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RECENT EVENTS, ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES – REPORT FROM NZNC CHAIRMAN, DR VAUGHAN LAURENSEN

The New Zealand National Committee last met on the 20th & 21st July. NZNC was pleased that Professor Barry Baker, who is an ANZCA Director of Professional Affairs (DPA) could join this meeting in Wellington. We appreciate Professor Baker's and Professor Garry Phillips' contributions to NZNC in their DPA roles.

At this mid-year NZNC meeting, a morning was spent at a joint meeting with NZSA. These annual joint meetings are useful forums for discussing topics of mutual interest such as legislative changes, joint education initiatives, anaesthetic technicians' issues and Ministry of Health workforce proposals.

2007 has presented NZNC with a number of interesting issues to address. I have provided below a summary of recent NZNC activities.

1. **NZNC office bearers**
2. **New home for the ANZCA New Zealand office - Level 7, Exchange Place, 5-7 Willeston Street, Wellington**
3. **NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC) News**

4. **National annual registrars meeting**
5. **Recent ANZCA Council reports**
6. **Minister's Workforce Taskforce report and Health Training Board**
7. **Ministry of Health & District Health Boards NZ workforce conference and Career Framework proposal**
8. **Rural services in New Zealand – Government and university initiatives to address the recruitment and retention problems**
9. **Hospital accreditation**
10. **Therapeutic Products and Medicines Bill (issues: new prescribing rights for health practitioners and Section 29 problems)**
11. **Review of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act**
12. **New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians – regulatory body**
13. **Medical Council of NZ and ANZCA MOPS/New CPD Program**
14. **Council of Medical Colleges in New Zealand**
15. **Order of St John – New Zealand Investiture Service**
16. **MCNZ Education Committee nominations**
17. **NZNC submissions of interest**
18. **Meetings attended by ANZCA NZNC members and staff**

1. NZNC OFFICE BEARERS

Following the mid-year internal elections for NZNC office bearer positions, there were no changes. I have accepted the Chairman's position for a third year.

2. NEW HOME FOR THE ANZCA NEW ZEALAND OFFICE - LEVEL 7, EXCHANGE PLACE, 5-7 WILLESTON STREET, WELLINGTON

On the 6th July, the New Zealand staff moved from Elliott House to the new office floor on level 7, Exchange Place, 5 – 7 Willeston Street. This building is in the CBD and has a pleasant outlook across Frank Kitts Park and the harbour. It is in walking distance to the Medical Council, Parliament, the Ministry of Health and most other Medical Colleges. One of the main arterial roads passes close by, providing easy rapid access to the airport.

We have held both the ANZCA and JFICM NZNC meetings and written FANZCA exams in the new office so far and have found the space to work well for our needs.

3. NZ ANAESTHESIA EDUCATION COMMITTEE (NZAEC) NEWS

NZAEC ASM manual

The committee has reviewed the Annual Scientific Meeting Organisers' Guidelines Manual for committees organising scientific meetings on behalf of NZAEC. This will be posted on the NZ Anaesthesia website.

2007 New Zealand Anaesthesia (NZA) ASM, Auckland, 7 – 10 November

The NZA ASM is the annual ANZCA NZNC and NZSA national conference for New Zealand anaesthetists. The 2007 NZA ASM is being hosted by the Middlemore Hospital Anaesthesia Department at Skycity Convention Centre, Auckland from November 7th to 10th. **Information and registration details can be found on the ASM website <http://www.asm2007.co.nz/>**

We congratulate the ASM organising committee for arranging a very interesting event. The ASM Scientific Convenor, Alan McLintic recently provided a programme update:

"The theme of the conference is "Facts, Fads and Folklore". Much of our practice is based on less factual science than we may think. Where do fads and folklore masquerade as scientific fact? An original and exceptional faculty of international and local experts will address this issue over a broad range of topics. In addition, throughout the meeting, there will be thought provoking contributions from scientists outside anaesthesia, including world authorities on global warming and sports doping.

