



COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

REPORT FROM THE

CICM BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 2014

The recent College Board meeting was held on 20th November at the College Office in Melbourne.

Invited guests included ANZICS President Andrew Turner and ANZCA President Genevieve Goulding. Critical Care and Resuscitation Editor, Rinaldo Bellomo was also invited to present a report on the Journal.

WORKFORCE SUMMIT

On Wednesday 19th November the College and ANZICS held a joint summit to discuss the workforce issues facing intensive care trainees and Fellows. Participants included CICM and ANZICS Board Members, Regional Committee Chairs, the Presidents of ANZCA and ACEM and representatives from the AMC, the Commonwealth Department of Health and a legal perspective from College solicitor (and Chair of AHPRA) Michael Gorton. The day was very successful and generated a lot of interesting discussions. A full report will be sent to all Fellows and trainees and an article will be included in an upcoming edition of CC&R.

AMC REVIEW

In 2015 the College will be undergoing our five year AMC review. The review will involve an extensive written submission covering the nine standards set out by the Council and interviews with the Board, supervisors and trainees in the middle of the year.

CRITICAL CARE AND RESUSCITATION

The Editor of the College's scientific journal CC&R, Rinaldo Bellomo, attended the Board meeting and reported that after another successful year the journal now has an impact factor of 2.5 and is ranked number 18 in the world for critical care journals. The Board congratulated Rinaldo on the outstanding success and development of the journal. The transition to the online submission software has proved to be successful and submissions have increased. As the submissions are increasing, the College will begin investigating increasing the publication to bi-monthly. There were also discussions regarding taking the journal online and ceasing hard copy publication. The Board agreed this should be a decision based on Fellows preference and therefore a survey will be sent in coming months.

EDUCATION

The following Supervisor of Training appointments were noted at the Board;

Dr Michael Putt	Nambour Hospital
Dr Raman Azad	Coffs Harbour Base Hospital
Dr Samuel Marment	Rockhampton Hospital

MET/RRT

Rob Boots, Chair of the Education Committee, reported to the Board that a steering committee has been formed which includes members from both the College and ANZICS. The group will draft terms of reference and begin work on an evidence based paper.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments Committee

The Assessments Committee reported that approximately 500 online ITER's have been received to date and the feedback so far has been positive. The system is working well, supervisors and trainees have made the transition to the new online system successfully. A survey will be sent in 2015 to request specific feedback on the functionality and areas for improvement. The Committee will be forming a working group to discuss a future log book for trainees.

Second Part Examination

The Second Part Examination Committee intends to hold a workshop in 2015 to assist trainees re-sitting the written exam.

Formal Projects

Currently there are a total of 12 assessors on the Formal Project Panel, two reviewers each in NSW, VIC, SA and NZ, and one reviewer each in QLD, WA and NT.

New projects received in 2014 = 39

State/Country	Number of projects
QLD	10
NSW	6
VIC	11
SA	4
WA	3
NZ	3
ACT	2

Types of projects received in 2014

Type of project	Number received
Published Manuscript	13
Retrospective Chart Review	16
Prospective Study	8
Case Series	2

Assessment outcomes in 2014

Accepted on first submission	25
Accepted on first resubmission	8
Pending assessment	3
Pending resubmission	3

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

The following Hospital Accreditation Committee rulings were noted at the Board;

Royal Hobart Hospital (Tas)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic surgery, Neurological/Neurosurgery, Trauma intensive care, Elective, Foundation, and Basic.
Sir Charles Gairdner (WA)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic intensive care, Elective, Foundation, and Basic.
Alexandra Hospital (Singapore)	C12, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Elective, Foundation and Basic.
National University Hospital (Singapore)	C6/Limited G6 training, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic, Elective, Foundation and, Basic.
Royal Melbourne Hospital (VIC)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic, Neurological/Neurosurgery, Trauma intensive care, Elective, Foundation and Basic.
St Vincent's Hospital (VIC)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic intensive care, Elective, Foundation and Basic.
Royal Prince Alfred (NSW)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic, Neurological/Neurosurgery, Trauma, Elective, Foundation, and Basic.
Monash Medical Centre (VIC)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic, 6 months of Paediatrics, Elective, Foundation and Basic.
St George Hospital (NSW)	C24, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Cardiothoracic, Neurological/Neurosurgery, Trauma intensive care, Elective, Foundation, and Basic.
Tweed Heads Hospital	C6/Limited G6, this unit is also suitable for the following components of training: Elective, Foundation, and Basic.
Withdrawal of Accreditation for Training	
Dunedin Hospital (NZ)	Trainees working at this unit are advised to contact the College or their local supervisor for any concerns regarding their current training.
Auckland City Hospital DCCM (NZ)	Trainees working at this unit are advised to contact the College or their local supervisor for any concerns regarding their current training.
Approved anaesthetic rotations for CICM training	
Macquarie University Private Hospital	6 months of training of the anaesthesia component of intensive care training.

