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### New FPM website URL

The new ANZCA and FPM websites went live on September 11 and the Faculty now has its own website, its own landing page and improved navigation options.

Please ensure that you are using the new version of the website to avoid broken links or missing documents and remember to update bookmarks in your browser to the new URL: [www.fpm.anzca.edu.au](http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au)



### Faculty Board

The Faculty Board will next meet on 21 November 2011.

Previous Board reports are available for viewing on the Faculty [website](#).

### Relationships

#### **Painaustralia**

The first meeting of Painaustralia, hosted by the NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research, Jillian Skinner, was held at Parliament House, Canberra, on October 20. The Chair of Painaustralia, James Strong, addressed the meeting on the activities of Painaustralia since its incorporation in November 2010 and its immediate goals for the future. Representatives from NSW, Queensland and Western Australia also addressed the meeting, outlining developments in each state. [Click here](#) to view the media release.



[Click here](#) to view the latest Painaustralia newsletter.

#### **National Pain Week – July 2012**

A National Pain Week is proposed for July 2012 to highlight the national need for improved knowledge about chronic pain and better access to pain services. The inaugural awareness-raising initiative was conducted by Chronic Pain Australia in 2011. Painaustralia is forming a national organising committee to help develop a national program of events and media activities.



If you would like to participate in the National Pain Week Committee, please contact Painaustralia by [email](#).

#### **Global Year Against Headache**

The IASP Global Year Against Headache launched on Monday October 17. Faculty board members worked with the ANZCA Communications Unit to produce media releases for Australia and New Zealand, which generated strong media interest, including an interview on Australia's Channel 10.

[Click here](#) to view the media releases, a poster developed in collaboration with the Australian Pain Society and New Zealand Pain Society, and other resources.



#### **FPM/Royal Australian College of General Practitioners online education initiative**

The Curriculum Development Committee for this project met at ANZCA House on 14 October 2014. The outcome of this meeting was the identification of an extensive list of topics of relevance to the Faculty's education collaboration with the RACGP. Six topics have now been identified as high priority to be the subject of the first 6 modules, which will make up the complete 6 hour Active Learning Module. Each of these modules will be produced in the next 4-6 months as the first stage of this initiative.

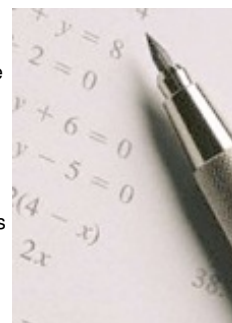
At its meeting on 27 October, the Faculty's Education Committee identified a number of Fellows to be invited to work with the RACGP to inform and produce the content of these first 6 topics. This project continues to progress on time for launch at the FPM 2012 Spring Meeting and GP12 meeting.

## Trainees

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### Pre-examination short course

The Faculty's Pre Examination Short Course was held at the ANZCA Brisbane regional office on September 23-25. The course was attended by 30 pre-registered and registered trainees of the Faculty, our highest attendance yet. The trainees gave positive feedback and we thank the convenors, Drs Frank Thomas and Richard Pendleton, as well as Michelle Cordwell and the regional staff, for organising such a well-run event.



### Registrations closed for 2011 examination

Registrations have now closed for the 2011 examination, which will be held at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital on November 25–27. A record 30 candidates have registered. Observers will attend from the UK and Ireland. Trainees who have registered to sit the examination should have received their receipt and guidance notes in the mail.

Please [contact](#) the Faculty office if you have not received this information.

### AFRM Bi-national Training

Trainees are reminded of the collaborative learning agreement between the Faculty and Australian Faculty of Rehabilitative Medicine (AFRM), allowing all FPM trainees access to AFRM's bi-national training sessions. There are no fees charged for Faculty trainees at a site where there is an AFRM trainee. For registration assistance please contact RACP Events- visit the [website](#) or [email](#) or ring +61 2 8247 6240.

### Podcasts- call for presenters and topics

Are you a trainee who is enjoying having access to e-learning resources?

The FPM Staff would be delighted 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.



