

# FPM Board meeting report

**May 2012**

**Report following the Faculty Board meetings held on May 10 and May 13, 2012.**

## Faculty Board

The Faculty Board met on 10 May in Perth and the “new” Board met on 13 May to appoint office-bearers and Committee Chairs. Committee membership will be confirmed by Chairs within the coming weeks.

At the new Board meeting, Professor Ted Shipton (NZ) was elected FPM Vice-Dean, Professor Stephan Schug and Dr Kieran Davis were co-opted for a second term representing Western Australia and the North Island New Zealand respectively. Associate Professor David A Scott, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA (Vic) was subsequently confirmed as the Co-opted ANZCA Council Representative to the Board. The Board now comprises:

Associate Professor Brendan Moore	Dean
Professor Edward Shipton	Vice Dean, Chair Education Committee
Dr Meredith Craigie	Chair, Examination Committee
Dr Kieran Davis	Co-opted member North Island of New Zealand
Dr Ray Garrick	RACP representative
Dr Chris Hayes	Chair, Research Committee
Dr Dilip Kapur	Treasurer
Dr Frank New	Assessor
Professor Stephan Schug	Co-opted member Western Australia
Dr Michael Vagg	Chair, Continuing Professional Development Committee
Dr Melissa Viney	Chair, Training Unit Accreditation Committee
Dr Andrew Zacest	RACS representative
Associate Professor David A Scott	Co-opted member of ANZCA Council

The Board expressed congratulations to Dr Frank Moloney (NSW) and Dr Michelle Mulligan on their re-election to ANZCA Council, and to Dr Vanessa Beavis (NZ) and Dr Gabriel Snyder (New Fellow Councillor) on their election to ANZCA Council.

Dr David Jones, Professor Leigh Atkinson, Dr Penny Briscoe, Dr Carolyn Arnold and Dr Guy Bashford were farewelled at the FPM Annual Dinner on Friday 11 May.

The Faculty Board will next meet in Melbourne on 13 August 2012.

## FPM strategic planning 2013-2017

The Board, including new Board Members, held a second strategic planning workshop in conjunction with the May 10 Board meeting with the purpose of continuing the development of a 5 year strategy. A summary of responses from the consultation process with key stakeholders helped identify strategic goals for FPM to 2017.

Arising from the workshop, the Faculty’s driving aim for the 2013-2017 period is “Building Strength”. Key pillars of the strategy will be:

- Build the fellowship and the faculty
- Build curriculum and knowledge
- Build advocacy and access

## Fellowship

Two new Fellows were admitted in March, 6 in April and 2 in May, including the award of Honorary Fellowship to Professor Henrik Kehlet at the College Ceremony in Perth. This takes the total number of admissions to 328.

### Associate Fellowship

The Board resolved to rescind FPM Regulation 3.5 Admission to Associate Fellowship by Training and Examination. It was agreed that a single registerable qualification, FPMANZCA, will be awarded to persons who meet all Faculty training and assessment criteria. A prior specialist qualification *acceptable to the Board* is one of the criteria. International Medical Graduate Specialists applying for FPM training will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine the quantum of recognition of prior learning to be credited towards the Faculty's training time requirements. Regulation 3.1.1.6 will be amended to remove reference to a requirement for an Australian or New Zealand specialist qualification acceptable to the Board.

### International Medical Graduate Specialists (IMGS)

The Board approved the formation of an FPM IMGS Working Group to review ANZCA regulation 23 with a view to adopting this regulation and to follow closely ANZCA's IMGS assessment processes adapted to pain medicine as the subject matter. The FPM working group will include representation from the ANZCA IMGS Committee and Manager IMGS and Accreditation. The Board resolved that FPM IMGS assessment fees will be in alignment with ANZCAs.

### Relationships

#### *ANZCA*

The following Fellows were nominated to represent the Faculty on ANZCA Committees:

Examinations Committee/Chair Examinations	Dr Meredith Craigie
Primary Examination Sub-Committee/Chair Examinations	Dr Meredith Craigie
Final Examination Sub-Committee/Chair Examinations	Dr Meredith Craigie
Education and Training Committee/Chair Education Committee	Prof Ted Shipton
Research Committee/Chair Research	Dr Chris Hayes
Fellowship Affairs Committee/ASM Officer	Dr Penny Briscoe
IMGS Committee/Assessor	Dr Frank New
Quality and Safety Committee	Dr Jane Trinca
Overseas Aid Committee	A/Prof Roger Goucke
Training Accreditation Committee	Dr Melissa Viney
ANZCA Trials Group Executive	Prof Stephan Schug
ANZCA Terms of Reference Working Group	Dr Penny Briscoe/Prof Ted Shipton

Representation on ANZCA Regional Committees is to be confirmed following consultation with Regional Chairs.

