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## CORPORATE AFFAIRS

### **National Pain Strategy**

The Constitution and Board composition for Painaustralia Limited has now been finalised. The Board composition reflects the breadth of experience and expertise required to get this National advocacy body off to a strong start.

Associate Professor Milton Cohen, FRACP. FPPMANZCA has been confirmed as the ANZCA/FPM nominee to the Painaustralia Limited Board.

### **International Pain Summit - Montreal**

Two documents are in progress resulting from the Montreal Summit: A Declaration of Montreal promoting pain management to governments as a fundamental human right and the second describing Desirable Characteristics of National Pain Strategies, which is awaiting IASP approval.

## COMMUNICATION

### **Pain Medicine in the Media**

In addition to the media interest surrounding the GYAAP and FPM Spring Meeting, the Faculty's DPA, A/Prof Milton Cohen, gave a lengthy interview on chronic pain on Perth radio and was heard by an estimated 32,000 people in WA.

An article in the *Bulletin* on the Essential Pain Management courses in PNG and the Pacific Islands also resulted in media coverage. Dr Wayne Morriss was interviewed on Radio Australia. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Realising the health benefits of work**

The Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (AFOEM), under the auspices of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, recently launched a position statement, *Realising the Health Benefits of Work*. [Click here](#) for more information.

## TRAINEE AFFAIRS

### Education

#### **Appointment of Supervisor of SoTs**

Dr Melissa Viney FANZCA (Vic) has been appointed as the Faculty's new Supervisor of Supervisors of Training as of 1 January 2011, replacing Dr Tim Semple (SA) who is stepping down from the role due to his imminent Presidency of the Australian Pain Society.

### **Undergraduate Medical Student Prize**

As part of its strategic plan to increase education and training in pain medicine, the Board resolved to pilot an undergraduate medical student prize in ten medical schools across Australia and New Zealand. All medical schools will have the opportunity to apply for the award. Ten prizes, each of \$500 and a certificate will be awarded to the best undergraduate students in pain medicine in the last two years of undergraduate training.

## Examinations

The 2010 Faculty of Pain Medicine examination was held November 24-26 at the Barbara Walker Centre for Pain Management, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. Sixteen of the twenty candidates were successful. The Barbara Walker Prize for Excellence in the Pain Medicine Examination was awarded to Dr Rebecca Martin (NSW); Merit Awards went to Dr Nicholas Christelis (Vic) and Dr Frank Thomas (NZ).

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### **Late Registration for Training**

In April, the Board resolved to give discretion to the Assessor to consider, under extenuating circumstances, late registrations submitted no later than the first due quarterly ITA. In October, the Board finalised regulation 4.3.4 pertaining to late registrations to take effect from January 2011. Those applying for late registration will be required to provide supporting documentation and will incur a late registration fee for the first month and a monthly fee thereafter in addition to the Annual Training Fee.

## FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

### **New admissions**

Dr Matthew Bryant (QLD) and Dr Jing-Chen Jason Chou (VIC) were admitted to Fellowship via the Training and Examination Pathway. This brings the number of Faculty Fellows to 294.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **Faculty Events**

#### **2011 Refresher Course Day and Combined Scientific Meeting - Hong Kong**

The Faculty will hold its ninth annual Refresher Course Day on 13 May 2011 in Hong Kong. The theme is 'Pain Management: Getting Closer to the Dragon Pearl'. The registration brochure will be available on line from early November at <http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm/events> and will be circulated in hard copy later in the year along with the CSM Registration brochure.

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The provisional Program is headlined by international guests, Professors Catherine Bushnell, You Wan and Spencer Liu, and complemented by national leaders in opioid management and outcomes in pain medicine.

The Faculty's ASM will run from 14-15 May. For information on the CSM [click here](#)

### **2011 Spring Meeting**

Dr Geoff Speldewinde and Dr Guy Bashford will convene the 2011 Spring Meeting at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Canberra. Dates have been confirmed as 28-30 October 2011. Program development has commenced.

### **Other Meetings of Interest**

*Inclusion is for information only and does not imply endorsement*

#### **Chronic Pelvic and Perineal Pain, an update**

Date: 11 February 2011

Venue: Royal Hospital for Women (Auditorium), Sydney NSW

#### **Australian Pain Society 31st Annual Scientific Meeting**

Date: 12 - 16 June 2011

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Venue: Darwin Convention Centre, NT

For more information please



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#### **ACHS Education Workshop Calendar for January to June 2011**

The Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Education calendar for the first half of 2011 is now available online at: <http://www.achs.org.au/EduCalendarmonth/>

The Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Education is also offering free EQUIPS Short Introductory sessions for members.

For more information on any of these workshops or other education enquires contact [educate@achs.org.au](mailto:educate@achs.org.au)

Please click [here](#) for more information on these and other events.

#### **Call for APS Paper Abstracts**

The Australian Pain Society would like to announce that the Call for Papers Submission for their 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting in Darwin is now open. Abstracts can be submitted online via the following link:

<http://www.dcconferences.com.au/aps2011/abstracts.php>

## PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

### **New Zealand Application for Specialty Recognition**

The New Zealand Office of ANZCA has now received the letter from Medical Council of New Zealand confirming its decision to invite the FPM to submit to Stage Two of their application process for recognition of Pain Medicine as a separate vocational specialty in New Zealand. For the Stage Two submission some 'additional' information will be required because of their changed policy part way through our submission process. The additional information is especially regarding the sustainability of the FPM. It is noteworthy here that small numbered specialties are not favoured by MCNZ, although in preliminary enquiry of MCNZ Chairman Faculty representatives were told small numbers *per se* do not preclude separate vocational recognition, and we were given examples of some with very small numbers but nevertheless clearly separate specialties.

## RESOURCES

### **Pain Medicine Journal Now Online**

Pain Medicine is now available to all ANZCA and FPM members online via the Library journal list. Pain Medicine is a multi-disciplinary journal dedicated to the pain clinician, teacher and researcher. It is the Official Journal of the American Academy of Pain Medicine and of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists.

The journal is devoted to the advancement of pain management, education and research.

Log-in to the ANZCA website with your College ID and password and view the [Library Online Journal list here.](#)

### **Positions Vacant**

#### **Caulfield Pain Management and Research Centre - Alfred Health**

#### **Position: Sessional Consultant in Pain Medicine**

To read more about this position click here

### **Further College News**

[Please see ANZCA e-newsletter](#)

### **Synapse**

We look forward to receiving any contributions which should be directed to [Jennah Collins](#) at the Faculty Office ([jcollins@anzca.edu.au](mailto:jcollins@anzca.edu.au))

## SEASONS GREETINGS

Finally, the Faculty would like to send their best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and a thank you to Fellows who have contributed through their participation in Faculty activities.

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