**The FPM Staff would also be delighted to hear from Fellows interested in recording video podcasts on topics that are relevant to either the final or primary exam. To volunteer to present a podcast, please contact Jennah Collins via [email](#). To access current available podcasts, visit the [FPM website](#)**

## Fellowship Affairs

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### FPM Fellows win 2012 ANZCA project grants and research awards

The St Jude Medical ANZCA Research Fellowship was awarded to Dr Paul Wrigley for his project "Neurophysiological assessment of residual thermnociceptive sensation following spinal cord injury - a pilot study".

The Pfizer ANZCA Research Fellowship was awarded to Dr Philip Finch for his project "Investigating the adrenergic component of neuropathic pain".

Congratulations also go to Faculty Fellows Dr Michal Kluger, Professor Alan Merry and Professor Michael Paech who each were awarded 2012 project grants.



### New Fellows' Conference 2012

#### Team Leadership

Date: May 9-11, 2012

Venue: Seashells Caves House, Yallingup, WA

Faculty Fellows in all training regions are invited to apply for selection to attend the 2012 New Fellows Conferences in Yallingup, Western Australia. We encourage eligible Fellows to apply by the closing date of November 4.

[Click here](#) for further information.

### Advanced Teacher Course – Assessing trainees in practice: Are you effective?

Maurice Hennessy, Education, Training and Development Manager from the Educational Development Unit, will be on the road in Wellington, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Victoria throughout November and December to provide a one-day Advanced Teacher Course called: "Assessing trainees in practice: Are you effective?"

If you are interested in attending this course, please view the latest [ANZCA E-newsletter](#) for venue dates and contact details.



### Foundation Teacher Course – Sydney, November 15-17: places available

The final Foundation Teacher Course of 2011 will be held in Sydney from November 15-17, 2011. At the time of distribution there are still places available so if you applied in 2010 for a place and have expressed a continued interest, please contact us on [education@anzca.edu.au](mailto:education@anzca.edu.au) as soon as possible.

## Continuing Education and Quality Assurance

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### 2011 Spring Meeting

The FPM Spring Meeting in Canberra on October 28-30 was a great success with over 150 delegates and strong healthcare industry support. The meeting commenced with an entertaining and energetic debate that provoked discussion amongst presenters and delegates. FPM Director of Professional Affairs, Associate Professor Milton Cohen, and South Australian pain researcher, Professor Lorimer Moseley, appeared on 2UE in Sydney, 707 ABC in Sydney and 774 ABC in Melbourne to talk about aspects of pain as part of the event. Slides, abstracts and other information from the meeting will be available on the FPM website shortly.



The 2012 FPM Spring Meeting will be held from September 28 – 30 at the Hyatt Regency Coolum Resort, Sunshine Coast. We look forward to seeing you there.

### New look ANZCA/FPM CPD portfolio

Faculty Fellows participating in the ANZCA/FPM CPD Program will be interested to know of the new CPD Portfolio which will be available from November 14, 2011.

Please refer to the latest [ANZCA e-newsletter](#) for more information or contact the CPD team by [email](#), or telephone +61 3 8517 5322.

### Victorian Regional Committee CME Evening

The FPM Victorian Regional Committee invites all Victorian Fellows of the Faculty to its inaugural presentation: "Central Sensitisation – a medico-legal conundrum", on December 14 at ANZCA House: 630 St Kilda Rd Melbourne, commencing at 6.30pm and followed by Christmas drinks. Chaired by Dr Melissa Viney, speakers and discussion panel will include Associate Professor George Mendelson, Dr Carolyn Arnold, Professor Robert Helme, Professor Tissa Wijeratne, and Mr Paul Mulvany. This meeting can be claimed toward the ANZCA CPD Program for 1 credit per hour under Category 1/Level 1.

If you would like to attend, please contact Penny McNair on [pmcnair@anzca.edu.au](mailto:pmcnair@anzca.edu.au) by Friday December 9.

### 2012 Refresher Course Day and Faculty Dinner: 'Measuring Outcomes in Pain Medicine'

The 2012 FPM Refresher Course Day and Faculty Dinner will be held on May 11, 2012, in conjunction with the 2012 ANZCA/FPM Annual Scientific Meeting in Perth. Speakers include international guests Dr Daniel Bennett (USA) and Professor Henrik Kehlet (Denmark), complemented by speakers from Australia and New Zealand, and will cover a range of perspectives on outcome measurement. Registration brochures will be mailed out late this year and will be available to download from our website.



For further details [contact](#) the Faculty office.

