



College of Intensive Care Medicine  
of Australia and New Zealand  
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE REGIONS BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 2017**

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The College Board meeting was held on 23 and 24 November at the offices in Melbourne. The Board welcomed the new ANZICS President, Stephen Warrillow and regular guest at the Board, ANZCA President David Scott.

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### **COLLEGE NEWS**

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#### **CICM Staff Update**

The College has recently seen some changes amongst the staff with both Laura Fernandez Low and Natasha Wilson going on maternity leave. Stephen Ireland, formerly from RACS, has joined the College replacing Laura as Policy Officer for 12 months and Lucy Carter has been employed to look after Hospital Accreditation in Natasha's absence. We have also welcomed Paul Brand into a new position, System Support and Online Learning Administrator. Daniel Angelico and Lisa Davidson have been promoted to General Manager – of Training and Fellowship, respectively.

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### **CHANGES TO TRAINEE SELECTION**

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The Board discussed Trainee Selection, in the context of the report from the ACEM Expert Advisory Group on alleged discrimination in the ACEM Fellowship Exam. The ACEM report amongst other factors, suggested that those who enter the training program on provisional or limited medical registration may contribute to the low pass rate amongst IMGs. CICM is currently one of the only Colleges that does not require new trainees to have general registration. Following lengthy discussions, the Board voted unanimously to make the following change to requirement for entry into the training program.

As of the April 2018 intake, applicants with limited registration to practice will not be eligible for selection into CICM training. Applicants will be required to hold full registration with the regulatory authority in the training jurisdiction from where they are applying.

To apply for selection into CICM Training in Australia, full general registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is required.

In New Zealand, full general registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand is required.

In Hong Kong, full registration (License of Registration) with the Medical Council of Hong Kong is required.

In Singapore, full registration with the Medical Council of Singapore is required.

This decision will not impact current trainees who are already registered with the College.

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## CAPACITY TO TRAIN

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The Board is continuing discussions and investigations around Capacity to Train issues. Following the July Board meeting, the College sent out a survey to all Directors of accredited units to start collecting data. The response rate to date has been positive and the Board examined some preliminary data. The next step is to survey the trainees to ascertain their perceptions. The Board also discussed the possibility of introducing a logbook and it was agreed that this would be an avenue for the College staff to start pursuing.

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## REGIONAL & NATIONAL COMMITTEES

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Activity in all the regions has been high over the last 12 months with regular meetings and a range of events held. Workshops for Fellows and trainees have been held across all jurisdictions and have included, networking dinners, formal project presentations, interview technique practice and Fellow and trainee education indicatives. The Committees were commended for their work and commitment.

At the last meeting, the Board approved the formation of a new Northern Territory Regional Committee. A call for nominations was sent following that meeting and the Board confirmed the membership as;

Sid Agarwal	Elected Member
Lewis Campbell	Elected Member
Paul Secombe	Elected Member
Mitchell Cameron	NT Trainee Representative
Dianne Stephens	Ex-Officio Board Members
Penny Stewart	Ex-Officio Board Members

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## EDUCATION

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### **Supervisors of Training**

There have been seventeen new Supervisors appointments in 2017, bringing to total to 193 across all the accredited units.

The Supervisor of Training workshops were well attended and provided the College valuable insight to the difficulties facing our Supervisors. The session also focused largely on the identification and remediation of the poorly performing learner. Supervisors were also given the opportunity to discuss a range of strategies on how best to deliver the training program. Workshops were conducted in Brisbane and Auckland with the final one to be held in December in Melbourne.

### Focused Cardiac Ultrasound Assessors

The following approved Focused Cardiac Ultrasound Assessors have been appointed since July:

Applicant	Hospital
Khurram Khan	Flinders Medical Centre, SA
Jay Ritzema-Carter	Wellington Hospital, NZ
Amit Vaidya	Westmead Hospital, NSW
Bevan Vickery	Auckland City Hospital, NZ
Sanjay Porwal	Bendigo Hospital, VIC

The current distribution of cardiac assessors is;

Distribution	Number
QLD	23
VIC	19
NSW	18
SA	12
NZ	10
WA	7
ACT	3
NT	3
HK	2
TAS	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>

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### HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

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The following hospital accreditation decisions were noted;

HOSPITAL	Pre-2014 Curriculum	Post-2014 Curriculum
Wellington Hospital, NZ	C12	General; Trauma, Cardio, Neuro and AP6
Blacktown Hospital, NSW	C12	General
Wagga Wagga Hospital, NSW	C6	Limited General; Rural
Orange Health Service, NSW	C6	Limited General, Rural

Redcliffe Hospital, QLD	C6	Limited General; Rural
Austin Hospital, VIC	C24	General; Cardio, Neuro
Cork University Hospital, Ireland	C12	General; Cardio
Fairfield Hospital, NSW	Basic	Foundation

### **Hospital Accreditation Online Project**

The College has been working on a new online system to assist with the Hospital Accreditation Process. Currently the College has over 140 accredited intensive care units, general and paediatric, that undergo an accreditation review process every 5 years. Until now this process has been paper based and a considerable amount of work for the unit Directors and accreditation teams.

The aim of the project is to improve the efficiency of the process and give the accreditation team and unit directors access to centralized information relevant to unit accreditation. The project is divided into three phases:

- 1) Construction of an online data repository for unit directors;
- 2) The launch of online tools to assist the accreditation team; and
- 3) A dashboard for unit directors.

Phase 1 is currently in testing and will be released in early 2018.

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## **COMMONWEALTH SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM**

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The Commonwealth Government Department of Health funds around 900 training positions through the Specialist Training Program (STP). CICM does not hold many STP positions and until now these have been administered through ANZCA. From 2018 we will be taking over the management of these positions ourselves, meaning that the funding for them will now flow through our office. The timing of the contract change over is still not certain, but will probably be from February 2018.

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## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

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The College remains engaged with a number of external organisations, including the Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA). The annual meeting between the OTA, ANZICS and the College we held in October and discussions were productive and the group will continue to work together on important educational initiatives. The College has also agreed to engage with the both the Australia And New Zealand Emergency Laparotomy Audit and a proposed Safe Airway Management Society.

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## **FINANCE**

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The Board were presented with the financial statements for the year to date (Jan – Oct). Most line items are running close to budget and the College is on track to make a small operating surplus for the full year. The College's investment portfolio with Credit Suisse has performed well in recent months, now an accumulated increase of 8%.

The Budget for 2018 was presented. With the additional funds flowing through from the management of the STP program there are some uncertainties about the timing of payments, etc, however the overall impact on the College should be positive.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie Corke".

**Associate Professor Charlie Corke**

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