annual reports from the New Zealand National Committee and Australian Regional Committees: The Board received annual reports from the New Zealand National Committee (NZNC), and from each of the Australian Regional Committees. These reports outlined the major developments and activities in New Zealand and in each state/territory in the past year. The Board acknowledged the work of the committees and the leadership of the chairs.

IMGS revision project: proposal to draft a combined regulation: The Board supported the drafting of a combined IMGS regulation that encompasses pain medicine and anaesthesia for approval by FPM Board and ANZCA Council. It is proposed that there will be one IMGS Committee with FPM representation and a FPM Panel to interview and assess candidates.

Training and Assessment Executive Committee (TAEC): The FPM Board has approved the formation of a Training and Assessment Executive Committee. This comprises of the chairs of the Learning and Development Committee, the Training Unit Accreditation Committee, the Examination Committee and the Assessor. The FPM Board has approved the membership and the Terms of Reference of the Training and Assessment Executive Committee.

With the formation of a Training and Assessment Executive Committee, the Board resolved to dissolve the current Education Committee.

Improved ANZCA/FPM website platform: Improvements to the website platform have gone live recently with enhanced mobile responsiveness allowing the site to adapt its display when transitioning from a desktop to mobile device. There will be a more comprehensive review of the website interface later in the year.

Assessor

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

Dr Michael Veltman, FANZCA	Western Australia
Dr Leinani Aiono-Le-Tagaloa, FANZCA	New Zealand

Election to FPM Fellowship: Dr Sonia Grover, FRANZCOG, FFPMANZCA (Vic) and Dr Peter Herriot FRANZCP, MRCPsych, FFPMANZCA (SA) were admitted to Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine by election.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Supervisor, Supervisor of Training appointment: Dr Paul Gray FANZCA, FFPMANZCA, Deputy Director of Anaesthesia/Pain Management, in the Anaesthetic Department, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Queensland has been appointed Supervisor, Supervisor of Training by the FPM Board.

Examination Committee

Faculty of Pain Medicine long case assessment: The first round of long cases for 2016 were recently held in Auckland (April 4), Sydney (April 6), Brisbane (April 15) and Melbourne (April 15). Fifteen of 25 candidates were successful. Thank you to the local convenors for coordinating these successfully as well as to the many examiners who examined at the different regions. The next round of long case assessments will be held in the week of September 5-9. Further information including dates and venue will shortly be available on the website.

2016 Fellowship examination dates: The written examination will be held across FPM regional and national offices on Friday November 4. The clinical examination will be held in Melbourne on Saturday November 26. The closing date for applications (written and clinical) is Friday September 30. Further information is available on the Faculty [website](#).

Learning and Development Committee: The ongoing support and evaluation of the training program continues to be carried out by the Learning and Development Committee.

The Basic Clinical Skill's Course held on February 20 and 21 was well received. The delegates provided constructive feedback for future improvements.

Minor enhancements to the Essential Topic Areas (ETA) eLearning modules will be completed by July and delivered according to the 2016 core training timeline. ETAs 1 to 4 have been delivered on Networks.

The Foundations of Pain Medicine recommended reading list has migrated from the FPM website to Library Guides.

Implementation of the FPM Curriculum Evaluation Strategy 2015-17 remains ongoing. Review of training program documentation including the exit questionnaire and the in-training assessment form is ongoing.

FPM Better Pain Management Education Program: An independent review of the project's needs and its possible market was undertaken. Arising from this review, a recommended solution was suggested to deliver the modules in a marketable format. Marketing and analytics to monitor its use should follow at a later date.

Opioid equi-analgesic dose calculator: The FPM Opioid Calculator smart phone app is available for downloading in both Apple and Android formats. There are currently more than 7000 unique users. A marketing plan has been developed to encourage our affiliated colleges to advertise the app. The next step would be to investigate the cost of its translation into different languages.

Continuing Professional Development

Scientific Meetings

2016 FPM Refresher Course Day & ASM – 29 April & 30 April-4 May
Crowne Plaza, Auckland & Aotea Centre and Auckland Town Hall

The Faculty's Refresher Course Day and ASM programs were hailed as a tremendous success. This is a tribute to the hard work of the Faculty's Refresher Course Day Scientific Convenor, Dr Jane Thomas, FPM ASM Scientific Convenor, Dr Jim Olson and regional organising committee member Dr Kieran Davis.

The Refresher Course Day attracted 188 delegates. It received strong support from the healthcare industry with three major sponsors and one exhibitor present. The Bank of New Zealand sponsored the third international speaker, Dr John Pereira from Canada. The program's theme, namely "Extremes of pain" explored the many challenges involved in managing pain in the morbidly obese, in chronic spinal pain, and in cancer pain. The academic sessions were followed by a dinner at The Northern Club. This included an entertaining after-dinner talk by Professor Keith Petrie (Professor of Health Psychology at Auckland University Medical School) entitled "What the dominatrix didn't tell you - increasing your personal placebo power".

The 2016 FPM Refresher Course Day and the ASM's pain medicine stream received widespread media coverage in print and online. Professor Stephan Schug was interviewed about the launch of the fourth edition of the Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence, in conjunction with a press release prepared by the Communications team. This generated more than 20 news reports across Australia and New Zealand. Dr John Pereira from Canada was interviewed about his presentation on Pain and Obesity, which was also supported by a press release from the communications team. His work was covered in 28 media reports across Australia and New Zealand. A full report on the ASM's media coverage can be viewed [here](#).

Prizes

The Dean's Prize at the FPM Annual General Meeting was awarded to Dr Linda Trang from Westmead Hospital, for her paper titled "*Postoperative analgesic efficacy of continuous wound infusion of local anaesthetics compared to opioid patient-controlled analgesia after laparotomy: a prospective study*".

The FPM Best Free Paper was awarded to Associate Professor Philip Peyton from The Austin, Victoria, for his paper titled "*Reduction of chronic post-surgical pain with ketamine (ROCKeT) pilot trial*".

2016 Spring Meeting – September 16-18 Adelaide Hills, SA
Convenor: Dr Dilip Kapur

2017 New Fellows' Conference: Dr Newman Harris has been nominated as the Board Representative to the 2017 New Fellows Conference to be held in Brisbane from May 9-11.

Research

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): Progress continues with this initiative with over 13,000 patients currently represented across 50 services. There is an increasing interest in the ePPOC dataset, with five ePPOC/external collaborative projects at various stages of progression. NSW Health has committed to fund ePPOC for another 3 years.

Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th Edition: The fourth edition of [*Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence*](#) was launched on Monday May 2 at the ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting in Auckland by its editor, Professor Stephan Schug.

The Board salutes the efforts of Professor Stephan Schug and his hard-working and dedicated editorial team.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Submissions:

The Faculty contributed to the following submissions:

- Australian Medical Council and Medical Council of New Zealand Accreditation: FPM 2016 Progress Report to AMC and MCNZ
- MBS Review Taskforce – Nominations submitted for Pain Management Clinical Committee
- Minister for Health, ACT: Commonwealth support for the electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC)
- NPS MedicineWise, NSW: Response to NPS in regard to Victorian Opioid guidelines
- Painaustralia: Response to stakeholder survey
- Therapeutic Goods Administration, ACT: Response to the report entitled "Investigating the efficacy and safety of over-the-counter codeine containing combination analgesics for pain and codeine based antitussives"
- Victorian Health Minister: Real-time prescription monitoring initiative.



Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton
Dean

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