Selected highlights from the meeting programme:

Opening address, *The Earth as a patient* - Professor Peter Barrett.

Professor Barrett will open the meeting with an insight into the highly topical issue of global warming. Professor Barrett is Director of the Antarctic Research Centre and Professor of Geology at Victoria University of Wellington. He has degrees from University of Auckland (M Sc 1963) and Ohio State University (PhD 1968). He returned to NZ to take over Victoria University's Antarctic programme in 1970. Since then he has led a series of projects to drill the Antarctic continental shelf for a history of the ice sheet and a guide to its behaviour since its inception around 34 million years ago. In July 2006 he was awarded the President's Medal for Outstanding Scientific Achievement in Antarctic Science by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research.

The Retiring NZSA President's address, *Quackery and Pseudoscience in New Zealand* - Dr Graham Sharpe

Wellington anaesthetist and President of the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists, Dr Graham Sharpe will deliver a hard hitting and controversial expose of the rise of crank medicine in New Zealand. Well known to the media and never afraid of fighting politically correct dogma at the highest level, Dr Sharpe will hit out at those who fudge the line between medicine and quackery.

***Evidence: Good, bad and bogus* - Prof Henry McQuay**

Henry McQuay is Professor of Pain Relief at the Oxford Pain Relief Unit, University of Oxford. He is a member of the Council of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) and addresses pain issues at a global level. In addition he is an instigator of Bandolier, an online source of the best evidence in medicine. Much courted by the media in the UK it is to Henry that the BBC came to gain an insight into the gases used to end the Moscow theatre siege.

Eye of newt, toe of frog, wool of bat and tongue of dog? The Medsafe story - Dr Stewart Jessamine

Stewart Jessamine is Interim Manager of Medsafe, Department of Health. Few health issues have raised such media interest than recent Medsafe policies. Pill manufacturers cry “People will die”. Dr Jessamine will explain why not.

Drug cheats and how to catch them - Associate Professor David Gerrard OBE

Dave Gerrard is Assoc. Professor of Sports Medicine and Assoc. Dean at the University of Otago Medical School. He is a former Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medallist in swimming, NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Games team doctor (1982-88) and Chef de Mission in 1996. Member of FINA Sports Medicine Committee - Chairman 2000-2002. Professor Gerrard will address the hot topic of drug doping in sport and how scientists are on the trail of the cheats.

Everest and beyond - Professor Michael (Monty) Mythen and Dr Mike Grocott.

Professor Mythen and Dr Mike Grocott will report on their expedition to Everest to carry out some of the most involved research ever undertaken at altitude. Michael (Monty) Mythen is the Portex Professor and Head of the Portex Anaesthesia, Intensive Therapy and Respiratory Unit, Institute of Child Health, UCL, London. Professor Mythen is also a project director of Xtreme Everest, a research project coordinated by the Centre for Aviation, Space and Extreme (CASE) environment medicine – doctors using extreme physical environments to investigate human physiology. Mike Grocott is a Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine, UCL. Mike's research interests include human responses to oxygen deprivation and measuring and improving outcome following high-risk surgery.

4. NATIONAL ANNUAL REGISTRARS MEETING – Friday 7 December 2007

This meeting will be held at the Clinical Education Centre, Auckland City Hospital, Park Road, Auckland from 8 am to 5 pm.

This meeting is approved for ANZCA MOPS 3 points per hour

Call for abstracts - All ANZCA Registrars are encouraged to submit abstract papers preferably via email, CD, USB Storage Media or floppy disk for consideration for inclusion in the program. The scientific committee will assess all submissions for adherence to the **Formal Project Guidelines**. In that regard the abstract should conform to the “Instructions for Authors”. All presentations are eligible for completion of the Formal Project after submission of an acceptable 1500 word report to the Formal Projects Officer. There is a prize for the best presentation. A declaration of contributions will be required by presenters.

