

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on 24 October 2013.

The FPM Board met on 24 October 2013.

Dr Jordan Wood, FANZCA, FPPMANZCA met with the Board as a New Fellow Representative. Dr Wood is a specialist in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine, with accredited positions at The Sydney Children's Hospital and The Prince of Wales Private Hospital. Dr Wood is also a conjoint Associate Lecturer at The University of New South Wales with research interest in paediatric pain and decision making in multidisciplinary care. Dr Wood is involved in programs providing medical support to third world countries.

2014 FPM Board meeting dates have been confirmed.

Board deadline for papers

(midday) 3 February 2014
(midday) 17 April 2014
(midday) 17 April 2014
(midday) 24 June 2014
(midday) 21 August 2014

Board meeting dates

17 February 2014
3 May 2014 (Singapore)
6 May 2014 (NEW Board Singapore)
7 July 2014
4 September 2014 (Sydney)

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate Affairs

Accommodation review: The ANZCA CEO, Ms Linda Sorrell, updated Board on the Strategic Accommodation Review and will continue to facilitate ongoing dialogue on the relocation of the Faculty to ANZCA House.

2013 Business Plan: The Faculty is making excellent progress against key initiatives, including progress of the Curriculum Redesign Project, the electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration, expanding the content and accessibility of the FPM On-line Education initiative and the FPM Pain Device Implant Registry. Advocacy for increased funding for pain medicine training positions has resulted in additional funding through the Specialist Training Program and Training More Specialist doctors in Tasmanian initiative.

2014 Business Plan: Board approved the 2014 Business Plan which continues to reflect the strategic priorities and objectives of the 2013-2017 FPM Strategic Plan.

2014 Board Election: Nomination forms for election to the Faculty Board will be circulated in November. There will be three vacancies. In accordance with Faculty regulations, at least one of these vacancies must be filled by a Faculty Fellow with FANZCA. The remaining two vacancies may be filled by any Faculty Fellow.

FPM Policy on Privileges of current and past Board members: The policy was accepted for promulgation.

New Zealand National Committee: The Board approved the terms of reference of the New Zealand National Committee.

PM2 Guidelines for Units Offering Training in Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine: Board approved amendments to *PM2: Guidelines for Units Offering Training in Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine*.

Assessor

New Fellows: The following are congratulated on their admission to FPM Fellowship.

Renuka MENDONCA	NSW
Karin JONES	VIC
Palanisamy VIJAYANAND	QLD
Angela CHIA	VIC

Resources

2013 Budget: The Faculty was in a positive position against budget at the end of the third quarter.

Pain Medicine Journal: The editor of the *Pain Medicine* journal has approached the Faculty to request a quarterly message to be included in the Journal.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Supervisor of Training ratification: The following were appointed as Supervisor of Training:

Dr Andrew Muir was appointed supervisor of training for the Melbourne Pain Group, Victoria.

Dr Teik Tay was appointed Supervisor of Training at the Prince of Wales Hospital & Community Health Services Pain Management Unit, NSW.

Dr Aman Ahuja was appointed Supervisor of Training at the North Queensland Persistent Pain Management Service, Townsville.

FPM Online Pain Management Education Program: The Faculty aims to progress this initiative. Hosting the education modules on a new learning platform within the College will make the education more accessible to the broader medical community, including allied health and primary health care professionals. The longer term plans of the Faculty provide for further review and expansion of content to ensure it remains up to date and relevant.

Curriculum Redesign Project: Board reviewed and accepted modifications to the CRP program structure. Current formative and summative assessment processes are under review. Further information on this project can be found at <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/resources/learning/fpm-curriculum-redesign-project>

Examination

Examiner Terms of Reference: Examiner Terms of Reference were accepted for promulgation.

