

Report following the Board meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine held on 17 August 2013.

The FPM Board met on 17 August 2013.

Honours and Awards: The Queen's Birthday Honours List recognised Dr Frank Xavier Moloney (NSW), ANZCA Councillor, Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for significant services to medicine, particularly in anaesthesia
Professor Nikolai Bogduk NSW), FPMANZCA, Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant services to medical research and education, particularly in the specialties of anatomy, spinal health and chronic pain management

The Board also noted with pleasure the appointment of Professor Milton Cohen as a full conjoint professor to the University of New South Wales Faculty of Medicine.

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.

Committee appointments: Subsequent to a revised governance arrangement for the Curriculum Redesign Project, Dr Meredith Craigie stepped down as Chair of the Education Committee to assume a central role as Chair of the Curriculum Redesign Steering Group. Professor Ted Shipton was appointed Chair of the Education Committee and Chair of the Curriculum Redesign Governance Group.

New Fellows Conference 2014: Dr Melissa Viney (VIC) was appointed as the Board Representative to the 2014 New Fellows Conference in Singapore.

Assessor

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

Chu Kai LAI	Hong Kong
Laurent WALLACE	NSW

Yin Yee LEUNG	Hong Kong
Daniel BERGE	QLD
Sunny LEE	VIC
Safa HAMZA	VIC
Aarathi VASKA	VIC

International Medical Graduate Specialists (IMGS): The Board approved the membership of the FPM IMGS Committee and the appointment of an IMGS interview panel.

Admission to Fellowship by Assessment: Board approved an addition to the regulations for Admission to Fellowship by Assessment.

Training Unit Accreditation: The Hunter Integrated Pain Service was re-accredited for pain medicine training.

Resources

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

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Education

Education Committee Membership: Board approved the appointment of Professor Edward (Ted) Shipton as Chair of the Education Committee.

Supervisor of Training ratification: Dr Richard Talbot was appointed supervisor of training for the Geelong Hospital, Pain Management Unit, Victoria.

Supervisor of Training re-appointments: The following were re-appointed as FPM supervisors of training for a further three years:

Dr Faiz Noore, Nepean Hospital, NSW

Dr Paul Wrigley, Royal North Shore Hospital

Dr Payam (Max) Majedi, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, WA.

Exit Questionnaire: Board approved a revised Exit Questionnaire and an amendment to FPM Regulation 3.1.3.3 so that a completed Exit Questionnaire for each individual unit at which the trainee has undertaken training toward the structured training period must be submitted to obtain Fellowship by Training and Examination.

In-training Assessment Form: Board approved a revised In-Training Assessment form which was updated to include Tier 2 units.

FPM Online Pain Management Education Program: The Faculty aims to progress the Online Pain Management Education Initiative. Housing the education modules on a new learning platform at ANZCA 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.

The benefits of the extended program include; a broader reach for learning as members of the medical, or allied health, groups can potentially access the program via arrangements with their own peak professional body's online learning systems; provision of the latest learning in pain management, content revision can be made in one centralized location and users will have access to expanded content as it is developed. The program will be overseen by a working group of the Education Committee of the Faculty.

In August, as a result of the advocacy of PainAustralia and the Hon Tanya Plibersek, then Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, the Department of Health and Ageing has provided funding to advance pain medicine education. Australian Medicare Locals Alliance (AMLA) will facilitate the funding. The Faculty expects to receive funds toward the development of the Online Pain Management Education Program. A contract is currently under negotiation with the AMLA. Letters of thanks have been sent to PainAustralia and former Minister Tanya Plibersek.

Curriculum Redesign Project: Subsequent to an interim analysis of the FPM Curriculum Redesign Project conducted by consultants MetaPM, the Board approved a revised governance structure and terms of reference for the Project Governance Group and the Project Steering Group. A re-plan with revised scope, timeline, resource requirements and budget was presented for review and was approved. Project management capacity and capability has been strengthened. ANZCA's Strategic Project Office will now be accountable for the curriculum redesign's project management support. Further information on this project can be found at <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/resources/learning/fpm-curriculum-redesign-project>

Examination

Pre-Examination Short Course: The course was held from 13-15 September 2013 in Brisbane with 28 candidates registered. Sincere appreciation goes to the conveners Dr Frank Thomas and Dr Richard Pendleton for the coordination of this successful course.

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>

At the August meeting, Board endorsed the principle that FPM Fellows should undertake CPD that is at least comparable in nature and standard to the ANZCA CPD Program, and which includes a substantial commitment to pain medicine CPD. The Board endorsed the principle that the current ANZCA CPD project should continue to be shaped with input from FPM Fellows.

Tools to support Fellows completing their CPD activities are being developed. Non-FANZCA FPM Fellows should note that consideration of requirements to meet their full CPD needs continue under active discussion.

Scientific Meetings

Best Free Paper Award: To further raise the profile of this award, Board approved the presentation of a monetary prize of \$500.00 to the winner of the Best Free Paper Award during the ASM.

2013 Spring Meeting – 25-27 October 2013

Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay. Theme “Internal Pain is not Eternal Pain” Scientific Convenor, Dr Michael Vagg. Registration brochures have been circulated with early bird registration closing on 30 September.

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.

2014 Spring Meeting – Blue Mountains

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

2015 ASM & FPM Refresher Course Day, Adelaide

Professor Irene Tracey (UK) and Dr David Lussier (Canada) were confirmed as the FPM ASM Visitor and the FPM South Australian Visitor respectively.

2016 ASM & FPM Refresher Course Day – Auckland

Dr Jane Thomas has been confirmed as the Scientific Convenor.

Research

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): The ePPOC pilot commenced on 16 August 2013 in a staged implementation at eleven sites across New South Wales. Additional sites in Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand have also expressed interest and will be involved in the early implementation. A [media release](#) was circulated on 20 August 2013. As the project expands, the Faculty will maintain its pivotal role through representation on the National Reference Group which will oversee ePPOC for the first 12 months, and subsequently on the Management Advisory Board or Clinical and Scientific Advisory Committee.

Pain Device Implant Registry: A high level business plan for seeking 4 year industry funded support for this Faculty initiative was presented at a forum of key stakeholders including industry, Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) at ANZCA House on 9 September 2013. There was strong support for this initiative with an appropriate governance structure. The Faculty now intends to plan and sequence the actions needed to progress this initiative as a matter of priority.

Publications

Acute Pain Management Scientific Evidence 4th edition: Board approved a working group, terms of reference and business plan for the Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence 4th edition. It is anticipated that the publication will be launched at the 2015 ASM.

Relationships

Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine: The AFRM 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting will take place in Sydney from the 17-20 September 2013. There is a strong pain presence in the program. A half day workshop will be held on running pain programs.

Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine: The Board noted the President's May 2013 Communiqué.

Professional

Submissions: The Faculty contributed to the joint ANZCA/FPM Good Medical Practice: A Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia (May 2013), the RANZCOG accreditation assessment (July 2013), Consultation on the HWA International Medical Graduate Orientation and Supervision Discussion Paper (August 2013).

Essential Pain Management: The Board noted A/Prof Roger Goucke successful funding application to Perpetual Limited.

National Pain Strategy: A report from the ACI NSW showed significant achievement over the year, with new clinics established in Orange, Tamworth and Port Macquarie. A new private clinic has been established in Brisbane.



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