FROM THE COLLEGE

It may be racing season in Melbourne, but for the CICM office it is most certainly exam season, with all the examinations taking place in October and November.

We are also fast approaching the final Board meeting of 2014 and on the day prior to the meeting, the CICM Board and ANZICS Board, along with regional representatives are attending a summit to discuss the current workforce situation in intensive care. It is hoped this will be the first of several summits as both the College and ANZICS know this will be an ongoing and unpredictable issue in the future. A report will follow the meeting and this will be circulated to all trainees and Fellows.

The College is happy to announce that one of our Training Department team members, Jennifer Condon, is getting married in a couple of weeks. We wish Jen and Wes a very happy and sunny day in Hawaii!

We always love hearing from our Fellows and trainees so if you would like to contribute to the e-news with an article or announcement, please contact Megan Gillies - megang@cicm.org.au

SENIOR REGISTRARS

Senior Registrar Training

The College would like to clarify the Senior Registrar position for trainees on the pre-2014 training program. This term is used as an employment level in certain jurisdictions; however for CICM training purposes, this period must include an increased level of seniority where trainees will have a lesser level of supervision than junior trainees and greater clinical autonomy and responsibility. The position will also involve specific responsibility for supervision and training of more junior medical officers and involvement in research, education and administration.

It is expected that Senior Registrar training is undertaken close to the completion of specialist training, i.e. when there is a reasonable expectation of completing the Fellowship within a year of undertaking the Senior Registrar training.

A number of trainees have recently submitted applications for Senior Registrar time to be completed in the first year of training. Clearly there is no possibility of completing the remaining training requirements within a year. Although this period will be counted as training time, trainees may be asked to repeat the Senior Registrar time, unless an explanation as to why this needed to be completed before the last year of training is provided.

Trainees on the 2014 curriculum are required to complete their transition year immediately prior to applying for admission to Fellowship.

Ross Freebairn
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EXAMS

The oral component of the Second Part Examination was held in Sydney on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October. 42 out of the 53 candidates were invited to the orals, and 22 candidates were successful.

The Paediatric oral examination was held last week in Auckland on Friday 31st October. 6 out of the 8 candidates were invited to the orals, and all 6 candidates were successful.

The oral section of the First Part Examination will be held in Melbourne next Friday 14th November.

CICM EVENTS

MELBOURNE 4 & 5 MARCH 2015

The course is specifically designed for Advanced Trainees who are close to completion of training and our Fellows.

Participants will increase their knowledge and develop skills in various non-clinical aspects of consultant practice:

- Management skills (Performance and Conflict resolution skills)
- Negotiation
- Economics and challenges to ICU
- Risk Management and Patient Safety
- Quality and Benchmarking

With the guidance and knowledge of our leading international and national experts, join us for what promises to be an exceptional course, designed to improve your management skills.

To ensure participants gain the most out of this course, numbers are strictly limited so book early.

All enquiries to: stephe@cicm.org.au
OVERSEAS AID GRANT

Overseas Aid Committee Grant

The Board recently approved a new CICM 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 grant was developed by the CICM Overseas Aid Committee and its purpose is to provide a trainee or new Fellow with valuable learning opportunities and provide critical care assistance. Successful applications must promote fairness, equality and sustainability in the unit. The closing date for the 2015 Grants will be 31 March 2015. If you would like more information on the grant or would like to apply, please contact Lisa Davidson.

ORGAN DONATION

Organ Donation Workshops Update

Fellows and trainees would be aware that the Medical ADAPT workshop has been a mandatory element of training for some years. More recently the Family Conversation Workshops have been introduced around Australia and CICM has included this workshop as an alternative to Medical ADAPT in the curriculum. Medical ADAPT courses in Australia are being gradually superseded by this new workshop with some elements of Medical ADAPT included in the new workshop and other elements included in the new brain death and organ donation e-learning module soon to be launched on the training website.

In order to facilitate planning for trainees who need to fulfil this requirement of training the workshops planned for the first half of 2015 are included below.

Family Conversation Workshops 2015

16-17 Feb 2015 NT
19-20 Mar 2015 NSW

1-2 April 2015 QLD
4-5 May 2015 VIC
3-4 June 2015 SA

To register for the workshops simply contact the DonateLife agency in the jurisdiction that you want to attend.

The contact details can be found by following the link: http://www.donatelife.gov.au/family-donation-conversation-core-module

**POSITIONS VACANT**

- Western Health - ICU Registrar
- Sunshine Hospital - Specialist Intensive Care Physician

**COURSES AND EVENTS**

**Training Workshops for Supervisors of Interns**

November 2014
New Zealand

For more information, please click here

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**4th NZ Anaesthesia Part 0 Course**

12-13 November 2014
Auckland City Hospital, NZ

For more information, please click here

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**H20 International Health Summit**

13-14 November 2014
Melbourne, VIC

For more information, please click here

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**Critical Infection Colloquium 2014**

18-21 November 2014
University of Sydney, NSW

For more information please click here | Register

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**Women in Medicine: The 21st Century Professional**

28 November 2014
Sydney, NSW

For more information, please click here

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**The First Austin Health Symposium on Critical Care Hepatology**

21 November 2014
Austin Hospital, VIC

For more information please click here | Program

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**Obstetric Instensive Care Symposium**
21 February 2015
Adelaide, SA

For more information please click here

The Yale Caribbean Island Point-of-Care Ultrasound Course

11-13 March 2015
San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA

For more information please click here

2015 Critical Care Collaborative: Keeping it Real

8 May 2015
Melbourne, VIC

For more information, please click here | Web link

SURVEYS

The Airway Training Consensus research project is underway, supported by the Nova Dahlia Foundation and CICM. In order for this to be as representative as possible we need all units to register and participate. Your opinion and involvement will significantly enhance the national skill level of our craft group.

This project will generate the consensus on acceptable airway skills ICU registrars should obtain and hence a jointly created curriculum Australian and New Zealand units would institute to ensure a high and broadly accepted standard of airway skills in trainees.

The project consists of an online multi-round survey of CICM accredited units using the Delphi survey technique. The survey addresses learning objectives for airway management skills. We start with a broad base of learning objectives, accepting or discarding these as per general opinion. Within 3 to 5 survey rounds we expect to gain broad consensus. Given the high standard of knowledge, experience, training and care within the Australian and New Zealand intensive care society this consensus promises to be of an exceptionally high standard.

All directors of accredited units have recently received an invitation letter with a unit specific code. Please register at www.intensivecare.org.au/registration. Your opinion is valued and you should be involved in this practice-changing project. We thank the many units already registered.

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Kieron Gorman MD MRCS (Ed) FCEM FCICM
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A survey is being conducted of the Intensive Care Specialists’ Pharmacological Management of Coagulopathy and Transfusion practices in post-operative patients in Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Units (ICUs). In particular, aiming to investigate the feasibility and optimal use of point of care coagulation tests in management of bleeding patients in the ICU.

Participants can go in the draw to win an iPad.

Click here for more information on completing the survey.

Thank you if you have already participated in this survey.