

Report following the November meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine Board

The FPM Board met via teleconference on November 7, 2016.

2017 FPM Board meeting dates:

Monday, February 13.

Thursday, May 11.

Monday, July 10.

Thursday, September 21.

Monday, October 30.

Honours, appointments and awards

Robert Orton Medal: The Faculty of Pain Medicine is delighted to advise that Council awarded the Robert Orton Medal to:

- **Professor Alan Merry, ONZM (NZ)** in recognition of his outstanding contributions to chronic pain management, anaesthesia and efforts in promoting patient safety.
- **Professor Stephan Schug (WA)** in recognition of his work with acute and chronic pain, regional anaesthesia, the pharmacology of analgesics and anaesthetics, as well quality control in health care.

The medals will be presented to Professor Merry and Professor Schug at the 2017 ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Brisbane.

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate affairs

Election of ANZCA President: Professor David A Scott (Vic) was re-elected as ANZCA President for the period May 2017 to May 2018.

Faculty and ANZCA staff: The ANZCA website lists details of senior leaders within the Faculty and College, including general managers, their business units and the roles they undertake. For full details and to contact individual business units directly [click here](#).

Strategic planning 2018-2022: The board agreed to hold a facilitated FPM strategic workshop in February 2017 focusing on the development of strategic planning for 2018-2022.

Enhancing efficiency and communication within the Faculty's structure: The first meeting of the Training and Assessment Executive Committee (TAEC) was convened in conjunction with the 2016 Spring Meeting. An initial meeting of the Professional Affairs Executive Committee (PAEC) will occur before the February Board meeting to address appointment and briefing of the Research and Innovation, Professional Standards and Scientific Meeting Committee Chairs and development of terms of reference.

Assessor

New Fellow: FPM congratulates Dr Alister Ramachandran FCARSCI, FANZCA (NSW) on admission to FPM fellowship by training and examination.

Training unit and Accreditation: Following a successful review, Sunshine Coast Persistent Pain Management Service in Nambour has been accredited for pain medicine. The number of accredited pain units now stands at 34.

Resources

2016 budget: The Faculty's finances remain in a favourable position against budget year to date.

2016 business plan: The Faculty has made good progress against key initiatives in the fourth quarter against the business plan.

2017 budget and business plan: The FPM Board approved the preliminary 2017 budget and business plan ahead of consideration by ANZCA Council. Paediatric and interventional training initiatives were included for development.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

ANZCA's new Steuart Henderson Award: This award has recently been founded to recognise educators within the College.

The award honours a Fellow who has demonstrated excellence and provided outstanding contribution, scholarship, and mentorship to medical education in the field of anaesthesia and/or pain medicine under the following categories:

- Teaching and learning.
- Mentoring and influence.
- Research and conference presentations.
- Resource development.
- Educational leadership.

All ANZCA and FPM Fellows are eligible for the award. For nomination details and further information, please refer to the [ANZCA awards webpage](#).

2016 FPM examinations: The written section of the FPM fellowship examination was held in 10 venues on November 4 with the clinical section held at the Australian Medical Council National Test Centre, Melbourne on November 26. Sixteen of the 24 candidates were successful. Merit awards were presented to Dr Anthony Carrie (NZ), Dr Megan Eddy (Vic), Dr Irina Hollington (SA) and Dr Alan Nazha (NSW).

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

provided by the Supervisors of Training of the in-training assessment (ITA) form at the workshop held in September. The FPM Curriculum Evaluation Strategy 2015-17 continues with support from the ANZCA Education unit. Review of FPM educational documents has commenced.

FPM Better Pain Management education program: Contract negotiations continue and the online access component is being progressed in-house. The aim is to complete the project by February 2017.

Opioid equianalgesic dose calculator: The Opioid Calculator desktop version can be accessed [here](#). The Opioid Calculator is also available in both [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) versions.

The opioid app usage continues to grow with more than 104,000 sessions, 14,000 unique users and over 1200 had used the application in the last week.

Continuing professional development

Scientific meetings:

2017 FPM Refresher Course Day 'Big Specifics'

The 2017 Refresher Course Day will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday, May 12 in conjunction with the 2017 ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Registration for the meeting is now open via the [ASM website](#).

2017 Annual Scientific Meeting 'Think Big'

The 2017 ANZCA ASM will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from May 12-16. The theme reflects a desire to move beyond a narrow focus and also to acknowledge the growth of anaesthesia and pain medicine as specialties.

Registration is now open for this meeting. For full details on the scientific and social program, visit the [ASM website](#).

2016 Graduate Outcomes Survey: Key findings from the first FPM graduate outcome survey were included in the [September ANZCA Bulletin](#). The article detailed findings related to bullying, discrimination and sexual harassment.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Notified Fellows' publications:

- Dr Chris Hayes, FPPMANZCA: White R, [Hayes C](#), White S, Hodson FJ. Using social media to challenge unwarranted clinical variation in the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain: the 'Brainman' story. J Pain Res. 2016;9:701-709.



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