



COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM THE CICM BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2011

BOARD MATTERS

The recent College Board meeting was held on 24th and 25th February at the College office in Prahran.

All Board Members were in attendance. Guests at the meeting were Lindy Roberts (ANZCA Vice President), Sasha Grebe (RACP Director of Professional Affairs) and Michael O'Leary (President of ANZICS). Also attending the meeting for the first time was Miles Beeny, newly co-opted Trainee Representative.

Elections for Board Office Bearers for the 2011/2012 year were held. The current Office Bearers (J Myburgh, President; R. Freebairn, vice-President and B Venkatesh, Treasurer) all being eligible for a second one-year term of office, were all elected unopposed.

Five of the eleven elected Board member positions are up for election this year, as the incumbents have reached the end of their current three year term. All are eligible to stand for re-election and have indicated that they will do so. Nomination forms will be sent out to all Fellows shortly.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Staffing

Our new receptionist and office manager, Sarah Vella commenced working at the College in December. Sarah is fitting in well and doing a fine job.. Jade Downes is now working full time in the training department with Elyse Lithgow reducing to part time and now working Thursday and Fridays. Stephanie Gershon, our PCO, has increased her hours to 4 days a week and will now provide administrative support to the Regional Committees.

Library Facilities

The College has entered into an arrangement with EBSCO and Elsevier to give access to all Fellows and Trainees to limited range of intensive care journals. This range will gradually increase depending on demand

and usage. We are now working on the technical side and setting up the facility in our members' portal. The College is aiming to have the online library available to all Fellows and Trainees shortly.

Communications

The College has stepped into the online communication world by launching a Facebook page and online discussion forums. The Facebook page is gaining followers and updates are to remind Fellows and Trainees of what is going on at the College. The online discussion forums can be found in the member's portal and several threads are available for both Fellows and Trainees. We ask that people get online and try out these new communication endeavours.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Role of the Regional Committees

The Board discussed the role of Regional Committees at the February meeting, as it has become apparent that each Region performs different tasks and the current Terms of Reference for the Committees in the College Regulations are fairly vague. Advice will be sought from each of the Regional Committees about their perception of their role and the tasks they should undertake, which will lead to a re-drafting of the Terms of Reference and a review of administrative support.

Queensland and New Zealand

Currently the College pay ANZCA for administrative support in both Queensland and New Zealand. This arrangement was agreed upon when the College separated for a period of 2 years, terminating at the end of 2011. The College are considering options for the future support of these committees, approaching ANZCA to potentially extend the agreement is one possibility.

AMC ACCREDITATION

The Australian Medical Council will be conducting a full accreditation of the College in 2011. The written submission has been sent to the AMC and the College are awaiting an update from them regarding the appointment of an accreditation team. The team will be visiting the College and also a number of training sites to interview Supervisors and Trainees. These visits will probably be occurring in the third week of June. The Fellowship and Trainees will be kept updated by the College about the visits and who will be involved.

The written submission has been uploaded to the members' portal on the website. The submission will be made public in the coming weeks and relevant stakeholder groups (ie other medical colleges and government bodies) will be asked to comment.

EXAMINATIONS

General Fellowship Examination

The Fellowship written exam is coming up on the 28th March and will be held at 9 different centres with 40 candidates. The oral section of the exam will be held in Sydney on the 26th and 27th May.

Paediatric Fellowship Examination

The Paediatric Exam report from late 2010 is now up on the website. The exam for 2011 will be held later in the year, 29 August (written) and 4 November (oral).

Primary Examination

The Primary written is due to be held on 8 March with 12 candidates sitting. The orals will be held in Sydney on 6 May.

Dr Manivannan Gopalakirshnan and Dr David Collins have been invited to join the panel of Primary Examiners.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The College is pleased to announce that Dr Penny Stewart of Alice Springs has been appointed the CICM Representative on the CPMC Australian Indigenous Committee. It is hoped that information from this committee will assist the College with addressing the issues of cultural competency in our training program.

Supervisors of Training Workshop

An SOT Workshop is planned for Sydney on the 14th April, in addition to the annual workshop to be held at the College ASM. SOT's are the lynchpin of the College training program and these workshops are intended to provide education and support. The workshop will tackle issues including; Feedback for Learning, Identification and Remediation of the Poorly Performing Learner: and Facilitating Clinical Reasoning in the Trainee. We intend to run these workshops at least twice a year in future and we recommend that all current and prospective SOT's try and get to at least one workshop a year.

Communication Course

The College will be running a one day Communication Course for Trainees in Sydney on 15th April. The course will cover areas such as breaking bad news, open disclosure and end of life treatment choices. Registrations for this course are now open and the relevant information can be found on the website. We encourage Trainees to get involved as this course will be a valuable resource, not just for the examination but for their future practice.