All registrars are strongly advised to attend the morning session aimed at ‘**Surviving Your Training**’ with financial, career and personal wellbeing experts presenting.

A declaration of contribution form and instructions for authors is available from the ANZCA NZ office (contact details at the beginning of this newsletter).

Please return completed declaration and Abstract to Dr Nelis Kruger **before 9 November 2007**:

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5. ANZCA COUNCIL MEETINGS

I attended the Council meeting on Saturday 18 August. Some of the items of interest from the report of this meeting and the June Council meeting included:

HONOURS, APPOINTMENTS AND HIGHER DEGREES

Council noted the following awards gained by New Zealand Fellows:

- Dr Leona Wilson was awarded a Master of Public Health (MPH).
- Prof Alan Merry was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

NZNC congratulates these Fellows on their achievements.

RECENT DEATHS OF FELLOWS

NZNC was saddened to hear of the deaths of the following Fellows.

Dr Alan Bradford, universally known as Brad, Nelson's first and long-serving specialist anaesthetist, died on 10 April, aged 83. He qualified FFARACS in 1960 and was Director of Anaesthesia in Nelson for many years.

Dr Peter Henry Caldwell, FFARACS 1971, FANZCA 1992. He played a big part in NZSA being President in 1970-71.

Dr Margaret Smith, FANZCA, OBE (NZ), at age 95. Dr Smith was the last surviving Foundation Fellow. She was awarded an ANZCA medal in 2002.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Training Agreement

Council approved this document which sets out the rights, responsibilities and obligations of trainees and the College with regard to the ANZCA training program.

Module 11 - Formal Project Working Party

Membership of this working group was approved as follows: Dr Kerry Brandis, Councillor (Chair), Dr Frank Moloney, Assistant Assessor, A/Prof Kate Leslie, Chair of Research or her nominee, the ANZCA Director of Education and Dr Annabel Orr (Chair, Trainees' Committee).

The aim of the Working Party is to make recommendations about how the Education and Scientific component of FANZCA Training should be undertaken, in particular whether the Formal Project should be retained in its current format.

If any New Zealand Fellows or trainees would like to submit comments for the Working Party to consider, please send these to Jan Brown at the New Zealand office (Email: anzca@anzca.org.nz)

Rural Videoconferencing

The Rural Advanced Specialists Trainee Scheme (RASTS) will be completed, with Australian Commonwealth funding, this year. Council agreed that consideration should be given to implementing a videoconference education series for rural trainees in Australia and New Zealand from 2008, at a cost of some \$50,000 per annum. This initiative is to be considered further through the Education and Training Committee.

Trainee Illness

To assist with enquiries from trainees related to personal illness which may either interrupt or affect their training, the Education and Training Committee will work towards development of a policy on this topic.

Timing of Changes to the FANZCA Training Program

Council supported the concept of introducing Training Program revisions at a single point in the training year, and 1st January was agreed. To allow publicity of proposed changes, all revisions to the Training Program must be ratified by Council no later than the October Council meeting. To ensure that trainees are fully informed of proposed changes, a communications strategy is to be developed through the Education and Training Committee.

Modular MCQ and SAQ Assessment

A web-accessible, modular-based MCQ and SAQ bank is to be developed by 2009. This initiative will complement the implementation of the proposed Revised FANZCA curriculum and provide suitable written formats for the enhancement of both formative and summative assessment processes.

Educational Innovation Grants

Council supported the establishment of Educational Innovation Grants to cover requests for financial assistance received from Fellows for educational initiatives. Such requests generally relate to small workplace-based projects requiring small funding amounts. The total value of the

grants will be \$40,000 (indexed) per annum, and support will be considered for individual projects for \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Supervisor of Training and Module Supervisor Workshops at the 2008 ASM

A/Prof Patsy Tremayne will present this workshop on the topic of trainees who fail on more than one or two attempts at examinations.