### 2012 ANZCA & FPM Annual Scientific Meeting Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre May 12-16, 2012

Abstract submissions are now open! All authors are requested to submit their abstracts in electronic format online at [www.anzca2012.com](http://www.anzca2012.com) by 5pm (WST) on February 10, 2012. To ensure abstracts are included in the final program, please register for the ASM 2012 by March 23, 2012 (close of early-bird registrations).



For further information and regular updates, please visit the [website](#).

### ANZCA Trials Group

The ANZCA Trials Group has two sessions planned for the Perth Annual Scientific Meeting, and will also hold its annual lunchtime meeting for all interested researchers on Saturday May 12. This meeting includes allied health attendees who are involved in ANZCA Trials Group research.

The meeting provides an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow researchers and hear the latest updates and progress of existing studies. Planning is under way for the next ANZCA Trials Group Strategic Research Workshop to be held in Palm Cove from August 10-12. This meeting was a huge success in 2011 with very positive feedback on the location, venue and content.

For more information on either of these two events contact: [spoustie@anzca.edu.au](mailto:spoustie@anzca.edu.au)

## External Events

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### New Zealand Anaesthesia ASM 2011: New Horizons

Date: 2 -5 November 2011

Venue: Grand Convention Centre, Auckland  
Registrations now open online.

[Click here](#) for further information.



### Anatomy for Anaesthetists

Theme: Discipline of anatomy and histology  
Date: November 26, 2011 - 8.50am to 3.30pm  
Venue: University of Sydney, New South Wales  
Contact: Rhian Foster Phone: +61 2 9966 9085  
Email: nswevents@anzca.edu.au  
Fax: +61 2 9966 9087



[Click here](#) for further information.

**The Second Multidisciplinary Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Symposium  
on Pain Management (MSK US PM)**

Date: 10-11 December 2011 (Saturday Symposium, Sunday Hands on Workshops) Venue: Auditorium 4/F,  
Hong Kong Santorium & Hospital, 2 Village Road, Happy Valley, HK

[Click here](#) for further information.



**Australian Pain Society (APS) - 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting**

Integrated Perspectives of Pain- People, Policies, Science, Education

Date: 1 - 4 April 2012.

Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

[Click here](#) for further information.



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## Resources

**New patient section on FPM website**

The new section of the FPM website features information specifically designed for pain medicine patients and their families and carers. The new page features:

- Patient information brochures.
- Publications.
- Useful links.

Visit the patient section of the website [here](#).

**Endometriosis and pelvic pain - book and e-book**

Pelvic Pain - an E-Book for Women, Girls and Families is a new resource developed by Faculty Fellow Dr Susan Evans, and Ms Deborah Bush, endorsed by Painaustralia. Available as a free e-book download from the Faculty [website](#), or as paperback book by order.

Visit [www.drsusanevans.com](http://www.drsusanevans.com), or [www.nzendo.co.nz](http://www.nzendo.co.nz) for further information.



**The following articles may be of interest to trainees and Fellows:**

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- [“Comparative effectiveness of pain management interventions for hip fractures: A feedback-based learning activity”](#).
- [“Multidisciplinary pain programs for chronic non-cancer pain”](#).

From the Cochrane Library:

- [“Post-operative pain management”](#).
- [“Single dose oral analgesics for acute postoperative pain in adults”](#)
- [“Music interventions for improving psychological and physical outcomes in cancer patients”](#)

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## Communications

**Positions vacant**

ACT: Director of Pain Medicine- Pain Management Unit, Department of Anaesthesia & Pain Management, Surgery and Oral Health. Canberra

Hospital & Health Services.

For further information please contact [Professor Thomas Bruessel](#), or the Faculty office.

**To advertise your vacant position, please [contact us](#).**

#### **College Christmas closure**

ANZCA and the Faculty will be closed during the following days over Christmas this year.

Friday December 23: College closes at 12pm

Monday December 26: Public holiday for Christmas Day

Tuesday December 27: Public holiday for Boxing Day

Wednesday December 28: College holiday

Thursday December 29: College holiday

Friday December 30: College holiday

Monday December 2: Public holiday for New Years Day

Tuesday January 3: College opens



#### **Further College 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 [painmed@anzca.edu.au](mailto:painmed@anzca.edu.au)

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