



**COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

REPORT FROM THE

CICM BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2013

The recent College Board meeting was held on 21st and 22nd of February at the College Offices in Melbourne. Guests at the meeting included Mary White; President of ANZICS.

Congratulations to the JFICM's Past Dean, Alan Duncan, who was awarded a Member, Order of Australia in the 2013 Australia Day Honours.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Office Bearer Elections

The term of office of the current President ends in June this year, elections for the three office bearers were held amongst the current members of the Board.

The following nominations were received:

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT:

Dr Ross Freebairn was the sole nomination for the position of President of the College of Intensive Care Medicine.

Elected, unopposed

NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Professor Bala Venkatesh was the sole nomination for the position of Vice President of the College of Intensive Care Medicine.

Elected, unopposed

NOMINATION FOR TREASURER

Dr Charlie Corke was the sole nomination for the position of Treasurer of the College of Intensive Care Medicine.

Elected, unopposed

Board Elections

2013 Board elections will be held in the coming months, Board members up for re-election are Mike Anderson, Rob Boots and Charlie Corke. There is another vacant position on the Board that was previously held by John Myburgh. The position of New Fellows Representative is also available.

The Board thanked Liz Hickson for her work as the New Fellows Representative over the last 3 years, in particular the great achievements she has had with the Trainee Committee.

Workforce Issues

The College is aware of the concerns being expressed by some Fellows and trainees about workforce issues and is discussing with ANZICS the best way of forming an accurate picture of current and future workforce supply and demand, to supplement the work of Health Workforce Australia and the data currently collected by ANZICS ó CORE. A College imposed limit on the number of trainees allowed to enter training or complete fellowship has been advocated in some correspondence. The Boards view is that, consistent with the legal advice obtained for the College, we should not seek to limit the number of trainees entering its training program, for any reason other than capacity to provide training. Any restriction of trainee numbers should be a matter for government, not the College. The work of Health Workforce Australia and other workforce initiatives may potentially result in a limitation being imposed on training numbers.

Strategy Workshop

On Friday 22nd February the Board held a strategy workshop to discuss the direction the College must take over the next year. The main areas of focus for 2013 will be the Curriculum Review Project, meeting the AMC accreditation standards, increased engagement with our Fellowship and our stakeholders and a Trainee Selection Policy, which is detailed in this report.

Communication

The CPMC has requested that Colleges collect data on the Indigenous status of Fellows and Trainees. An email will be sent out shortly requesting this information.

The College is working on a Patients and Family section of the website and will release more information later in the year.

An email was recently sent to all Fellows to request information on their involvement with external committees. This information will be used when the College receives requests from external stakeholders for comment, representatives or experts.

RACP Review

The RACP recently informed affected Trainees that it was in discussions with the Australian Medical Council (AMC) about a Review process for those in Intensive Care Medicine. The application to appeal closed on 1st March and a number of trainees had contacted the office to attain their training records.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Trainee Selection Policy

As part of the AMC review, the College is required to ensure we have implemented a process for selecting trainees who display the characteristics necessary for success in the intensive care medicine training program

The Board has discussed this issue at length over several meetings, and voted unanimously to introduce the following policy for prospective trainees from 2014;

To register with the College an applicant must have completed 6 months in a CICM accredited ICU and have two structured references from CICM Fellows.

Requirements of the structured references and registration times will be decided over the coming months. This policy will be introduced in line with new curriculum on 1st January 2014.

Formal Project Panel

As part of the AMC requirements the College has been reviewing the formal project. Currently there are no plans to remove the formal project from the curriculum; however the College will be updating and improving the information on the website.

Trainee Committee

On Wednesday 20th February, the Trainee Committee held its first face to face meeting at the College. The day was a great success and gave the committee an opportunity to meet some of the College staff and understand how the College functions at a Board and administrative level. The committee discussed a variety of issues including the RACP review, trainee selection, the formal project and communication. It was agreed that this would be an annual event.

South Australian Trainee Representative Yasmine Ali Abdelhamid was elected as the new Trainee Representative to the Board and will attend her first meeting in June.

The Board thanked Rob Bevan for his contribution to the Trainee Committee and the Board over the last 12 months.

EXAMINATIONS

Primary Examination

The Board approve the following Primary Examiners:

Kush Deshpande
John Mackle

Arthas Flabouris, Chair of the Primary Examination Committee gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Primary examination including information about the other examinations that CICM currently accept as an alternative to the CICM primary. Following discussions regarding accepting only the CICM Primary exam the Board agreed that a committee lead by Prof Bala Venkatesh and Arthas Flabouris should begin a formal process of evaluating the course, and seeking feedback from the stakeholders, with recommendations to be considered by Board in June. Further consultation with the Fellowship is needed and it will also be an agenda item at the AGM in May.