EXAMINATIONS

Proposed Revisions to the Final Examination Format

Council approved the following changes to the format of the Final Exam:

- The medical clinical will be held the day after the written examinations.
- The medical clinical will be of 15 minutes duration.

In 2008 the written/clinical examinations will be held in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Auckland and Hong Kong. Following review of the new format, Council noted there is a possibility for expansion outside these areas.

The vivas will be held in Melbourne (May) and Sydney (October)

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Continuing Professional Development

Council agreed that participation in a formal CPD Program should be mandated for all active ANZCA Fellows from the commencement of 2009. It was agreed that Fellows would not be restricted to the College CPD program but could participate in any formal program that is relevant to their practice.

2008 New Fellows' Conference

The theme for next year's NFC is '*Fitness to Practise – Achieving Career Longevity*'. The meeting will be held in the Hunter Valley and will include involvement by external facilitators.

ASM Committee

Conference Handbook – Abstracts to Delegates on CD

It was agreed that all delegates will be given a copy of the abstracts from the ASM on CD. The option of receiving a hard copy of the abstracts will be included on the registration form.

2010 ASM – Christchurch

The Regional Organising Committee for the 2010 ASM was approved by Council:

Convenor – Dr Ross Kennedy, Scientific Convenor – Dr Richard French, Social Convenor – Dr Sue Nicoll and Industry Liaison – Prof Ted Shipton

PROFESSIONAL

Professional Documents

PS43 – *Statement on Fatigue and the Anaesthetist*

Following the normal review process, Council approved the updated version of this document.

ANAESTHESIA CONTINUING EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (ACECC)

Chair of ACECC

Dr Greg Deacon's is Chair of ACECC. Greg has had a long involvement in Anaesthesia politics principally via his various roles in the ASA and brings a wealth of experience to the job.

WORKFORCE

Council supported the request for a proposal for external agencies to undertake a workforce study identifying the supply and demand for anaesthesia services in Australia. The study has been developed jointly by the College and the ASA and will not be restricted solely to Fellows and ASA members. Following this study, a similar study will be considered for New Zealand.

ANZCA Foundation

Council supported a strategy for developing a database of potential and actual donors.

The following naming and recognition of donations was accepted by Council:

Level	\$	Name	Recognition
1	Up to \$1,000	Contributor	Foundation annual report, Bulletin
2	\$1,000 - \$25,000	Donor	Level 1 plus video display in foyer, functions
3	\$25,000 - \$50,000	Sponsor	Level 2 plus grant named after donor
4	\$50,000 for 5 years	Major Sponsor	Level 3 plus invitation to visit ANZCA House and award made at ASM 2009
5	\$50,000 for 5 years	Founder Sponsor	Level 4 plus mentioned at launch and ASM 2008
6	>\$200,000 in 1 year	Principal Sponsor	Special recognition by negotiation

The Foundation was launched in Australia earlier this year. A launch will be planned in New Zealand in the future.

Fellows in New Zealand can now donate to the Foundation through the New Zealand office and in this way the donation in New Zealand dollars can generate a tax rebate. If you would like to give a donation or if you know of an organization that would like to give corporate sponsorship, please contact Karen Hearfield at the ANZCA NZ office (details at the top of this newsletter).

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Formal Agreement between College and Hospitals

Council approved this Agreement which recognises the joint responsibility of ANZCA and accredited training hospitals in the provision of a high quality training environment where high standards of excellence, transparency and accountability are paramount.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

A policy on **Intellectual Property** was approved by Council.

Educational Visits to PNG

Council supported the concept of two two-week visits by Australian and/or New Zealand anaesthetists to Papua New Guinea in 2008 for the purposes of education and training. In addition Council committed to support this program in 2009 and 2010, with support in subsequent years consequent on a review of the three-year program.

Code of Professional Conduct

The Code of Conduct was approved by Council. The Code will be revised from time to time and it is planned that the first reconsideration will occur when the Australian Medical Council (AMC) releases its proposed Code of Conduct, and the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) releases its revision to its Code.

