

FROM THE CEO

Fellows of the College have really responded strongly to the mandatory requirement to undertake Continuing Professional Development, a very encouraging response. The College's CPD Program has experienced an increase in participation to 83% of Fellows as of the end of June 2010. Factoring in the number of new Fellows, it is evident that the effective participation rate is close to 90%. With the introduction of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme there has been a steady increase in enquiries from Fellows who are beginning their participation in the CPD Program and also Non Fellows who need to participate to continue their work within Australia and New Zealand.

The ANZCA CPD Program was mandated from January 2009 in anticipation of the introduction of the National Registration Scheme from 1 July 2010, where evidence of participation in a CPD Program within Australia is required for medical registration. Fellows are able to participate in the CPD Program either online or offline in a hard copy format. They need to submit to the College an Annual Summary Form to obtain their Statement of Participation. Online users of the CPD Program are able to enter their activities electronically and download their own Statement of Participation at any time.

Following the findings of the recent Fellowship Survey, the College is presently looking at ways to make the CPD program even easier to access for Fellows. More will be communicated about that a little later in the year but, in the meantime, it is important for the CPD unit at the College to know if Fellows are participating offline or are enrolled with another College or program provider so that our records can be updated. The CPD unit can be contacted via email on cpd@anzca.edu.au or by contacting Ms. Sara Habib on +61 3 9510 6299 or directly on +61 3 8517 5323.