Trainee Committee

The Trainee Committee has been very active since the beginning of the year and has nominated several trainees to be co-opted on to Colleges committees, including Miles Beeny to the Board. Trainee have also begun accompanying HAC teams on hospital inspections.

The Committee recently compiled a survey that was sent to all Trainees. Issues canvassed including SOT's, College communication, the training program and provision of educational activities. The response rate was very pleasing with over 230 people participating. Liz Steel, the Chair of the Trainee Committee and New Fellows Representative on the Board, will collate and analyse the responses and a paper will be published on the website. The College will continue the process of engagement with the Trainees to ascertain the pertinent issues that need attention.

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

Hospital Accreditation Committee

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

Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Adelaide) – C12
Women’s and Children’s Hospital (Adelaide) – C12
Cabrini Hospital (Victoria) – C12
Austin Hospital (Victoria) – C24
Townsville Hospital (Queensland) – C24
Campbelltown Hospital (New South Wales) – Basic
Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Hong Kong) – C24

A number of new units have applied for accreditation and will be reviewed over the next few months

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2011 ASM - Canberra, 3-5 June.

Planning and organisation for the 2011 ASM are progressing very well. Registrations are now open and these can be done online via the website. The program has been finalised and we have an outstanding selection of international and local speakers. We have also had an excellent response from the healthcare industry for exhibition and sponsorship.

The Oration at the ASM will be delivered by Dr Alan Duncan. Dr Duncan is also the recipient of the College Medal for 2011.

2012 ASM – Melbourne

The 2012 organising committee led by convenor Julian Hunt-Smith have begun planning the meeting. The theme of respiratory medicine in the ICU has been confirmed and program planning is underway.

The Board voted to hold the 2013 meeting in New Zealand, with the exact location yet to be confirmed.

Clinical Update Course

The College is running a Clinical Update Course on Thursday 2 June, just prior to the ASM, for Fellows and also other Specialists who work in intensive care. The program for the day has been published on the ASM website and is divided into two sections, with lectures in the morning and hands-on workshops in the afternoon. Registrations are now open.

New Fellows Conference

The planning for the 2011 New Fellows Conference is going well, with the program nearly finalised. The Conference will be held prior to the ASM on 31st May – 2 June in Canberra. Information will be sent to all New Fellows (within 3 years of gaining Fellowship) shortly and applications can then be made to the College.

FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

Admission to Fellowship by Examination and by the OTS Pathway

The following were formally admitted to Fellowship:

Sidarth Argarwal	QLD
Keiron Gorman	VIC
Danielle Howe	QLD
Jonathon Shelton	NZ
Vineet Sarode	VIC
Paras Jain	NSW
Julio Alonso Babarro	QLD
Michael Putt	QLD
Nitin Chavan	QLD
Adam Visser	VIC
Carsten Hermes (OTS)	NZ
Ingrid Petrasovicova (OTS)	VIC

FINANCE

2010 Financial Result

The College had a very satisfactory operating result for our first year as an independent entity and was able to generate a satisfactory surplus, over the planned budget. This was due in part to savings in rental costs (due to a rent –free period in our new offices), better than budget income in a number of areas and some money donated to us from the wind-up of the Academy of Critical Care Medicine. The audited financial results for 2010 will be made available at the AGM in June.

2011 Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscription notices have been sent out and we ask all Fellows who have not yet paid to pay their subs as soon as possible.

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

Rural Issues

The issue of engagement with and support of Fellows and other specialists who practice intensive care medicine in rural and remote areas was discussed at some length. Board member Mike Anderson has been given the portfolio of 'Rural Affairs' and will be endeavouring to make contact with rural Fellows to involve them in plans and future initiatives.

Rural Health Continuing Education Project Grant

The College has been awarded a project grant through the RHCE fund to run an ultrasound and echocardiography training program at Alice Springs Hospital. The project, to be run by the Hospital's Director of ICU, Dr Penny Stewart, will be open to Fellows of the College and other specialists practicing in the area.

CPD Program for Fellows

The CPD Development Team is currently working on the new CPD Program to launch in January 2012. The Board has approved a new framework and coding system and work on the online diary has begun. A testing period will begin in the second half of the year and Fellows will be asked to participate and provide feedback. The aim is to ensure the online diary is user friendly but also a tool for improving education and professional knowledge of our Fellows.

ANZICS Quality and Safety Committee

Co-opted West Australian Board Member, Mary Pinder has been appointed as the CICM Representative on the ANZICS Quality and Safety Committee.

Results of Workforce Survey

The CICM Director of Professional Affairs, Dr Felicity Hawker, is undertaking an analysis of the results of the recent survey of Fellows work practice and future intentions. It is intended that the results will be published in the near future.



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