Examiner appointments: The following were appointed as examiners for a period of three years:

Dr Kian Hain Tan, FANZCA

Dr Steven Faux, FAFRM (RACP)

Dr Glen Sheh, FAFRM (RACP)

Examiner re-appointments: The following were re-appointed as examiners for a period of three years:

Dr Charles Brooker, FANZCA

Dr Wilbur Chan, FAFRM (RACP)

Associate Professor Greta Palmer, FANZCA

Dr Marc Russo, FANZCA

Professor Ted Shipton, FANZCA

Dr Eric Visser, FANZCA

2013 Examination: The written examination will be held on 8 November 2013 in the regions including Hong Kong and Singapore. The clinical examination will be held from 23-24 November at the Geelong Hospital, Victoria. Registrations closed on Monday 23rd September. Thirty three candidates have registered to sit the exam.

Continuing Professional Development

Advancing CPD Project: ANZCA and FPM's continuing professional development (CPD) program has been revised to align with modern developments in CPD and in response to the changing medical regulatory environment facing specialist anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians. The Advancing CPD Project was established to review the CPD program to ensure it meets these requirements and that activity entry is easy, automated where possible, and available on any device. FPM CPD Officer, Dr Penny Briscoe and FPM CPD Chair, Dr Michael Vagg have been involved in the development of the program.

Further information is available on the website at <http://www.anzca.edu.au/fellows/continuing-professional-development/advancing-cpd-project-2013>

Scientific Meetings

2013 Spring Meeting

The Faculty's Spring Meeting "Internal pain is eternal pain" was held from October 25-27 at the Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay.

More than 120 delegates attended the meeting, showing great enthusiasm for presentations and discussions. Three major sponsors and five exhibitors held booths and displays. The meeting theme attracted delegates from a range of background specialties including obstetricians and gynaecologists. Guest dinner speaker was Jim Hearn, a researcher, writer, chef and reformed drug addict. He spoke about his own experience of "functioning" opiate addiction and the human desire to numb pain before reading from his successful novel "River Street".

2014 ASM & FPM Refresher Course Day – 5-9 May 2014

Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. ANZCA/FPM ASM co-located with RACS. Theme "working together with our patients". Scientific Convenor, Dr Lewis Holford. Professor Audun Stubhaug was confirmed as the FPM ASM Visitor for the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting.

2014 Spring Meeting – Blue Mountains

Theme "paediatric pain and the transition to adulthood and rural delivery of pain services". Scientific Convenor: Dr Matthew Crawford.

Research

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): The ePPOC pilot has commenced in a majority of the eleven sites across New South Wales, including three paediatric services. Eleven services in Victoria, five services in Queensland, two sites in New Zealand and the Royal Perth Hospital, WA, have expressed interest. EpiCentre software has been released, with an updated version due on 25 October 2013. The development of supporting documentation for the epiCentre software is in development.

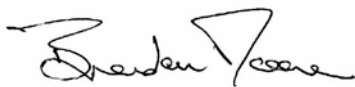
Pain Device Implant Registry: In line with the Faculty's strategic objective "to support research that adds to the evidence-base for pain medicine" a forum was held on September 9 at ANZCA House to present the Pain Device Implant Registry Business Plan to key representatives from industry and the government. The forum was well attended and the business plan was viewed positively. It is proposed that a steering committee, including representation from the groups who attended, will be formed to advance a four year pilot project. It is proposed that Dr Heather Wellington, will work with the Faculty to develop the registry. Dr Wellington is a solicitor, from legal firm DLA Piper, who chaired the two recent, significant, Government Impact Statements on Implant Registries.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Submissions: The Faculty contributed to a discussion paper from ACT Health: Options for Controlled Medicine Prescribing in the ACT.

Painaustralia: A 'campaign for pain' website will be launched. Support for the campaign was received from the Australian Pain Society, Pain Management Research Institute, Australian Pain Management Association, Chronic Pain Australia, Australian Medicare Locals Alliance, Consumers Health Forum, National Rural Health Alliance, Pharmacy Guild, Pharmaceutical Society, Australia Self Medication Industry, Arthritis ACT and Victoria, Palliative Care Australia.



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