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## FACULTY BOARD

### Board Meetings

The Faculty Board will next meet on 28 February in Melbourne. Other meetings for 2011 are scheduled as:

12 May (Hong Kong)

15 May - New Board (Hong Kong)

22 August (Melbourne)

20 October (Melbourne)

### Australia Day Honours

The Board noted with pleasure that the following were appointed as Members of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List in recognition of distinguished contributions to their disciplines:

Dr John J Collins, FRACP, FFPMANZCA (NSW)

Dr Wally Thompson, FANZCA, FCICM (WA)

Dr Bruce Foster, FRACS (SA)

## RELATIONSHIPS PORTFOLIO

### Medical Council of New Zealand, Application for Vocational Recognition

After receiving, from MCNZ, further clarification on the required information to complete Stage 2 of the process for recognition of Pain Medicine as a separate vocational specialty in New Zealand, the Faculty is now better placed to proceed. A staged delivery of further information, so as to facilitate without delay the consultation process required under Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) has been suggested. A working party of five will prepare the response, with a deadline of 30 June 2011.

### FPM SA Regional Committee

South Australian Fellows met in November and agreement was reached to establish a FPM SA Regional Committee with the aim of looking to the interests of Pain Medicine in SA, the recruitment and support of trainees, the development of educational opportunities for Fellows and the wider medical community and the general support of Fellows. The meeting appointed an interim Committee, Chaired by Dr Graham Wright, which includes Fellows from rehabilitation medicine, occupational medicine, anaesthesia, neurosurgery, gynaecology, pharmacology and both recent and long standing Fellows. Administrative support will be provided by the ANZCA SA Regional Office.

The Interim Committee comprises:

Graham Wright, Interim Chairman

Penny Briscoe, ex-officio

Bruce Rounsefell  
Andrew Somogyi  
Andrew Zacest  
Susan Evans  
Dilip Kapur  
Gary Clothier

### **International Pain Summit – Declaration of Montreal**

The Declaration of Montréal, a document developed in conjunction with the International Pain Summit in September, has been approved by the IASP Council and is now available on the IASP Website for endorsement by organisations and individuals. The FPM Board will consider FPM endorsement of this declaration at the February Board Meeting. Fellows and Trainees are encouraged to consider individual endorsement. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### **National Pain Strategy**

The Constitution and Board composition for painaustralia Limited has now been finalised. The initial board appointments are as follows:

**James Strong AO** - Chairman of Woolworths Limited, Kathmandu Holdings Limited and Australian Council for the Arts; former Chief Executive and Managing Director of Qantas Airways Limited and former Chair of IAG, has been appointed inaugural chairman.

Co-Opted Directors appointed under clause 19.6 of the Constitution are:

**The Hon. James Wood AO QC**, Chair Law Reform Commission, former Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW and Royal Commissioner into NSW Police Corruption (1994-97); Member of the Human Research Ethics Committee Royal Princess Alexandra Hospital for Children.

**Robert Regan**, Partner in Charge of the Sydney Office of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, a member of the Corrs executive leadership team and Director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration;

**Geoffrey Applebee**, former managing partner of Ernst and Young, Canberra and Sydney offices, former Director Canberra Region Medical Foundation and Goodwin Aged Care Homes Inc, and a member of the Corporate Committee of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

**Kieren Perkins OAM**, one of the greatest swimmers of all time having broken 12 world records and the first person in history to hold the Olympic, World, Commonwealth and Pan Pacific titles simultaneously; Board Member of the Australian Sports Commission, Head of Business Development and Acquisition Qld, for the National Bank. Kieren is also a dedicated and compassionate carer for his wife Symantha who lives with chronic pain.

**Professor Michael Cousins AM**, Director Pain Management Research Institute and Chair National Pain Strategy is nominated as a director under clause 19.6 (d) of the Constitution.

Directors nominated by ANZCA/FPM and Australian Pain Society in accordance with clause 19.4 of the Constitution, are:

**Associate Professor Milton Cohen** Director Professional Affairs FPM  
and  
**Professor Stephen Gibson former** President of APS, respectively.

**Two Community / Consumer representatives** will also be appointed in accordance with clause 19.7 of the constitution and other Criteria set by the National Board. Nominations for these appointments are being sought from the Consumers Health Forum of Australia and member organisations of painaustralia representing people living with pain.

**Membership:** Those organisations that have formally endorsed the National Pain Strategy will be invited to sign up as foundation members. New members will be entered into the register of members by the Board (clause 8.4 of the Constitution). The register will record the member's name and address, and the date of entry.

**painaustralia website:** A new website has been established at [www.painaustralia.org.au](http://www.painaustralia.org.au). It is a work in progress established initially by migrating the content of the painsummit website, which will henceforth lapse. Much of the Summit content will be preserved and the site will be progressively updated to reflect the role of painaustralia.