AMC Accreditation

The College has received confirmation from the Australian Medical Council of its ongoing accreditation to 31st December 2012. The College was also re-accredited by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) in 2004. At that time, MCNZ stated that "Council resolved that the vocational branch of Anaesthesia be re-accredited for ten years, initially for six years, then following receipt of a satisfactory report at the end of the fifth year, accreditation for a further four years".

6. MINISTER'S WORKFORCE TASKFORCE REPORT AND HEALTH TRAINING BOARD

The Taskforce submitted recommendations to the Minister of Health at the end of March and a report was launched in May. This report can be found on the Ministry website at:

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/reshaping-medical-education-workforce-taskforce?Open>

This report makes five recommendations as the first step toward making changes that, the Ministry hopes, will result in a sustainable medical education and training system to produce medical practitioners who are fit for purpose and for practice in the minimum time period. The recommendations cover the following areas:

1. Oversight and implications of the continuum of learning
2. A commitment to ongoing self-sufficiency for the medical workforce

3. New roles and inter-professional collaboration
4. Accountability for clinical training
5. An increasing focus on generalism.

One of the ideas to come out of the report is the possibility of reducing the trainee intern/PGY1/PGY2 period from three years to two.

The Taskforce recommended that a Training Board be established for the implementation of future changes to ensure a sustainable medical education and training programme. It appears this training board is to cover all the regulated health professions, but the initial focus will be with medicine.

7. MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) & DISTRICT HEALTH BOARDS NZ (DHBNZ) WORKFORCE CONFERENCE AND HEALTH CAREER FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL

Representatives of ANZCA attended this workforce conference in Wellington in June. The message at the conference was that change is necessary as the NZ workforce will not be able to provide the numbers (particularly for doctors, but also other areas) in the future. The change the Ministry seemed to be pushing was for everyone to be more flexible about health practitioners' roles in providing healthcare to patients, and for the law to be changed to permit this flexibility.

The MoH/DHBNZ Health Career Framework initiative has similar goals. NZNC prepared a submission on this. NZNC's main concern was how this high level framework would actually work in practice, especially the contention that transportability between the professions should occur more easily through changed scopes of practice and shared competencies. The MoH and DHBNZ wishes to reduce the silo or hierarchical model so that moving between roles in the health sector is facilitated. The MoH and DHBNZ have been conducting Career Framework consultation meetings in the main centres. I attended the Christchurch consultation to reinforce ANZCA's concern which was shared by a number of other professional groups present. NZNC will follow the progress of this initiative with interest (scepticism).

8. RURAL SERVICES IN NEW ZEALAND – GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROBLEMS

The Ministry is funding an increase in the exposure to rural practice both in the undergraduate and post graduate medical years. It is hoped that this will improve the future recruitment and retention in rural and provincial centres.

9. HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

Recruitment and retention issues are not just affecting the smaller centres, as the recent HAC inspection of Wellington Hospital highlighted. It is hoped that Wellington Hospital will secure the

additional trainees and specialists, in order to meet this College accreditation requirement. The other hospitals in the rotation wait with concern, as withdrawal of Wellington's accreditation will impact on their trainees as well.

10. THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS AND MEDICINES BILL

This Bill was put aside by Parliament. ANZCA NZNC had supported many aspects of this Bill as it had the potential to solve a number of problems arising from the current legislation.

Foremost for anaesthetists is the concern about section 29 of the Medicines Act with respect to unlicensed medicines used in anaesthesia. The Bill aimed to create a joint Trans Tasman therapeutic products and medicines registration body which would result in a larger number of licensed medicines available in New Zealand. Also medical devices and complementary medicines would have to be registered as well (which New Zealand doesn't currently require).

