



COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

REPORT FROM THE CICM BOARD MEETING JULY 2014

The recent College Board meeting was held on 24th and 25th July at the College Offices in Melbourne.

Invited guests included ANZICS President Andrew Turner and ANZCA President Genevieve Goulding.

Queen's Birthday Honours were announced and the Board congratulated John Myburgh (AO), Barry Baker (AM), Stephen Nolan (OAM) and Felicity Hawker (AM) on each receiving an award within the Order of Australia.

The Board also noted with sadness the passing of two CICM Fellows, Benno Ihle and Ramesh Nagappan.

EDUCATION

The following Supervisors of Training were approved at the Board meeting;

Dr James Walsham	Princess Alexandra Hospital
Dr Kieron Gorman	Royal Melbourne Hospital
Dr Sam Radford	The Austin Hospital
Dr Sachin Gupta	Frankston Hospital
Dr Nick Barnes	Waikato Hospital
Dr David Stewart	Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital

SOT Workshops

The College is planning to hold regular Supervisors workshops in all regions and also develop online tools for rural and regional centres. Dates for these workshops will be distributed in coming months.

Online Courses

The Organ and Tissue Authority provided the College with a grant to assist in the production of an online course on Brain Death and Organ Donation. The College engaged a company called 'Liberate e-learning' to develop an interactive course that is now available in the Education portal. The College will now look at working with Liberate to standardise all the online courses which are mandated for trainees under the new curriculum.

Education Conference

The College will run its second Education Conference on 4th-5th September at the Gold Coast. It is hoped that this will continue on an annual basis and provide valuable learning opportunities for supervisors and Fellows with an interest in education.

ACEM Primary Examination

The Board received correspondence from the College of Emergency Medicine indicating that from 1 January 2016, only those registered in ACEM Provisional Training, will be eligible to sit the ACEM Primary Examination.

MET/RRT

The Board discussed rapid response teams at length during the Board and it was agreed that this is a complex issue as each jurisdiction works in a different way. The impact of participation in MET/RRT on trainee time spent outside the ICU was also discussed. It was agreed that CICM and ANZICS would work collaboratively to develop guidelines on structure, management and education of RRTs.

TRAINING

Training & Policy Documents

The Board approved minor amendments to two training resource documents, Guidelines for Assisting Trainees with Difficulties and The Training Performance Review and two policy documents, IC-11 Assessment of Overseas Trained Intensive Care Specialists and IC-12 Intensive Care Services for Areas of Need. These documents are now available on the College website.

Trainee Committee

The Trainee Committee reported on a number of projects including the launch of a new trainee newsletter that will be sent quarterly to the trainees and also published on the College website, investigating the feasibility of webinars and creating some frequently asked questions for the College website.

ASSESSMENTS

The newly formed Assessments Committee met for the first time prior to the Board meeting, the Chair reported that the committee will be working on blueprinting the curriculum to the assessments processes and moving work place based assessments and observed clinical encounters online. It was agreed by the Board that the Formal Project Panel will now report to the Assessments Committee and the Chair of the Panel will be a member of the committee. The Board also agreed that it would be suitable for the New Fellows Representative and a Community Representative to attend Assessment Committee meetings.

First Part Examination

The March/May Exam Report is available on the College website. 38 candidates sat this examination, 26 candidates were invited to the viva examination based on their written paper performance. 22 were successful.

Second Part Examination

The examination panel elected two new members to the Second Part Examination committee, Amod Karnik and Scott Parkes. Two new examiners have also been invited to join the panel, Wing Sze (Eunise) Ho and Shyamala Sriram. The March/May Report is now available on the College website. 35 candidates presented for the written exam with 8 candidates carrying a pass, 23 were invited to the oral exam and 19 were successful.

Formal Projects

Currently the Panel has two reviewers each in NSW, VIC, SA and NZ, and one reviewer each in QLD, WA and NT. The following statistics are as of 8th July 2014;

Type of projects – Total 32

Retrospective Chart Reviews / Observational studies / Cohort Studies	13
Published Manuscripts	9
Prospective Scientific Studies	7
Case Series	1
Theses	2

Assessment outcomes in 2014

Report Accepted on first submission	18
Report Accepted on first resubmission	6
Pending Resubmission	8

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

The Hospital Accreditation Committee reported to the Board that all the accredited units have been informed of their new accreditation status for the new curriculum and these have been published on the website. The first communication sent to the units was based on data from previous inspections; therefore this process will be ongoing as units update the College on current data.

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

St Andrews War Memorial Hospital (QLD)
Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Hospital (NSW)

Foundation Training
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FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

To increase Fellow engagement and improve communication, the Board have approved the idea of holding Fellow Forums following the Supervisor workshops in the regions. These forums will allow Fellows to meet with Board members and College staff to provide feedback or ask questions relating to all aspects of the College.

Workforce

The Board discussed at length the ongoing issue of workforce in intensive care medicine and it was agreed that a joint CICM/ANZICS symposium would be held in the next six months to discuss the various aspects of this complex issue.

CPD

The first CPD audit is well underway and the return rate has been very positive. The CPD Committee are working on a plan to upgrade the CPD interface over the next cycle with the intention to launch in 2016.

ASM 2015

Di Stephens, 2015 Convenor, reported that the planning for Darwin was on schedule and all was progressing well with the program and speakers all confirmed.

Overseas Aid Committee

The Board approved the final draft of the Overseas Aid Committee Trainee/New Fellow Grant that will be awarded twice a year to a trainee or new fellow who wishes to spend 3 months in a unit in a low to middle income country. The guidelines and application form will be published on the College website.

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. With the introduction of changes to trainee selection and exemptions to the First Part examination, income from new trainee registrations is well down however this has not had a major impact on the overall budget position.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Office Bearers

The Board approved the list of office bearers for the next twelve months and the list is attached below

2015 Calendar

The Board approved the 2015 Calendar. Dates for exams, conference, events and Board meetings are included and will be published on the website.

Online Board Elections

The College has been investigating options for holding Board elections online. It was agreed by the Board that this was a positive move and the first step would be to conduct a vote at the next AGM to change the CICM Constitution that would allow online voting. If this was successful then online voting could be introduced for the 2016 Board Elections.

College Website

The College is currently undertaking a project to upgrade the corporate website. After an extensive tender process the College have engaged with a web development company and the group have begun work on the requirements and design of the website. It is hoped the website will be launched at the end of 2014



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