## Inaugural ANZCA Media Award

Media in Australia and New Zealand have been invited to participate in the inaugural ANZCA Media Award. A prize of \$5000 will be awarded for the best news story or feature about anaesthesia or pain medicine that appears in print, on radio, on television or online in 2011. Entries will be judged on their originality and the impact they may have had in giving the community a better understanding of anaesthesia or pain medicine.

Media kits were posted to key health and medical journalists, program directors and newsrooms in Australia and New Zealand last week and the poster was emailed to a wider group last night. For more information, click on the banner advertisement that has been posted on the FPM website homepage.



## TRAINEE AFFAIRS

### Training Unit Accreditations

#### **New Accreditations**

Kowloon East Cluster Pain Management Centre, United Christian Hospital (Hong Kong) has been accredited for Pain Medicine. This is the second unit outside of Australia and New Zealand to be accredited and takes the number of accredited units to 25.

#### **Re-accreditations**

Following successful reviews, the Auckland Regional Pain Service (NZ) and Nepean Hospital (NSW) were re-accredited for training.

## **FPM Professional Document PM2**

A review of FPM Professional Document PM2 (2005) *Guidelines for Units Offering Training in Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine* is underway.

## **Education**

The 2010 Examination Report is now available on the FPM Website as a resource to Trainees in their exam preparation and to Fellows as a CME tool. To view the report [click here](#).

## **Podcasts**

FPM Staff are liaising with the ANZCA's EDU to develop the Faculty's first Podcast which will be on Examination Tips. Filming is expected to be undertaken in April with the support of ANZCAs Education Development Unit.

## **Undergraduate Medical Student Prize**

To date; three medical schools have responded positively to the Faculty's offer of a prize to be awarded to the best medical student in a Pain Medicine topic.

## **Examination Dates**

25-27 November 2011

The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Brisbane QLD

Closing Date for Registration: 7 October 2011

## **Pre-Exam Short Course**

The date and venue for the pre-exam short course is to be confirmed.

## **FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS**

### **New Admissions**

Dr Chee-Yong Choo (Singapore) was admitted to Fellowship via the Training and Examination Pathway on 28 January 2011. This brings the number of Faculty Fellows to 295.

### **Associate Fellows**

The Board resolved that Associate Fellows of the Faculty will be eligible to present for formal admission during the College Ceremony at the ASM. Associate Fellows will be presented separately from those presenting for full Fellowship with an explanation of the difference in their introduction. Associate Fellows will be eligible to present again for formal admission upon conferral of full Fellowship.

### **Submissions**

ANZCA's Director, Policy, Quality and Accreditation attended the first meeting of the Telehealth Advisory Group of the Department of Health and Ageing in Canberra in December. As this seems to be primarily related to telehealth consultations with pain medicine specialists, Associate Professor Milton Cohen (FPM DPA) will now be representing ANZCA/FPM on that group. The Faculty

subsequently responded to an invitation to comment on the discussion paper: *Connecting health services with the future: Modernising Medicare by providing rebates for online consultations*.

The Faculty also contributed to recent submissions including: ·

- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care - Clinical Handover Pilot Program
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care – Patient-centred Care: Improving Quality and Safety by Focusing Care on Patients and Consumers ·
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care - Consultation Paper on the Draft National Safety and Quality Healthcare Standards
- Health Quality and Complaints Commission: Risk Profiling and Doctors with Multiple complaints ·
- Medical Board of Australia – Specialist Registration - Registration Standard ·
- A National Framework for Advance Care Directives Consultation Draft

## Regional News

### **ACC (Accident Compensation Commission) forum for Intervention Pain Management**

The FPM has been invited to send a representative to a forum for Intervention Pain Management (IPM) that ACC is holding on the afternoon of 11 April in Auckland. The forum is intended to:

- discuss where IPM fits within pain management services;
- consider scopes and provisions of the contract;
- introduce ACC's updated IPM operational guidelines; and
- provide recent research information.

Dr Kieran Davis of Auckland will be attending as the FPM representative on ANZCA's NZNC with Dr David Jones of Dunedin, attending as FPM Dean.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

### Faculty Events

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

The registration brochure for the Faculty's Refresher Course Day on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 was circulated with the CSM Registration brochure but is also available for download online. The meeting theme is 'Pain Management: Getting Closer to the Dragon Pearl'. Please [click here](#) for more information. Fellows and Trainees are encouraged to register early.

### **2011 ASM/CSM – Hong Kong**

An excellent Pain Medicine program has been organised in conjunction with the ANZCA CSM. Keynote speakers are Professor Catherine Bushnell (FPM CSM Visitor, Montreal), Professor You Wan (HK Pain Medicine Visitor, Beijing) together with both Hong Kong and Australian/New Zealand Pain Medicine expertise.

### **2011 Spring Meeting**

Professor Lars Arendt-Nielsen (Denmark) has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for the FPM 2011 Spring Meeting at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Canberra on 28-30 October 2011.

### **FPM Dean's Prize/Free Papers Session**

The closing date for submission of abstracts for Combined Scientific Meeting has been extended to **21<sup>st</sup> February 2011**. Fellows and Trainees are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration for the Faculty's Dean's Prize and Best Free Paper Award.