The Bill also had the potential to allow a greater number of health practitioners to gain prescribing rights. Nursing organisations had proposed to the Minister that nurse practitioners be given authorised prescribing rights (being able to prescribe all medicines on the pharmaceutical schedule, the same as medical practitioners, dentists and midwives). The Minister did not proceed with this prescribing proposal. NZNC has spent quite a lot of time and effort this year submitting to the Minister, Ministry, Select Committees and regulatory authorities outlining our concerns about widening of prescription rights for practitioners who appear to not have the training and experience to safely prescribe. Such proposals have come from the Pharmacy Council as well as the Nursing Council.

11. REVIEW OF THE HEALTH PRACTITIONERS COMPETENCE ASSURANCE (HPCA) ACT 2003

The legislation that governs the scopes of practice for health practitioners is to be reviewed. NZNC will be considering this carefully.

As well, this Act covers the requirements for CPD and also how regulatory authorities' members are appointed. NZNC and Council of Medical Colleges (CMC) have submitted that members of these authorities should include a proportion of those elected by the profession.

12. NEW ZEALAND ANAESTHETIC TECHNICIANS – REGULATORY BODY

The Minister has agreed that anaesthetic technicians are to be regulated as a health profession under the HPCA Act.

A decision is awaited on which authority will regulate this group. Neither the Nursing Council nor Medical Council wish to undertake this role, so it is likely to be an authority made up of a number of health technician groups.

13. MEDICAL COUNCIL OF NZ AND ANZCA MOPS/NEW CPD PROGRAM

The new ANZCA CPD Program that was recently approved by ANZCA Council has been submitted to the Medical Council for approval as part of the ANZCA's recertification in place of the previously approved MOPS Program.

Members of ANZCA NZNC met with the MCNZ Education Committee in July to outline the improvements this CPD Program presents. The Education Committee congratulated ANZCA on the evidence-based approach it has taken in the development of the Program. The Committee commended the reflection aspects and the focus of interactive activities. The MCNZ decision is awaited.

14. COUNCIL OF MEDICAL COLLEGES (CMC) IN NEW ZEALAND

In June, CMC held its AGM during one of its quarterly meetings. I was elected as one of the four CMC Executive members. In this capacity I will be more involved in key meetings that CMC has with 'external' organisations and Government. The Executive has regular meetings with the Minister of Health, Hon. Pete Hodgson and the Director General of Health, Mr Stephen McKernan.

15. THE PRIORY IN NEW ZEALAND OF THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM – INVESTITURE SERVICE, MAY 2007 IN WELLINGTON

Two New Zealand anaesthetists were invested into the Order of St John at the ceremony in May. Tony Smith of Auckland was invested as an Officer and Malcolm Stuart of Greymouth as a Member of the Order.

16. MCNZ EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

NZNC nominated A/Prof Jennifer Weller for a position on the MCNZ Education Committee. This nomination was accepted by MCNZ. NZNC congratulates Jenny Weller on this appointment.

17. NZNC SUBMISSIONS OF INTEREST

Discussion documents considered and submissions completed (and pending) since the last issue of Gasbag (due dates in brackets)

- MoH Workforce Taskforce Report (via CMC) (17 May)
- MoH - New Zealand Response to onshore and offshore disasters with a health component – agreement to consensus statement and nominations to steering group
- MoH - Making of regulations under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 to allow the Medical Council of New Zealand to elect members to the authority (25 May)
<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/medical-council-election-regulations-consultation-apr07>
- Medical Council (MCNZ) – Draft Disruptive Doctor Guideline (31 May)

