



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

The College Board meeting was held on 12 and 13 March at the offices in Melbourne.

The Board welcomed ANZICS President, Anthony Holley and ANZCA President, Rod Mitchell.

As expected, much of the discussion at the Board Meeting was around COVID-19 and the College's response. Below is the correspondence sent to all Fellows and trainees directly after the meeting.

Dear Fellows and Trainees,

If your email inbox is anything like mine, then you will have been inundated with updates and guides on the Covid-19 situation. I don't propose to compound that information overload and will leave specific advice on clinical management to appropriate authorities. However, there are some aspects of the response to Covid-19 that are of direct relevance to the College.

The Board has been meeting this week in Melbourne. The response of other Colleges, the general advice provided by medical authorities and the travel restrictions imposed by a range of health authorities and institutions in Australia, New Zealand and around the world were all considered in deciding the response we needed to make to the emerging Covid-19 pandemic. In the end, we determined that it would be irresponsible to sponsor any large gathering of intensive care doctors in Australia and New Zealand for the time being. Some aspects of College work need to continue however, and can be maintained safely, while the consequences of stopping or discontinuing some other College activities are sufficiently high to warrant all possible attempts to continue these activities if this can be undertaken safely. In summary then, The Board has decided the following:

ASM, ICU update, Trainee Symposium scheduled for May in Wellington NZ are all postponed. Because planning for the 2021 ASM in Perth is already well advanced with bookings made etc. the Board has decided to re-schedule the 2020 Wellington ASM to 2022. If you have registered for any of the events at the 2020 ASM including the graduation ceremony you will be contacted next week with details regarding a full refund and rescheduling of graduation.

Rural Conference – the STP Conference that was due to be held in Alice Springs in June, has also been postponed to a future date, as yet undetermined

Examinations – The Board have agreed for the moment, that the oral components of both the First Part and Second Part Examinations will go ahead as planned in May. This is obviously a fluid situation and the College will communicate directly with candidates regularly to ensure everyone is fully aware of the situation. During this time, the College will continue to explore contingency plans for alternative ways to run the examination if the situation changes and to minimise any risk to both examiners and candidates. Complete cancellation of the exams would only occur as a 'last resort' response to the emerging situation.

Communications Course – Wellington. This will be postponed to a later date, yet to be decided.

Future planned meetings and courses: All planned future initiatives including the New Fellows and Directors Conferences remain under active consideration but have not been postponed or cancelled at this stage.

Hospital Accreditation Visits – these will be assessed on an individual basis in consultation with Directors of individual units. Priority will be afforded to Units for whom accreditation decisions might affect 2021 recruitment.

If you have registered for an event, are sitting the examination, or have a scheduled upcoming accreditation inspection, a member of the College staff will contact you next week to provide further details.

From a clinical perspective, the College is continuing to participate in an initiative led by ANZICS to provide a management guideline that is appropriate for the Australian and New Zealand situation.

As we move into uncharted territory in relation to Covid-19, I have every confidence in the willingness and the capability of the intensive care community to provide world's best care for the patients suffering respiratory failure as a result of this infection. Certainly we can expect that the situation will deteriorate significantly before we see any resolution and I would urge us all to not only provide good care for the patients but to take good care of ourselves and of each other and of all the other staff that constitute the Intensive Care team. This will undoubtedly be a stressful time for us and I would encourage you to strengthen your group liaisons to be able to provide each other with support and to reach out where possible to provide assistance to ICUs and individuals who may be somewhat isolated. Also, remember that other College support is available including access to individual support via [Converge](#).

HONOURS

The Board congratulated Assoc Prof John D Santamaria on receiving a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and Dr Edward (Ted) Ward on receiving a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

FROM THE OFFICE

The College has held preliminary meetings with the architect regarding the design of the new premises. Work on the site is due to begin in mid-March with a projected build time of approximately two years.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee have developed a plan for 2020 with a number of projects on the list including the development of a Graduate Outcomes Document and a review of the workplace-based assessments.

The following Supervisor appointments were noted;

Supervisor	Hospital
Matthew Grigg	Princess Alexandra Hospital, QLD
Siew Wai Wong	Monash Medical Centre, VIC
Rob Bevan	Middlemore Hospital, NZ
Manoj Saxena	Bankstown Hospital, NSW
Anil Ramnani	Canberra Hospital, ACT
Chris Poynter	Auckland City Hospital, NZ
Judith Bellapart	Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, QLD
Hemal Vachharajani	Westmead Hospital, NSW
Patrick O'Sullivan	Northern Hospital, VIC
David Gutierrez	Sunshine Coast University Hospital, QLD
James Walsham	Greenslopes Private Hospital, QLD
Shivesh Prakash	Flinders Medical Centre, SA

The following cardiac assessor appointments were noted;

Assessor	Hospital
Chia Yew Woon	Tan Tock Sen Hospital, Singapore
Vikram Patil	Launceston General Hospital, TAS
Simon Erickson	Perth Children's Hospital, WA
John D'Arcy	Austin Hospital, VIC
Rakshit Panwar	John Hunter Hospital, NSW

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

The following hospital accreditation decisions were noted:

Hospital	Pre-2014 curriculum	Post-2014 curriculum
Prince of Wales Hospital (NSW)	C 24 (Restricted to 24 months)	General (Neuro, Cardio)
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (NSW)	C 24 (Restricted to 24 months)	General (Neuro, Cardio, Trauma)
Dubbo Base Hospital (NSW)	C6: Restricted to 6 Months	Limited General Training (Rural)

Royal Hobart Hospital (TAS)	C 24 (Restricted to 24 months)	General (Neuro, Cardio, Trauma)
Hawkes Bay Hospital (NZ)	C12: Restricted to 12 Months	General Training (AP12, Rural)
Canberra Hospital (ACT)	C24: Restricted to 24 Months	General Training (Neuro, Cardio, Trauma)

ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP

The following admissions were noted;

First Name	Surname	State/Country
Michael	Purvis-Smith	VIC
Khaled	El-Khawas	VIC
Thea	Morris	NSW
Rahul	Costa-Pinto	VIC
Robert	Morrow	SA
Mitchell	Cameron	QLD
Denzil	Gill	QLD
Cara	Moore	VIC
Kalai	Kanagasingham	NSW
Tracey	Wraight	VIC
Katherine	Triplett	WA
Sing	Tan	VIC
Michaela	Waak	QLD
Andrew	Chow	NSW
Lachlan	Quick	QLD
Judith	Askew	NSW

FINANCE

The CEO presented the College's financial results for the 2019 calendar year. Overall, operating income and expenditure were both slightly above budget, resulting in an operating surplus of \$360,000, a satisfactory result and in line with our general aim of a 5% surplus each year. In addition, our investment portfolio performed very well in 2019, with an overall increase in value of \$781,000, meaning that our final (unaudited) result for the year was a surplus of \$1,141,000. The current year will present financial challenges, both to our operating income and also our investments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Raper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Raymond Raper AM

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