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Seasons greetings

The Faculty would like to send best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and a thank you to the many Fellows who have contributed through their participation in Faculty activities during this very busy year.



FPM Board update

2013 FPM Board meeting dates

The following dates have been confirmed for the 2013 FPM Board meetings:

February 25

May 2

May 5 – new board meeting

August 17

October 24

2013 board election

Nomination forms for 2013 board election have been circulated for one vacancy on the FPM Board. As the RANZCP board member is not standing for re-election this vacancy must be filled by a nominee holding fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. In accordance with regulation 1.1.5, if more than one such Fellow is nominated, an election will be held. Each nomination must be signed by two Fellows of the Faculty and the nominee. Nominations close on February 1.

Relationships

Painaustralia

The latest Painaustralia e-newsletter is now available.

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working to prevent and manage pain

Australian Pain Society

Please [click here](#) to view the latest Australian Pain Society newsletter.

Trigeminal Neuralgia Association of Australia

Please [click here](#) to view the latest Trigeminal Neuralgia Association of Australia newsletter.

STP application round opening early 2013

The Commonwealth Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) has indicated that there may be a call for applications for funding to establish new vocational training posts through the Specialist Training Program (STP) 2014 application round, in early 2013. Priority areas are currently being reviewed and finalised.

The STP has been designed to provide opportunities for medical specialist trainees to rotate through an expanded range of settings beyond traditional public teaching hospitals, to work towards obtaining fellowship with a recognised specialist medical college.

Application requirements have not yet been released. However, given the limited time frame that DoHA provides for submitting applications for STP funding, ANZCA and the FPM are providing advanced notice to health services to enable preliminary discussions with ANZCA to be initiated. ANZCA manages the application process for pain medicine positions on behalf of the Faculty.

It is anticipated that priority areas may again include:

- Private health sector.
- Regional, rural and remote areas located in Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Areas (RA) 2-5.
- Non-hospital settings including aged care, community health and Aboriginal medical services.

In the last application round, eight posts out of 23 applications for anaesthesia and pain medicine were selected for Commonwealth funding at approximately \$100,000 per post.

Application forms will be available in early 2013. However, given the short turnaround time generally provided by DoHA to submit applications, anyone interested in developing an application for funding is encouraged to commence the processes as soon as possible.

Please [click here](#) to access additional information. For further enquiries relating to the STP, please contact [Donna Fahie](#) (Manager, STP) on (03) 9093 4953.

Curriculum redesign project

During November and December, members of the Project Steering Group have been involved in the scripting and filming of videos, which will inform the fellowship about the new curriculum framework and program that will be introduced. The videos and the program overview document will be available from the FPM website, just prior to Christmas.

A consultation process will occur with the fellowship, in relation to the new curriculum framework and program, from late January to mid-February. This process will involve a range of webinars (some for specific stakeholder groups) and a special regional face-to-face meeting in each major city across Australia and New Zealand. A schedule for the webinars and special regional meetings will be published in early January.

Following the consultation process, the curriculum framework and program will be fine-tuned.

2012 examination

The 2012 Faculty of Pain Medicine examination was



held during November 23-25 at the Starship Children's Health and Auckland City Hospital, Auckland. Twenty-eight candidates sat the exam. Twenty-two were successful. The Barbara Walker Prize for Excellence in the Pain Medicine Examination was awarded to Dr Meena Mittal (Vic). A merit award went to Dr Laurent Wallace (NSW). Award winners pictured right with Chair of examinations, Dr Meredith Craigie.



2013 examination

Trainees are advised that in 2013 the written component of the examination will be held two weeks prior to the clinical. Exact dates and details will be advised in early 2013.

Clinical case study guidelines

The case report that is required to be completed by all trainees before gaining their fellowship has undergone extensive review and revision over the last two years. Some aspects of the previous process have been retained and others changed. The case report will now be known as the clinical case study. The aim of the clinical case study is to assist trainee development of the knowledge, skills and attitudes expected of specialist pain medicine physicians. The process will include both formative and summative assessment.

There are two new documents available on the FPM website that outline the process recommended for the development, submission and assessment of the clinical case study. The first document, entitled "[FPM clinical case study submission](#)" outlines the process recommended for developing the case study as well as the submission process. The second document is the "[FPM clinical case study assessment](#)" form that the assessors will be using to assess the case study and provide structured feedback to trainees to enable further refinement of the case study should it not meet the standard required. The goals and the assessment process of the clinical case study are clearly outlined in these documents. All clinical case studies submitted forthwith will be assessed by the criteria set out in the FPM clinical case study assessment form.

The clinical case study will be retained in the new curriculum because it address the roles of professional, scholar, communicator and clinician, all important roles of a specialist pain medicine physician that are not well-covered by other elements of the pain medicine training program.

Any queries about the requirements or submission process can be directed to [Ms Penny McNair](#).

Fellowship affairs

New Fellows:

By examination:

Dr Tipu Aamir, MRCPsych, NZ

Dr Jayne Berryman, FANZCA, QLD

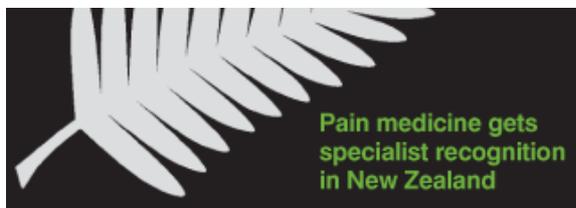
Dr Jenny Jin, FAFRM (RACP), NSW

FPM in New Zealand

With accreditation of pain medicine as a specialty in



New Zealand, the Faculty and ANZCA's New Zealand office will now plan for a more formal FPM presence in New Zealand. This will include establishing a small FPM New Zealand National Committee that can act as the branch advisory body to the Medical Council of New Zealand as well as handle training location and international medical graduate assessments, examinations and other such matters.



Quality and safety

Morphine sulfate supply alert

Hospira, the sole supplier of preservative-free morphine sulfate 10mg/ml to Australia, has notified there will be a supply shortage until mid-2013.

The shortage of this drug is due to a delay in stock delivery as a consequence of an upgrade at the packaging facility of the European supplier.

The current preservative-free DBLTM Morphine Sulfate Injection BP10mg/ml is the only presentation approved for epidural and intrathecal use. Hospira also produces 5mg/ml, 15mg/ml and 30mg/ml morphine sulfate ampoules.

Hospira is working with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and has sourced an alternative product which is expected to be available in January 2013. This alternative product contains a preservative and thus cannot be used for epidural or intrathecal administration. However it is safe for use via intravenous, intramuscular and subcutaneous routes. Hospira has recommended that hospitals reserve some stock of DBL Morphine Sulfate Injection 10mg/ml specifically for epidural and intrathecal administration.

A web statement from the [TGA](#) will be issued prior to supply of the alternative product in order to provide a single source of information for health professionals.

Research

National Health and Medical Research Council funding (NHMRC)

The NHMRC 2012-2013 funding calendar is now available. Applications for project grants are now open.

New Churchill Fellowship round open

Applications are open for the 2013 round of the \$25,000 Churchill Fellowship, which offers successful applicants the opportunity to undertake research projects overseas. The closing date is February 20, 2013

Research grants for 2014

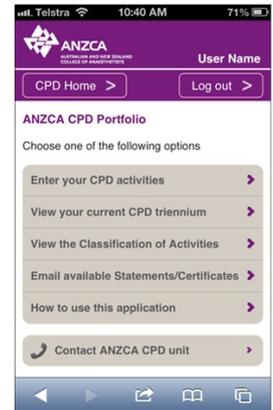
Applications for the Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine Foundation's 2014 Research Project Grants, Novice Investigator Grants, Academic Enhancement Grants and Simulation/Education Grants close on April 1, 2013 at 5pm. Application forms and guides to applicants are now available on the [ANZCA website](#). For any inquiries regarding the grants and to obtain a RegKey please contact [Susan Collins](#), ANZCA's Research and Administration Co-ordinator.

Continuing Professional Development

CPD for smartphones

Faculty Fellows enrolled in the ANZCA/FPM CPD Program can now access their ANZCA CPD portfolio using their smartphones. This function has been developed based on Fellows' feedback and is available for use on android and iPhone devices.

Key features include: automated classification of common activities; the capacity to add activities on the go; the ability to email statements and certificates; and the ability to track current progress.



To access CPD on your smartphone, go to the ANZCA website using your smartphone, choose "ANZCA applications" then log in using your existing ANZCA username and password. For future convenience, you can bookmark this page on your smartphone. Once logged in, select "CPD portfolio". Further information can be found [here](#). Please email cpd@anzca.edu.au if you need any further help.

Meetings and events

Faculty events

FPM CME meeting

November 19, 2012 – South Australian Regional Office

For further information, please contact [Michelle Gully](#)



[2013 Melbourne Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

"Supersition Dogma and Science"

The 2013 ANZCA/FPM Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from May 4-8. The theme is an opportunity for each of us to critically question the basis for our clinical decisions – superstition, dogma or science? The focus will be on pragmatic aspects of anaesthesia and pain medicine practice.

[2013 ASM Call for Abstracts](#)

Abstract submissions are now open. All authors are requested to submit their abstracts in electronic format online at www.anzca2013.com by 5pm (AEST) on February 8, 2013. To ensure abstracts are included in the final program, please register for the ASM 2012 by March 4, 2013 (close of early-bird registrations).

[2013 Refresher Course Day and Faculty Dinner](#)

"Selling pain science – communication and cultural competition"

The 2013 FPM Refresher Course Day and Faculty dinner will be held on May 3, 2013, in conjunction with the 2013 ANZCA/FPM ASM in Melbourne. Speakers include international guests Professor Edzard Ernst (UK) and Professor Fabrizio Benedetti (Italy) complemented by speakers from medical and non-medical backgrounds with expertise in all facets of communication.

The annual dinner will be held at Eureka 89, Southbank which offers extraordinary views of

Melbourne.

2013 Spring Meeting

October 25-27, 2013

Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay, is confirmed as the venue for the 2013 Spring Meeting. The meeting will be convened by Dr Michael Vagg with a theme to coincide with the IASP Global Year Against Visceral Pain with an emphasis on gynaecological/pelvic pain.

Participating colleges' annual scientific meetings:

RACS Annual Scientific Congress 2013

May 6–10, 2013 - Sky City/Crown Plaza, Auckland, New Zealand.

Further information to be released shortly.

RACP Future Directions in Health Congress 2013

May 26-29, 2013 - Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, Western Australia

AFRM 2013 ASM

“Time to move”

September 18-20, 2013 - Sydney

RANZCP 2013 Congress

“Achievements and Aspirations”

May 26-30, 2013 - Sydney Convention Centre, Sydney

External events

Australian Pain Society 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting

March 17-20, 2013 – Canberra, ACT

“Persistent Pain - a national challenge”



For further information, [click here](#)

New Zealand Pain Society 38th annual scientific meeting

April 18-21, 2013 - Hamilton, New Zealand.

“Acutely chronic: Chronically acute”

International conferences

International Symposium on Spine and Paravertebral Sonography for Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine

April 5-7, 2013 – Hong Kong

5th Association of South-East Asian Pain Societies Conference

“Pain: The unseen disease”

April 28–May 5, 2013 - Singapore

International Conference on Opioids

June 9-11, 2013 – Boston, USA



5th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain
June 17-20 2013 | Stockholm Sweden

9th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain

June 17-20, 2013 - Stockholm, Sweden

Courses, workshops and podcasts

Educational podcasts - call for presenters and topics

The FPM would like to hear from you to know which subject areas would really benefit you as we continue to expand the series of podcasts.



If you know specialists who are experts in the field and you have missed the opportunity to hear their presentations, or you have heard keynote presenters and think your fellow trainee colleagues would benefit from hearing their presentations as podcasts, please do contact us so that we can tailor resources to your needs.

To volunteer to present a podcast, please [contact us](#).

[Click here](#) to view FPM podcasts.

Pain medicine in the media

2012

November 2 - [Recognition of pain medicine as a specialty in New Zealand](#)

October 26 - [Medical experts seek consensus on opioid prescribing](#)

October 25 - [Millions to benefit from Australian first pain management solution](#)

October 15 - [Pelvic Pain: the last of the modern taboos](#)

September 30 - [Urine and drug screening proposed for chronic pain patients](#)

September 27 - [Children with chronic pain miss out on services](#)

August 27 - [Do redheads feel more pain?](#)

Library

Understanding Pain by Fernando Cervero

Please [click here](#) to read a review of this publication.

Research misconduct

Following the recent cases of research misconduct involving Fujii and Boldt, and on which Anaesthesia has published several papers, a new special collections gathering these all together has been published.

Guidelines

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) and other groups regularly publish guidelines to help provide direction and support to anaesthetists. This new special collections groups together research guidelines published in the journal and on other relevant websites into one place.

Why decision-makers do not always use the evidence...

Wallace J, Nwosu B, Clarke M. Barriers to the uptake of evidence from systematic reviews and meta-analyses: a systematic review of decision makers' perceptions. *BMJ Open*. 2012;2(5).

This systematic review reveals that strategies to improve the uptake of evidence from reviews

and meta-analyses will need to overcome a wide variety of obstacles. This review describes the reasons why knowledge users, especially physicians, do not call on systematic reviews. This study can inform future approaches to enhancing systematic review uptake and also suggests potential avenues for future investigation.

New books

[Pain 2012 : Refresher Courses: 14th World Congress on Pain](#) / Tracey, Irene [ed]. / IASP Scientific Program Committee. -- Seattle: IASP, 2012.

[Atlas of airway management: techniques and tools](#) / Orebaugh, Steven L; Bigeleisen, Paul E. -- 2nd ed -- Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, 2012.

FPM Published Research

Articles can be accessed through the ANZCA [Library online journal list](#).

Schug SA. Acute pain management in the opioid-tolerant patient. *Pain Management*. 2012 2012/11/01;2(6):581-591.

Stacy J, Frawley H, Powell G, Goucke R, Pavy T. Persistent pelvic pain: Rising to the challenge. *Aust N Z J Obstet Gynaecol*. 2012 Dec;52(6):502-507.

Evans SF. Chronic pelvic pain in Australia and New Zealand. *Aust N Z J Obstet Gynaecol*. 2012 Dec;52(6):499-501.

Latest pain research

Articles can be accessed through the ANZCA [Library online journal list](#).

Kassab M, Foster Jann P, Foureur M, Fowler C. [Sweet-tasting solutions for needle-related procedural pain in infants one month to one year of age](#). *Cochrane Database Syst Rev*. 2012; (12): CD008411.

Neely GG, Rao S, Costigan M, Mair N, Racz I, Milinkeviciute G, et al. [Construction of a Global Pain Systems Network Highlights Phospholipid Signaling as a Regulator of Heat Nociception](#). *PLoS Genet*. 2012;8(12):e1003071.

Doherty S, Knott J, Bennetts S, Jazayeri M, Huckson S. [National project seeking to improve pain management in the emergency department setting: Findings from the NHMRC-NICS National Pain Management Initiative](#). *Emergency Medicine Australasia*. 2013:n/a-n/a.

Kanazi GE, El-Khatib MF, Yazbeck-Karam VG, Hanna JE, Masri B, Aouad MT. Effect of vitamin C on morphine use after laparoscopic cholecystectomy: a randomized controlled trial. *Can J Anaesth*. 2012 Jun;59(6):538-543.

Gatti A, Lazzari M, Gianfelice V, Di Paolo A, Sabato E, Sabato AF. Palmitoylethanolamide in the treatment of chronic pain caused by different etiopathogenesis. *Pain Med*. 2012 Sep;13(9):1121-1130.

The ANZCA Library staff are available to provide advice on searching the various databases and other tips and tricks on finding the information you need quickly and effectively. Contact the [ANZCA Library](#).

Positions Vacant

Please contact the [Faculty](#) to advertise your position in Synapse.

Faculty Christmas closure

A reminder that ANZCA and FPM will be closed from Monday December 24, 2012, reopening on Wednesday January 2, 2013

Further ANZCA news

Please [click here](#) to view the ANZCA E-Newsletter

Synapse

We look forward to receiving your contributions which should be directed to the Faculty office.

Email jstephens@anzca.edu.au.

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