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TRAINING & ASSESSMENT NEWSLETTER



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EXAM ASSISTANTS FOR OSCE/MOSCE SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015 - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SYDNEY

The Committee for Examinations would like to invite local trainees and SIMGs to assist with the running of the OSCE/MOSCE examination. The April 2015 OSCE/MOSCE Examination is to be held in Sydney on Saturday, 18 April 2015. Your attendance at the examination venue would be required from 10:30am to 9:30pm. The examination will be held at the Royal North Shore Hospital and the Sydney Children's Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick.

Exam assistants play a pivotal part in the smooth running of this event. This is an excellent opportunity for future candidates to improve their chances of success by seeing the examination process in action.

A training webinar will be conducted on Friday afternoon, 17 April 2015 at 3:00pm. Your help will be very much appreciated by the College and your colleagues who will be sitting these examinations. If you are interested, please contact the Exams Department at clinicals@ranzcp.org

MARCH 2015 CYCLE 1 OCI/MOCIS EXAMINATION

Candidates' individual examination timetable will be emailed approximately four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled examination time.

Site maps of the examination venues with site visit details will be available on the College website two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled examination.

Should candidates organise practice OCI/MOCIS with any members of the Accredited Examination Panel (AEP), please provide the AEP with names of all the attendees (including observers) to be present at the practice exam.

CASE HISTORY SUBMISSIONS

Trainees are advised to monitor their emails post Case History submission date. This is in order to follow up matters regarding their submission.

SCHOLARLY PROJECT

Information for Trainees

The Scholarly Project is expected to be attempted and passed by the time the trainee has completed 54 months' full-time equivalent (FTE) accredited training.

Trainees are expected to submit their Scholarly Project proposals to their BTC by 30 months of training.

Trainees are advised that completing a successful Scholarly Project requires effective project planning as well as research-related knowledge. Trainees are encouraged to refer to the [Research in psychiatry](#) page on the College website. Trainees should plan ahead as early in training as possible, considering both the time it will take them to complete their Scholarly Project and the availability of their proposed Scholarly Project supervisor.

Selecting a Supervisor

The principal supervisor or co-supervisor must be recognised as having appropriate expertise in the area of study.

- The principal supervisor is required to be a College-accredited supervisor
- Trainees may seek an additional project co-supervisor (who is not required to be a College accredited supervisor) per the Scholarly Project Policy.

The College Committee for Research can assist trainees in locating Scholarly Project supervisors and can be contacted through the Examinations Department at the College head office.

Information for Supervisors

The Scholarly Project supervisor must be involved in considering the most appropriate form for the project.

The principal supervisor/co-supervisor must be recognised as having appropriate expertise in the area of study.

Scholarly Project Supervisor and Clinical Supervisor

A clinical (rotation) supervisor may supervise a trainee's Scholarly Project but it is expected that many trainees will need to locate a separate (Scholarly Project) supervisor with an interest in the project topic and research in general.

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Training records can be accessed via www.ranzcp.org by logging onto 'Member Access' and selecting 'My RANZCP' and then 'My Training Reports'. Should you have any questions regarding your training record please contact training@ranzcp.org.

Information regarding the RANZCP complaints process is available on the College website via Pre Fellowship – Complaints Resolution

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Co-supervision

The co-supervisor may, where appropriate, be a trainee with expertise in the research area.

Trainees should discuss and be approved for exceptions to seeking a local principal supervisor with their Branch Training Committee (BTC).

Supervision of the Scholarly Project

Supervision of the Scholarly Project will take the form of regular meetings and discussions with the trainee. The supervisor will:

- guide the trainee to pertinent literature to be reviewed
- help with the development of a scholarly question(s) or hypothesis(es)
- advise the trainee about the timeframe for completing the project
- provide advice and guidance in the conduct of the research and its writing up.

The supervisor may also assist the trainee with data collection and/or analysis but should not undertake or subsume the project tasks for the trainee.

Please refer to the Scholarly Project Regulations, Policy and Procedure ("RPP") for more information on submitting a Scholarly Project. Below is the link to the RPP.

<https://www.ranzcp.org/Files/PreFellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/RPP-SCHOLARLY-PROJECT.aspx>

Attached below is a link to the Trainee Progress Trajectory in the 2012 Fellowship Program.

<https://www.ranzcp.org/Files/PreFellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/Trainee-Progress-Trajectory.aspx>

TRC ELECTIONS

Elections for the Trainee Representative Committee will commence on 6 February 2015. An email will be sent on this date confirming that the nomination period is now open and providing details on how to access the relevant election documents on the RANZCP website. The closing date for all nominations will be 2 March 2015.

**ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP PROCESS 2016
ONWARDS – COMMUNIQUE FOR TRAINEES**

NOTE: The current admission to Fellowship process will apply to all applications for Fellowship in 2015.

Background

The current system for trainees is not consistent with the 2012 Fellowship program, timelines and trajectory. In the 2012 Fellowship program trainees must submit their training documentation a maximum of 90 days after the completion of that rotation or be recorded as failing that rotation. With this system and failure to progress in place, at the time of application to Fellowship the only outstanding paperwork will be the final ITA. Therefore timelines between application and approval should be approximately consistent with current waiting times.

As all trainees will transition to the 2012 Fellowship program in 2016, their training records will of necessity have been updated and new records created, so transition to the streamlined process will be facilitated.

RANZCP Board approved admission to Fellowship process for all trainees from 1st January 2016 onwards

1. No Notification of Intent forms will be required.
2. Trainees apply for admission to Fellowship on a prescribed Application for Admission to Fellowship form once their training/exams are completed i.e. when they submit their final training form.
3. Trainees pay a Fellowship application fee to the Training department at the time of submitting their application for admission to Fellowship. This replaces the New Fellow entrance fee and will cover the administration costs (checking of training records, financial status, checking of registration details etc.) associated with the process.
4. At the time of application, trainees will sign a declaration that they are registered and have no outstanding training/assessment fees.
5. Applications will not be processed if there is any outstanding documentation – trainee onus applies.

6. Only when the application/documentation is ratified by the Training team will names be submitted to the Legal Officer for review and thence to Education Committee (EC) for approval.
7. Following EC approval membership services send out Fellowship declarations and requests for pro rata Fellowship subscriptions.
8. Membership services confirm receipt of subscriptions and declarations and the names of Fellowship applicants are submitted to the Board for approval.
9. Once the Board has approved admission to Fellowship membership services issue certificates.
10. The schedule of EC/Board meeting dates will be published as soon as they are available each year to facilitate forward planning by Fellowship applicants.

- capacity to attend formal education sessions
- limited number of mandatory terms

Mandatory rural rotations imposed by health services is another ongoing concern for trainees. It is unclear the level of support the hospital districts will provide whilst on rotation, and whether trainee circumstances will be taken into consideration.

Based on trainee concerns, as well as review of available literature, the College has been working towards several initiatives to support rural trainees. In 2014, these have included:

- webinars
- an orientation guide for rural health services
- a mentor project
- rural education grants
- peer support groups

As a trainee who started my training in Cairns and will be returning to work there as a consultant, I hope to see regional and rural Australian locations becoming attractive places to train, work and live. Regional Australia deserves a high quality, Australian trained workforce. However, there needs to be ongoing support for the regional and rural sites for trainees, as well as a responsive health administration to accommodate trainee needs.

RURAL AND REGIONAL TRAINEES

By Alice Chang, TRC Representative,
Queensland

For those working in a rural or regional area, the training experience can be varied depending on the training site and support trainees receive during the rotation. While working in a regional or rural area can be an amazing learning experience, rural trainees are still the minority and mandatory rural rotations imposed by health services remain a daunting prospect for trainees.

From the Queensland perspective, some of the regional/ rural training issues include:

- shortage of adequate training supervisors and opportunity for examination preparation
- limited psychotherapy and scholarly project supervision
- a smaller range of training experiences, especially for advanced trainees
- risk of isolation, sometimes being the only training registrar on site
- frequency of on call and safe working hours

Guest speakers include Professor Michelle

If you are interested in the work and research done by the college in this area and its initiatives, please contact the Rural Working Party, of which I am a committee member, by email at ruralprojectSTP@ranzcp.org

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada have collaborated since 2011 to deliver an annual international medical symposium. In 2015 the symposium is convened for the first time in association with the RANZCP and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists.

The symposium titled 'The Future of the Medical Profession' will be held in Melbourne on 13th March 2014 and will be of interest to senior health educators, policy makers and advisers, regulators and others working in the areas of specialist education and training.

Leech, Deputy Dean MBBS at Monash University, Professor Robin Mortimer, President of the Australian Medical Council and Dr Andrew Padmos, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Symposium sessions will discuss the international perspective on the future, practice in the future, generational differences and the challenges for medicine.

The full program and registration details can be found at <https://www.ranzcp.org/Files/Resources/Events/IMS-2015-Registration-Brochure.aspx>

RANZCP 2015 CONGRESS BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND MAY 2015

The 2015 Congress will take place at the [Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre \(BCEC\)](#), in the heart of the beautiful city of Brisbane.

There are many destinations for delegates to explore, including Southbank, home to more than 50 restaurants, cafes and bars, in addition to the performing art theatres and culture. For a guide on other things to do and see in Brisbane, click to go to the [Visit Brisbane website](#).

This is a great opportunity to take part in the scientific program of the largest psychiatry conference in Australia and New Zealand - [register online](#) today. Discounted registrations are available until 6 March 2015, so register now for the Colleges' premier event.

The conference is expected to welcome psychiatrists, trainees, allied health professionals, community representatives, medical students and other medical practitioners. The premier Conference of the RANZCP event calendar is a fantastic opportunity to network with your industry peers and colleagues.

The 2015 Congress program will be released soon, so stay tuned to the website for further [program](#) updates.

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FACULTY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY 2015 CONFERENCE

Culture, Community and Healing: Child, Youth and Family Mental Health in the Pacific

<http://www.child2015.com/>

The Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in conjunction with the Pasifika Medical Association and Vanuatu Medical and Dental Association 2015 conference will be held in September. The conference theme is 'Culture, Community and Healing: Child, Youth and Family Mental Health in the Pacific'.

The keynote speakers confirmed for the 2015 conference include **Professor Anthony Spirito** and **Ricardo Araya**, Drs **Hiran Thabrew** and **Chia Granda**.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend this conference in the spectacular island setting of Vanuatu from Wednesday 30th September - Friday 2nd October 2015, for what will be an unforgettable event.

Stay tuned to the conference [website](#) for more information or to register your interest today.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE IN ADDICTION CONFERENCE (IMIA15)

Melbourne, Victoria - March 2015

Held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, the 2015 conference will focus on a new theme each day and will include multiple interactive sessions and workshops on a range of themes related to common clinical challenges.

IMIA15 provides a great opportunity for delegates to hear from local and international leading addiction clinicians and researchers, update their skills and knowledge and network with colleagues and peers.

The conference features a range of keynote speakers including **Professor David Nutt**, currently the Edmund J Safra Professor of Neuropsychopharmacology and Head of the Centre for Neuropsychopharmacology in the Division of Brain Science, Department of Medicine, Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College London. Prof Nutt will deliver the open plenary presentation on Day 1 on *Alcohol*

perspectives, and Day 2: Psychopharmacology for anxiety in the post alprazolam era'.

In addition to his key note addresses, Prof Nutt will also feature as a panel member discussing the Medical profession's role in the Future of Alcohol policy in Australia.

To read more about the keynote speakers and to view the preliminary conference program, visit the conference [website](#).

<http://www.racgp.org.au/education/courses/mia15/>

EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS FOR TRAINEES TO CONTINUE IN 2015

Webinars for rural trainees and SIMGs will continue in 2015 after a successful series of webinars last year. The webinars are designed to increase support to trainees (particularly those in rural and remote settings) and provide educational information.

Webinars are web-based seminars transmitted over the internet which include interactive elements such as submitting questions in real time and answering polls or discussion points via chat boxes. These sessions are particularly useful for those working in rural or remote locations who are unable to travel to other educational events.

After registering for the webinar and receiving login instructions, attendees log in online to watch the webinar. All that is required is an internet connection to view the presentations and a telephone to hear the presenters.

Each webinar is on a specific topic with high quality speakers talking on the given topic providing information, advice and exam tips. Previous webinar topics have included eating disorders, depression and alcohol, the management of confused and aggressive older patients, psychosis in the perinatal period, PTSD and its comorbidities and approaches to violence risk assessment. A range of topics will be covered in 2015 and topic suggestions are welcome to RuralprojectSTP@ranzcp.org.

All webinars are posted on the [RANZCP website](#) shortly after being broadcast. Members are encouraged to view the

recordings from 2014 available on this page.

As well as rural trainees, metro trainees and SIMGs as well as Fellows are welcome to register for these free webinars. Please email RuralprojectSTP@ranzcp.org for any queries or to be notified of upcoming webinars.

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