



College of Intensive Care Medicine
of Australia and New Zealand
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT CICM BOARD MEETING JULY 2020

The College Board meeting was held on 23 and 24 March via Zoom and there was acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and of Maori as the Tangata Whānau of Aotearoa

The Board welcomed ANZICS President, Anthony Holley, ANZCA President, Vanessa Beavis and the Trainee Representative, Aniket Nadkarni.

Stephen Jacobe, Chair of the Paediatric Section, was farewelled at the meeting. Stephen has represented Paediatrics on the Board since 2015 and has made a significant contribution during his tenure. He will be greatly missed, and we thank him for his service to the College.

HONOURS

The Board congratulated the following Fellows on Queens Birthday Honours:
Jeffrey Lipman (QLD) Member (AM) in the General Division
Simon Finfer (NSW) Officer (AO) in the General Division

FROM THE OFFICE

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a wide-reaching impact across the College and its operations. There have, however, been several exciting opportunities and innovations this pandemic has enabled the College to implement such as online education initiatives and new ways of working for the staff.

College staff are still mostly working from home, with the office remaining open for those who are unable to work from home. Staff have adapted well to the changes and service to the Fellows and trainees has been maintained. The College is now looking at ways of working moving forwards, including working from home as a permanent option for staff. Staff and Committee meetings have successfully transitioned online and there has been a marked reduction in the paper usage of the College, all positive impacts of the last few months.

EXAMINATIONS

Due to the uncertainty around travel restrictions and COVID-19 case numbers the Board agreed to deliver the exams using a strategy that will not require candidates to travel outside of their home region. Therefore, the First and Second Part examinations will be going ahead as planned. The written exam for the Second Part Paediatric will still take place; however, the Paediatric oral examination will be deferred until the first half of 2021. This is because of the small pool of candidates and examiners and the attendant risk of bias in regionally held exams.

The written sections will take place in the usual manner. Examination centres will follow social distancing guidelines and may include hospital-based venues. Hot cases will be run in hospitals in each region where there are eligible candidates. Vivas will be run online using Zoom or other appropriate platforms. The College will be hosting online practice viva sessions to allow candidates to become familiar with this format. Any trainee who wishes to defer, including those carrying a written section pass, may do so at any time before the exam with no penalty.

EVENTS

The 2021 ASM will be held in Perth as planned, with a theme of Respiratory Medicine. The College will be working on ensuring there is a virtual component to the meeting so those who are unable to travel to the event will be able to participate.

Both the New Fellows Conference and Directors Conference have been postponed to 2021, with the dates confirmed as 18 – 20 August and 25 – 27 August, respectively.

Other College events such as Regional Committee Formal Project Presentation Nights are being trialled online over the next few months.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Following over a year of work from the Indigenous Health Committee and College staff, the Board were proud to approve the College's Australian Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan. This plan has been endorsed by Reconciliation Australia and is a formalisation of the College's commitment to achieving the best health outcomes for critically ill Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families and communities. The plan will be launched to our members in the coming weeks.

CPD

Due to COVID-19, the Medical Board of Australia and the Medical Council of New Zealand have both made exemptions to registration and CPD requirements. Following these decisions, the Board voted to move the current CPD cycle from 2020/2021 to 2021/2022. Fellows will still be able to enter activities into the 2020 diary, however these will be for personal reference only, the College will not be auditing these activities.

EDUCATION & ASSESSMENTS

The College has delivered 14 online education sessions since March and there are 17 sessions planned for July. The program now has four streams: general pathway training sessions, paediatric pathway training sessions, basic sciences, and the Supervisor of Training sessions.

Following recommendations from the Assessments Committee, the Board approved some changes to the Workplace Competency Assessments (WCA). New trainees will now be required to successfully complete an anaesthesia for percutaneous tracheostomy and two communication WCA but are no longer be required to undertake the advanced life support WCA.

The following Supervisor appointments were noted;

New applications	Hospital
Alice Henschke	Orange Health Service, NSW
Brigid Weld	Lismore Base Hospital, NSW
Zoe Bamber	Gosford Hospital, NSW
Shekhar Dhanvijay	Ng Teng Fong Hospital, Singapore
Monika Gulati	Ng Teng Fong Hospital, Singapore

The following cardiac assessor appointments were noted;

Asessor	Hospital
Judit Orosz	The Alfred Hospital, VIC
Tobias Merz	Auckland City Hospital, NZ
Michael Davies	Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA
Michael Toolis	La Trobe Regional Hospital, VIC
Benjamin Cerutti	Princess Alexandra Hospital, QLD
Iain Johnston	The Tweed Hospital, NSW
Hemal Vaccharajani	Westmead Hospital, NSW
Manivannan Gopalakrishnan	St Vincent's Hospital, NSW
Lewis McLean	The Alfred Hospital, VIC
Tilak Sirisena	Dubbo Base Hospital, NSW
Aidan Burrell	The Alfred Hospital, VIC
Anne-Marie Welsh	Nepean Hospital, NSW
Shek Yin Au	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, HK
Wing You (George) Ng	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, HK
Mohammad Hamidi	Westmead Hospital, NSW

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

All hospital accreditation visits have been postponed due to Covid-19. It is hoped these will be able to resume in some areas later in the year.

The following hospital accreditation decisions were noted:

Hospital	Pre-2014 curriculum	Post-2014 curriculum
Box Hill Hospital (VIC)	C12: Restricted to 12 Months	General Training
Melbourne Private Hospital (VIC)	The Intensive Care Unit at Melbourne Private Hospital is approved as an Affiliated Unit for trainees to rotate from Royal Melbourne Hospital.	
Hollywood Private Hospital (WA)	Foundation	Foundation
Dunedin Hospital (NZ)	Foundation	Foundation
Palmerston North Hospital (NZ)	Foundation	Foundation
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital (QLD)	Foundation	Foundation

ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP

The following admissions were noted;

First Name	Surname	State/Country
Sachin	Desai	VIC
Siddharth	Goswami	QLD
Hannah	Rotherham	VIC
Tobias	Betteridge	Christchurch
Kyle	White	QLD
Stephen	Whebell	UK
Sandra	Lussier	VIC
Michael	Toolis	VIC
Erin	Kelland	VIC
Shona	Mair	QLD
Kevin	Laupland	QLD
Rojan	Thomas	QLD
Alexander	Bates	QLD
Leigh	Fitzpatrick	VIC
Samarasimha	Pandhem	NSW
Jonathon	Taylor	Auckland
Lewis	McLean	VIC
Pieter	Weemaes	QLD
Rajesh	Pachchigar	QLD

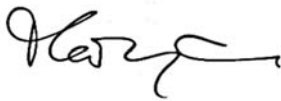
Ryan	Salter	VIC
Adelaide	Charlton	NSW

FINANCE

The College finds itself in a healthy financial position considering the circumstances. We are currently ahead of budget however this will be impacted by the upcoming exams. The cancellation of the ASM affected income, however expenditure on other travel and events has been reduced to compensate. Job Keeper payments have also assisted to cushion the effect of the pandemic. It is expected that by the end of the year, we will deliver a modest surplus.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The current strategic plan for the College expires at the end of 2020 and the Board begun the process for a new three-year plan. Using Zoom breakout rooms, we were able to have facilitated group discussions around the aims and goals for the College. The groups discussed priority areas and external factors that will influence our direction. Over the next few months, we will be engaging with Fellows, trainees and external stakeholders to seek feedback on what the College should be focussing on moving forwards.



Mary Pinder

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