#### *RACGP*

A steering group meeting for the joint FPM/RACGP GP online learning project was held on 27 April 2012 in Sydney. Following development of the online content involving a number of Fellows, the project has now entered the review process and remains on track for a launch of a module at the FPM Spring Meeting in Coolool on 29 September and the full Active Learning Module at the GP12 meeting on 26 October.

#### *APS/NZPS/FPM/ANZCA Boards Breakfast Meeting*

Faculty representatives attended an informal Combined Boards Breakfast Meeting during the Australian Pain Society ASM which brought together key representatives of the Australian Pain Society, New Zealand Pain Society, PainAustralia, FPM and ANZCA. A further meeting of the group will be convened later in the year to discuss opportunities for closer collaboration to achieve the next steps to implement the National Pain Strategy.

### Education

#### *FPM Curriculum revision*

During April and May, research was done into educational approaches used by fields relevant to pain medicine. The findings of the research and a second version of the proposed curriculum framework were presented to members of the Curriculum Revision Sub-committee in a workshop in Perth on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Two current trainees have joined the sub-committee

and were present at the workshop. The latest version of the proposed framework includes two streams of learning and assessment: Stream A – Understanding of theory and Stream B – Clinical skills development. Additional workshops are planned throughout the year. Implementation of the new curriculum is planned for 2015.

#### *Retrospective credit of prior training*

The Board approved the establishment of a working party to develop criteria upon which to base decisions regarding the awarding of retrospective credit for prior training and experience in a manner that is reliable, available to relevant stakeholders, and based on the current understanding of the requirements of a specialist pain medicine physician. There will be collaboration with the planned IMGS Working Group.

#### Training unit accreditation

The Gold Coast Interdisciplinary Persistent Pain Centre has been accredited for pain medicine training. Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Royal Children's Hospital and Flinders Medical Centre have been re-accredited.

The Board approved the revised Faculty professional document PM2 (2012) *Guidelines for units offering training in multidisciplinary pain medicine*. The revised document includes criteria for Tier 2 accreditation for units deemed by the Faculty Training Unit Accreditation Committee to have significant strengths in some areas of Pain Medicine practice, but not the breadth of practice required to satisfactorily meet the requirements of a comprehensive (Tier 1) Training Facility (as stipulated in PM2).

#### Continuing Professional Development

##### *2012 ASM and Refresher Course Day - Perth*

The Faculty's Refresher Course Day and ASM programs were a great success. The Refresher Course attracted more than 130 delegates and strong support from healthcare industry sponsors and exhibitors. The program provided insights into the importance of outcome measurement in pain management. The day was completed with a dinner at the Old Brewery overlooking the magnificent Swan River. Media coverage of was widespread and the ASM e-newsletter was well received. Thanks go to all who contributed in bringing this event to fruition.

The Best Free Paper Award was awarded to Dr Sarika Kumar for her paper titled "Total and free ropivacaine drug levels during continuous Transversus Abdominis Plane (TAP) block for postoperative analgesia after abdominal surgery: A pilot study".

The Dean's Prize was not awarded.

##### *2014 ASM and Refresher Course Day - Singapore*

Following the change of venue from Sydney to Singapore, the Faculty has appointed a Co-FPM Scientific Convenor, Dr Kian Hian Tan (Singapore) to work with Dr Lewis Holford. The Faculty is investigating potential venues for the Refresher Course Day in Singapore and opportunities for collaboration with the RACS Pain Medicine Section.

#### Professional

##### *Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Centre (ePPOC)*

The project to develop a national benchmarking system for Chronic Pain has now been provisionally titled 'Electronic Persistent Pain Outcome Centre' (ePPOC). Development is planned in three stages; a funded planning stage; an initial pilot; larger roll out. Stage one is aimed at developing a sustainable business model for ePPOC. Once an approved business plan is developed and a funding module is secured, a pilot roll out involving six to eight centres is anticipated. This will enable initial implementation and system development. Once the benchmarking system is refined, a larger roll out will be launched.

### Submissions

The Faculty's submission to the Australian Medical Council for ongoing accreditation was submitted March 2012 and can be viewed on the FPM Website at <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/communications/accreditation-submissions>.

The Faculty has recently contributed to the following submissions which can be viewed at <http://www.anzca.edu.au/communications/submissions/government-submissions-2012>.

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- Health Workforce Principal Committee – Development of national criteria under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) – April 2012
- Medical Board of Australia – Consultation on the Board funding external doctors' health programs – April 2012
- Department of Health and Ageing – Evidence requirements for assessment of applications for the prostheses list: A discussion paper – February 2012
- Deputy Director General, Governance, Workforce and Corporate – Request for information to support NSW medical specialist modelling – March 2012

### Finance

At the end of April, the Faculty remained in a positive position against budget.

### 2012 Calendar

Dates for future Board meetings:

13 August (Melbourne)  
29 October (Melbourne)