- Pharmaceutical Management Agency of NZ (PHARMAC) – Consultation on a provisional agreement with Pfizer for listing of various pharmaceuticals on the Pharmaceutical Schedule (14 June)
- CMC Executive nominations (15 June) - NZNC nominated Vaughan Laurenson
- MoH - Accompanying Documentation for the Maternity Facility Access Agreement (15 June)
- ANZCA Trainee Performance Review - request for names for a panel (25 June)
- MCNZ Education Committee nomination (28 June) – nominated A/Prof Jennifer Weller
- MCNZ Review of *Good medical practice* (29 June)
<http://www.mcnz.org.nz/portals/0/publications/good%20medical%20practice%20-%20consultation%20draft.pdf>
- MoH HPCA Act Review Process and Terms of Reference (6 July)
<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/consultation-terms-of-reference-hpca-may07?Open>
- MCNZ Draft Statement on Cosmetic Procedures (20 July)
<http://www.mcnz.org.nz/portals/0/guidance/statement%20on%20cosmetic%20procedures%20-%20draft.pdf>
- MoH/DHBNZ A Career Framework for the Health and Disability Workforce in New Zealand Consultation Document (31 July)
<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/workforce-career-framework-consultation-jun07?Open>
- Pharmacy Council Proposed Advanced Scope of Practice and Qualifications for Pharmacists (3 August) <http://www.pharmacycouncil.org.nz/index.asp>
- MoH Medical Training Board (August)
- Nursing Council Review of the Competencies for the nurse practitioner scope of practice (end of September)
<http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/Draft%20NP%20competencies%20for%20consultation%2005Jul07.pdf>
- Standards New Zealand - DZ8141 (Committee P8134) Health and Disability Services (Restraint) Standard - Draft. (21 August)
<http://www.standards.co.nz/webshop/?action=viewDraft&mod=drafts&draftId=DZ8141>
- Standards New Zealand - DZ8134 (Committee P8134) Health and Disability Services (Core) Standard - Draft. (21 August)
<http://www.standards.co.nz/web-shop/?action=viewDraft&mod=drafts&draftId=DZ8134>
- Standards New Zealand – DZ8142 (Committee P8134) Health and Disability Services (Infection Control) Standard (21 August)
<http://www.standards.co.nz/webshop/?action=viewDraft&mod=drafts&draftId=DZ8142>
- MoH - Continuous Improvement in Health and Disability Services: A Discussion Paper on the Review of the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001 (21 September)
<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/health-and-disability-services-review-jul07?Open>

18. RECENT AND UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2007

- MoH meeting re: nurse practitioner prescribing (15 May)
- ANZCA President Regional/National Chairs meeting (25 May), Melbourne
- ANZCA ASM (26-29 May), Melbourne

- ANZCA Council (30 May), Melbourne
- JFICM ASM (1-3 June), Sydney
- ANZCA NZNC Executive teleconference (6 June)
- ANZCA Web development project steering committee teleconference (6 June)
- ANZCA staff meeting (7/8 June), Melbourne
- NZAEC teleconference (20 June)
- ANZCA Web development project steering committee (27 June)
- ANZCA CEO visit to Wellington (20/21 June)
- ANZCA Council (23 June), Melbourne
- ANZCA Web software advisory group teleconference
- MoH/DHBNZ Workforce Conference (28 & 29 June)
- ANZCA NZ Trainees' Committee teleconference (3 July)
- ANZCA managers' strategic planning meeting (5 – 7 July), Melbourne
- ANZCA Web development project steering committee teleconference (11 July)
- MCNZ Education Committee re the new ANZCA CPD Program (12 July)
- CMC (13 July)
- JFICM NZNC (16 July)
- IMG meeting (16 July)
- Trainee placement teleconference (18 July)
- ANZCA managers' strategic planning meeting debrief teleconference (19 July)
- ANZCA NZNC (20/21 July)
- Joint NZSA and ANZCA NZNC meeting (20 July morning)
- MoH/DHBNZ Career Framework meeting (7 August) (and in Christchurch, 17 August)
- Web Redevelopment Steering Committee teleconference (8 August)
- Charities Commission and Wellington Community Law Centre workshop on registration under the Charities Act (9 August)
- ANZCA Council (18 August), Melbourne
- NZ Trainees' Committee teleconference (20 August)
- NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee teleconference (22 August)

Also NZATS and NZSA Executive meetings.

Upcoming meetings for 2007

- ANZCA staff meeting, (6 & 7 September) Melbourne
- MCNZ IMG interviews (3 September)
- Web content management training (7 September) Melbourne
- ANZCA Clinical Teachers course (14 September) rescheduled for 28 November
- CMC (21 September)
- ANZCA Council (20 October), Melbourne
- ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM (25-28 October), Rotorua
- NZ Anaesthesia ASM (7 – 10 November), Auckland
- NZ Fellows Annual Business Meeting (8 November), Auckland
- NZ Trainees Annual Meeting (8 November), Auckland

- JFICM NZNC (22 November)
- ANZCA NZNC (23 November *and possibly 24 November*)
- Opening of the new ANZCA NZ office (23 November)
- ANZCA Clinical Teachers course (28 November)
- ANZCA staff meeting, (tentative) (29 November or 13 December), Melbourne
- CMC (tentative) (7 December)
- Annual Registrars' meeting, Auckland (7 December)
- ANZCA Council (8 December), Melbourne

I hope to meet many of you at the NZ Anaesthesia ASM in Auckland in November. The Annual Business Meeting for NZ Fellows of ANZCA will be held during the ASM on Thursday 8 November at 5.30 pm.

Vaughan Laurenson, NZNC Chairman

28 August 2007

FORTHCOMING EVENTS, COURSES AND CME ACTIVITIES

2007 ANZCA EMAC COURSES – AUCKLAND AND WELLINGTON				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland - <i>Advanced Clinical Skills Centre, Mountain Road</i> • Wellington – <i>National Patient Simulator Training Centre, Riddiford Street</i> 				
2007	6-8 December	Auckland	Liesl Ploos van Amstel acscadmin@auckland.ac.nz	09 3737599 ext 89304.
2007	18-20 October 22-24 November	Wellington	Sylvia Jarvis Sylvia.Jarvis@ccdhb.org.nz	04 385 5887

Calling All EMAC Instructors

Wondering why you haven't been asked to instruct on a course lately? It is possible we do not have your details on the current list of qualified EMAC Instructors for courses in Wellington or Auckland. Please email Dr Jane Torrie j_torrie@auckland.ac.nz Phone: 021 734 152 if you think this may be the case.

30 SEP - 3 OCTOBER 9TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE CARDIOTHORACIC, VASCULAR AND PERFUSION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP - PORT DOUGLAS

Venue: Sheraton Mirage, Port Douglas
 Contact: Ms Juliette Mullumby, ANZCA, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004
 Tel: 0061 3 9510 6299
 Fax: 0061 3 9510 6786
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12 - 14 OCTOBER 2007 COMBINED SIG MEETING - NOOSA

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25 OCTOBER**ANZICS CLINICAL TRIALS GROUP SCIENTIFIC MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANZIC/ACCCN ASM**

Venue: Energy Events Centre, Rotorua
Topic/Theme: Intensive care/Clinical Trials
Contact: Rhiannon Tate
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7-10 NOVEMBER**NZ ANAESTHESIA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2007 - AUCKLAND**

Venue: Skycity Auckland Convention Centre
Theme: Facts, Fads and Folklore
Convenor: Dr Helen Frith, Department of Anaesthesia, Middlemore Hospital, Otahuhu, Private Bag 93311, Otahuhu, Auckland
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Registration URL: <http://www.asm2007.co.nz>

27 – 30 NOVEMBER**MEDICAL SCIENCES CONGRESS 2007 - QUEENSTOWN**

Venue: Rydges Lakefront Resort, Queenstown
Contact: Lynda Booth, Conference Manager, Conference Management, CCE, The University of Auckland
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Website: http://www.cce.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/index.cfm?S=CCE_MEDSCINZ

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR CME EVENTS

For further details and updates of national and international meetings check the following websites

- <http://www.anzca.edu.au/infocentres/meetings/23meet.htm>
- <http://www.acecc.org.au/>
- <http://www.anaesthesia.org.nz>