TRAINING

Trainee Selection

The College introduced a new Trainee Selection Policy at the start of 2014 and so far this year the number of trainees entering the CICM Training Program has been 37 with 15 more expected to be accepted by the end of the year. The distribution of these trainees is as follows;

8	New Zealand
7	New South Wales
6	Victoria
4	Queensland,
4	South Australia
3	Western Australia
1	Tasmania

2 in India, 1 in Singapore & 1 in Hong Kong

Censors Committee

The Censors Committee reported to the Board on a number of issues occurring in the 2014. There has been an increased volume of inactive trainees seeking to resume their training; some of these trainees have not had contact with the College for over five years. The Committee has also been concerned that trainees are undertaking the Senior Registrar requirements with more than 12 months of training left before the completion of Fellowship (ie. first year of Core Training). To ensure that trainees are completing their Senior Registrar Training closer to the expected date of Fellowship the Censor may in some cases require trainees to repeat their Senior Registrar Time.

Overseas Trained Specialists & Area of Need

The College has received a total of eight applications for assessment of Overseas Trained Specialists to date in 2014. One was classified non comparable, four as partially comparable and three invited to the College for interviews. There have been no Area of Need appointments made in 2014.

Trainee Committee

The Trainee Committee has now reached a full complement of membership with representatives from all states and territories in Australia, New Zealand and most recently a new paediatric representative. The Committee are working on a number of projects including the new trainee newsletter (two editions have been produced so far), a series of FAQ's being developed for the new CICM website and the Committee are looking into the viability of webinars. The Committee will be holding a workshop at the College on the day before the February Board meeting in 2015.

FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

CPD

The first audit of the new CPD program was completed with 45 Fellows audited, 44 have met the requirements and one Fellow was granted an extension until the end of the year. The College was extremely pleased with these results.

ASM

Planning for the 2015 ASM in Darwin is progressing well and the meeting should be a great success. The meeting will focus on infectious diseases and will run from May 29-31.

Planning is now well underway for the 2016 ASM which will be held in Adelaide. A committee has been formed and a theme of “Minds and Machines” has been confirmed.

Critical Care Ultrasonography Special Interest Group

The Board was approached by a group of Fellows who have requested the formation of a Critical Care Ultrasonography Special Interest Group. The Board approved the request in principle and will be working on terms of reference for the group.

Admissions to Fellowship

The following admissions were noted at the Board meeting;

Dr Sudeep Thekkayil	WA
Dr Christopher Nickson	VIC
Dr Alex Grosso	QLD
Dr Bradley Wibrow	WA
Dr Jude Bharath	WA
Dr Paul J. Secombe	SA
Dr Matthew Keys	QLD
Dr Wai J. Lee	QLD
Dr Ashley Crosswell	VIC
Dr Bevan Vickery	NZ
Dr Eduardo Martinez-Orellana	WA
Dr Aniket Desai	SA

POLICY

IC 1 Minimum Standards for Intensive Care

The Board discussed at length the issues of consultant staffing in units and have committed to reviewing IC 1 to set out stricter guidelines particularly for levels 1 and 2 units.

FINANCE

The College is in a healthy financial position with most areas being in line with, or slightly ahead of budget for the year to date. The Board approved the 2015 budget with a CPI increase to all fees. There was discussion at the meeting about the impact reduced training numbers will have on income in future.



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