



College of Intensive Care Medicine
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE REGIONS BOARD MEETING JULY 2017

The College Board meeting was held on 27 and 28 July 2017 at the offices in Melbourne. The Board welcomed the four newly elected members for their first meeting; Andrew Hilton, Peter Kruger, Priya Nair and Penny Stewart. The new Trainee Representative, David Baguley and regular guests ANZICS President Marc Ziegenfuss and ANZCA President David Scott were also in attendance.

COLLEGE NEWS

Obituary

The Board noted with sadness the passing of Nicola Willis from Gold Coast Hospital. Nicola passed away after an illness, a piece written by her friends has been included in the College newsletter.

CICM Staff Update

The College has recently employed an Education Advisor, Charlotte Denniston, to join the staff on a part time basis. There will be a number of new staff beginning over the next few months with two current College staff, Laura Fernandez Low and Natasha Wilson going on maternity leave.

AMC Update

The College recently submitted the 2017 Annual Report to the AMC. This brings us to the end of our current period of accreditation and in order for this to be extended for a further four years it will be necessary for the College to submit a comprehensive report in 2018. This will require the preparation of an analysis of strengths and challenges, and significant developments undertaken or planned, including any College activity against accreditation recommendations for improvement.

Specialist Training Program (STP)

The Department of Health have announced that the STP will continue, on a three-year funding cycle. There will be no increase to the current 900 STP funded positions, however some targeted rural training places will be additional, and a considerable sum is being devoted to the development of 26 'Regional Training Hubs' in conjunction with university rural medical schools.

Up till now the College's 17 STP positions have been administered through ANZCA, but now that the ongoing funding is assured, The College has begun discussions with the Department and ANZCA for us to take over management of them from 2018. There is no further funding for additional positions at this time.

Administrative Assistance for Non CICM Courses

The Board approved a proposal for the College to move forward on offering administrative assistance to those who are running courses external to the College. The College will be able to

provide limited administrative support to Fellows and Trainees running independent educational courses (as distinct from official College courses). The support available is limited to managing the registrations and finances. The named course organiser or convener must be a College Fellow or Trainee and will be the person responsible for all financial decisions. The provision of such administrative support will not equate to College approval or endorsement of the course. Guidelines and an application form will be published in the e-news and on the website shortly.

CAPACITY TO TRAIN

As previously mentioned in the March Board report, the Board has established a working group to explore the current capacity to train in intensive care medicine. The group's Chair, Past President Bala Venkatesh, attended the Friday morning session of the Board meeting to present the work of the group to date. It has been widely acknowledged that this is a highly complex issue that will not be simply resolved. The group have been looking at the following factors;

- Availability of compulsory non-ICU training positions
- Limitations in training experience due to high service provision requirements
- Adequate clinical case-mix exposure – Large “General/C24” training site availability
- Availability of an adequate volume of practice - Admissions: Trainee ratio.
- Accessibility of an adequate level of clinical supervision – Fellow: Trainee Ratio
- Availability of Supervisors of Training – SOT: Trainee ratio
- Procedural Experience
- Limitations in the capacity of the primary and secondary examination processes

It has been decided that the College needs more data from across the jurisdictions. There have been discussions with ANZICS and the data required is not all available from CORE or through hospital accreditation records. It is for this reason that the College will need to survey all accredited units to gather this extremely important information. In the coming months, the College will be sending a survey to all Directors. This survey will be a vital tool in assessing the needs of the community and future training in intensive care medicine.

POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Achieving Gender Balance at CICM Events

Following work with the Women in Intensive Care Network, the College has approved a guideline to ensure an improved gender balance at all CICM events in the future. The document outlines the latest research regarding female representation at conferences and across multiple industries. The College has committed to striving for more female presenters and organising committee members with a goal of 50% female presenters from 2022 onwards. This document will be published on the College website.

Guidelines for CICM Fellows on College and External Committees

The College has published a comprehensive guideline for Fellows who sit on CICM Committees, external committees or represent intensive care in a public forum. These guidelines refer to reporting, confidentiality and the differences between the College's stance and personal opinions. The College would like all Fellows to familiarise themselves with this document when it is published on the website.

FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

CPD

Over the last 12 months, the Fellowship Affairs team have been working on a Members Portal Upgrade and enhancements to the CPD Diary, which were both launched in June. This has been a large project for the team as the CPD diary code had to be re-written and this necessitated a long testing process to ensure that no Fellows data was lost. The portal and diary have both been updated to reflect the style of the website and we have amended the tabs to condense the information so it is easier for Fellows and Trainees to navigate.

The CPD Diary is where the most changes have been made. We have been collecting feedback regarding the CPD Online Diary since its introduction in 2012. Using this feedback and working with the developer, we established the items that people wanted to see improved and a number of these were implemented. There has also been a range of improvements made to the operational functionality at the back-end that will improve the administrative processes for staff here at the College. Following the last AMC Review, the Medical Council of New Zealand instructed the College to make changes to the program for Fellows in New Zealand, these changes will be rolled out at the start of the new CPD cycle in January 2018.

Northern Territory Regional Committee

The College recently received a request from a group of Fellows from the Northern Territory to establish a Regional Committee. To date, due to the small number of Fellows in the Northern Territory, a representative has been invited to sit on the South Australian Regional Committee. As the number of Fellows in the NT has grown, the Board were pleased to support this initiative and establish a new Northern Territory Regional Committee. A call for nominations to join the committee will be sent to eligible Fellows shortly.

Annual Scientific Meetings

The 2017 ASM in Sydney attracted over 400 delegates, an increase on 2016. The feedback from both delegates and the trade has been overwhelmingly positive. The inaugural Trainee Symposium had over 100 attendees and was also very positively received and will be run again in 2018.

The 2018 program for Hobart is Critical Care Cardiology and planning is well underway with the international speakers confirmed. The 2019 ASM has been confirmed in Cairns with the topic of Trauma.

Special Interest Groups

The Board received a proposal from a group of Fellows seeking to form a Burns Special Interest Group. The Board agreed to establish the Special Interest Group who must abide by the current terms of reference. The group will be advertised in the e-news and Fellows will be able to join the mailing list. The Board will be monitoring the activities of the special interest groups closely to ensure their viability.

TRAINING & ASSESSMENTS

First Part Exam

The First Part Exam Committee have been updating the syllabus and the Assessments Committee and Board have approved all changes; The Syllabus for the Basic Sciences in

Intensive Care Medicine: A Guide to the CICM First Part Exam. This document will be published on the website and circulated.

EDUCATION

Education Network

The Board discussed an education network that is being set up by a group of dedicated and interested Fellows. It was agreed that a representative from this group will be invited to the Education Committee. A Memorandum of Understanding between the College, ANZICS and this group will be written in the coming months and the College look forward to future engagement.

Supervisors of Training

The following appointments of new supervisors were noted;

Supervisor	Hospital
Sara Allen	Auckland City Hospital, NZ
John Raj	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, SA
Sanjiv Vij	Dandenong Hospital, VIC
Deirdre Murphy	Cabrini Hospital, VIC
Michael O'Loughlin	The Tweed Hospital, NSW
Li Huey Tan	The Alfred Hospital, VIC

Focused Cardiac Ultrasound Assessors

The following approved Focused Cardiac Ultrasound Assessors have been appointed:

Assessor	Hospital
Prasad Bheemasenacher	Rockingham General Hospital, WA
Philip Marshall	Cairns Hospital, QLD
Florian Pracher	Royal Darwin Hospital, NT
Anne-Marie Welsh	Sunshine Coast University Hospital,

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

The following hospital accreditation decisions were noted;

HOSPITAL	Pre-2014 Curriculum	Post-2014 Curriculum
Campbelltown Hospital	C6: Restricted to 6 months	Limited General Training
Wollongong Hospital	C12: Restricted to C12 months	General Training
Sutherland Hospital	Basic	Foundation
Geelong Hospital	C12: Restricted to 12 months	General Training (Cardio, Paediatric AP6)

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine

As reported previously, ACEM have proposed to establish a Conjoint Faculty in retrieval medicine, with participation from CICM, ANZCA, RACP and ACRRM. Since this was discussed at the last Board meeting, the draft Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding for the governance of the Conjoint Faculty have been distributed. These do not seem to allow for an adequate level of representation from the other (ie non-ACEM) colleges and the College has indicated to ACEM that we are not prepared to sign them in their current form. It is believed that the other Colleges' involved have expressed similar concerns. The Chairs of the Retrieval Special Interest Group, Ross Freebairn and Neil Widdicombe along with the CEO are involved in ongoing discussions with ACEM.



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