### **FPM Dean's Prize**

The FPM Dean's Prize is awarded for original work presented in the area of Pain, judged to be a significant contribution to Pain Medicine and/or Pain Research. Eligibility is limited to Trainees of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, Trainees of the five Participating Professional Bodies of the FPM, or Fellows of FPM within eight (8) years of admission, except for elected Fellows who must be within eight (8) years of admission to their original Fellowship at the date of the Meeting. The prize takes the form of a certificate and a grant of HK\$7,000 (approx. AUD\$1,000) for educational or research purposes. The prize will be awarded at the FPM Annual General Meeting. If you wish to be considered for this prize, you should mark your abstract submission accordingly.

### **Best Free Paper Award**

#### *FPM Best Free Paper Award*

The Best Free Paper Award is awarded for original work judged to be the best contribution to the Free Papers Session of the Faculty of Pain Medicine. The Faculty Free Paper session is open to all CSM registrants. The prize takes the form of a certificate and will be awarded at the FPM Annual General Meeting.

### **Other Meetings of Interest**

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

### **AFRM (RACP) 2011 Congress**

Striking AcCord – Succeeding through teamwork. Joint AFRM/ANZSCOS conference

Date: 13-17 September 2011

The Sebel & Citigate Hotel, King George Square, Brisbane, Queensland

Please [click here](#) for more information

#### **RACP 2011 Congress**

Take up the Challenge: Indigenous Health and Chronic Disease

Date: 22-25 May 2011

Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory

Please [click here](#) for more information

#### **RACS 2011 Annual Scientific Congress**

Unity through Diversity: Diversity as exemplified by the nine disciplines and the numerous special interest groups that work together under the unity of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Date: 3-6 May 2011

Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia

Please [click here](#) for more information

#### **RANZCP 2011 Congress**

Close relations

Date: 29 May-2 June

Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory

Please [click here](#) for more information

#### **New Zealand Pain Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting: Planning for Pain Management**

Date: 17 – 20 March 2011

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch, New Zealand

#### **Australian Pain Society 31st Annual Scientific Meeting: The Frontiers of Pain**

Date: 12 - 16 June 2011

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Venue: Darwin Convention Centre, NT

For more information please visit



[www.dccconferences.com.au/aps2011](http://www.dccconferences.com.au/aps2011)

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#### **ACHS 6th Annual Executive Masterclass programme**

Teamwork and Communication: What Healthcare Can Really Learn from Aviation – Making it Work

**Melbourne:** Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May 2011

**Sydney:** Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 May 2011

**Brisbane:** Thursday 12 and Friday 13 May 2011

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES EARLY APRIL 2011 All details to be found at: <http://www.achs.org.au/ExecMasterclass2011/>

#### **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 <mailto:educate@achs.org.au>

### **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.dconferences.com.au/aps2011/abstracts.php>

## RESOURCES

### Pain Management Research Review

To view the latest issue of the *Pain Management Research Review*, [click here](#). Selection and review of the trials is carried out by Dr David Gronow, Director of both the Sydney Pain management Centre and Multidisciplinary Pain Services at Westmead Hospital. The Review also provides website links to the abstract or fully published papers. *"In bringing these publications to the attention of Fellows, the Faculty does not vouch for the accuracy of or endorse the content."*

### Finance

For the 2010 financial year, the operating result for the Faculty showed a favourable variance against budget. This reflected the higher number of new Fellows, careful travel budgeting and strong attendance at Faculty CME events. The Faculty Board resolved in November to raise 2011 FPM subs and fees in line with ANZCA's increase.

### Appointments

#### **Administrative Officer, Education and Research**

Jannah Collins has joined the Faculty of Pain Medicine [jannah.gif](#) team as Administrative Officer, Education and Research. Jannah brings experience in both administration and publishing, having worked for a number of years in education publishing and, more recently, as an Administration Officer for the MBBS Assessment Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University. Jannah has a post-graduate degree in editing, which will also be a valuable resource to the Faculty.



#### **Project Officer**

A position description is currently being developed for a 0.2 FTE non-clinical educationalist to support the Faculty's blueprinting and curriculum review project.

#### **ANZCA Library - New Journal for 2011**

The ANZCA Library has added three new medical education journals to the online subscriptions: Clinical Teacher, Medical Education, and Medical



Teacher.

Another new title, Journal of Pain Research, is an international, peer reviewed, open access, online journal that welcomes laboratory and clinical findings in the fields of pain research and the prevention and management of pain.

[Access all ANZCA Library Journals](#) (College ID log-in required)

#### **Positions Vacant**

Positions in Victoria are currently being advertised. For further information please visit the website at: <http://www.anzca.edu.au/fpm/fellows/positions-available>

#### **Further College News**

Please [click here to view the 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)

### Extreme Weather Events

The Board and staff of the Faculty extend their thoughts and concerns to all Fellows, Trainees and their families affected by recent natural disasters and wish them well through the recovery process.

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