General Fellowship Examination

The Board approved the following General Fellowship Examiners:

Jonathan Barrett
Tim Crozier

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

Hospital Accreditation Committee

The following hospitals have undergone recent HAC inspections and continue to be accredited for training:

Orange Base Hospital	C6
Austin Hospital	C24
Redcliffe Hospital	C24
Starship Children's Hospital	C24

The Board agreed that the new Fiona Stanley Hospital in Western Australia can submit a paper application and if all requirements are met, interim accreditation can be offered. An inspection would then occur 3 months after opening.

CICM & ANZCA MOU – Anaesthetic Accreditation

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with ANZCA regarding the accreditation of anaesthetic units for CICM trainees. It has been agreed that ANZCA will accredit sites that can deliver training similar but not equivalent to that required for ANZCA introductory training, and which are not accredited by ANZCA. CICM will be responsible for organising these inspections and if they are successful, CICM trainees will be able to complete their anaesthetic terms there.

ANZICS Core Data

An arrangement has been reached between the College and ANZICS, that the society will provide CICM with CORE data for an annual fee. This data will be used to create improved records for the hospital accreditation committee and assist with inspections.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2013 ASM: 31st – 2nd June, Wellington

The 2013 ASM in Wellington is on track with the all exhibition sold, speakers confirmed and social events set. Registrations are open and online.

2014 ASM: 13th – 15th June, Brisbane

Planning is well underway for the 2014 ASM to be held in Brisbane. The program is near completion with concurrent sessions being incorporated for the first time.

New Fellows Conference: 8th-9th August 2013, Byron Bay

At the November meeting the Board approved a change to the format of the New Fellows Conference. Since that meeting a date and venue has been set, the Conference will be held in August in Byron Bay and will be open to 40 new Fellows within 3 years of Fellowship. The committee has been formed and the program will be finalised over the next month.

Education Conference: 5th-6th September 2013, Gold Coast

The College will be holding its first Education Conference on the Gold Coast in September, Convener, Charlie Corke, is working on the program and speakers.

FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

Admission to Fellowship by Examination and by the OTS Pathway

The following were formally admitted to Fellowship:

Ritesh Sanghavi	NSW
Jeremy Fernando	QLD
Andrew Semark	QLD
Kavitha Shetty	NSW
Maximilian Moser	VIC
Simon Iles	VIC
Russell Laver	SA
Jonathan Albrett	NZ
Timothy Paterson	WA
Peta-Maree Alexander (PAEDS)	VIC
Tsz Pan Wan	HK
Simon Robertson (OTS)	ACT
Sara Allen	NZ

Continuing Professional Development

A CPD participation report was submitted to Board and currently there are 260 Fellows who are not participating in a College approved CPD program. An email will be sent out shortly to all those not participating. The CPD Officer reported that improvements to the online system will begin in the second half of the year.

Telehealth

Rural Officer, Di Stephens will shortly begin working on a policy regarding tele-health, she will be seeking input from Fellows.

FINANCE

The total income for 2012 ended up 14% ahead of budget. Due to the better than anticipated income and costs being just below budget, our surplus for the year is well ahead of expectations, with a reasonable surplus. This may change slightly if the auditors make any adjustments. A full financial report will be released in the annual report.

REGIONS

Queensland Regional Committee

We have been made aware from the Queensland regional committee of CICM that cuts, and potential cuts to staffing of Intensive Care Units the Queensland health.

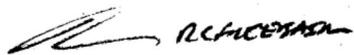
The delivery of high quality intensive care services is of concern to the College, and to other interested parties . While work conditions and industrial issues are properly within

the purview of ANZICS, the College has a keen interest in any situation where either the standards of intensive care medicine or training provision are compromised. If in any of these reductions or reorganizations result is CICM trainees ability to train or to provide intensive care at an appropriate level the College would be advocating for a restoration of resources.

Training hospitals, as part of the accreditation process, have agreed to notify the Board, through its Supervisor of Training, of any changes that might affect training. Changes such as a reduction in the workload, a significant change in case-mix or acuity, or a reduction in the number of specialist staff working in the unit are regarded as important. Change that could to triggers advice to the College could include but is not limited to

- a) staffing levels per bed .
- b) non-clinical time especially SOT time
- c) access to a research coordinator and research facilities
- d) The ability of units to provide training time or leave for training .

Fellows are invited to let the college know if this does occur.



Ross Freebairn

President, College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand