

WA ANZCA TRAINEE NEWSLETTER: October 2009

WA Trainee committee

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WA ANZCA trainee committee acts as a voice for the WA trainees. We are here to listen and communicate with the WA ANZCA committee/ regional educational officer and supervisors of training.

Anyone keen to participate as a committee member and wants to continue to strive for the excellent training conditions that we have in WA, are welcome to be nominated for election to the WA trainee committee. All ANZCA trainees are eligible for the positions. A form will be emailed to all ANZCA trainees in October, and all nominated trainees will be invited to attend the next committee meeting for election. Please refer to ANZCA regulation 16 for specific details.

The registrar hospital representatives have been met with varying success within each hospital. They have been a valuable commodity acting as a liaison between trainees and consultants, SOT's and the training committee. They have reported back to the committee with hospital summaries at the most recent meeting (attended with thanks by the acting REO Dr S. Lim) – mostly good reports but some useful constructive criticism too. They are a great first port of call to trainees with a problem in each hospital.

We would like to thank Dr Ann Ngui for all her hard work over the past year as the WA ANZCA training committee chair. She steps down from office due to maternity leave. We wish her the best of luck!

Bunker Bay Conference:

This year's conference on the 6-8th November at Bunker Bay in Dunsborough is titled 'Trauma and the Anaesthetist'. There are a range of interesting local speakers and topics. Unfortunately the conference is completely full so be sure to get in early next year as places fill up fast.

Trainee email system

The ANZCA Trainee Email system has been introduced to provide secure and reliable communication between ANZCA and the trainees so that both parties can meet their obligations of timely exchange of complete and accurate information. The trainee email system is accessible over the internet and is designed as a reliable system linking all trainees with ANZCA. The trainee email system is currently operational for all trainees who registered with ANZCA from 1 March 2008 to 1st Feb 2009. All other trainees will be allocated an email later this year.

Exams

Congratulations to those WA trainees who have recently passed the primary exam this month. It takes a huge amount of work and commitment – Well done! Good luck to those about to sit the anaesthetic vivas of the second part soon.

ANZCA curriculum review

ANZCA trainees (and fellows) should have received information regarding the census-style survey that is open from the 21st September until the 31st October aimed at reviewing the ANZCA curriculum. There is an anticipated 'tsunami' of vocational trainees expected by 2012, at which point the new ANZCA training program will be launched. This will directly impact not only trainees but fellows working in the public sector in the future – therefore please spend the time to complete this survey. For further details please see: www.anzca.edu.au/edu/projects/curriculum-review

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