

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the July ANZCA e-newsletter! In this message, I'd like to highlight the fantastic **engagement** of two groups of Fellows with trainee education. Without the help of these Fellows, the College would not be able to maintain and improve its world-class training program.

Firstly, I am pleased to report that the Curriculum Redesign Project is up and running. The Curriculum Redesign Steering Group, chaired by Prof Barry Baker, and consisting of ANZCA Fellows, ANZCA Councillors, a trainee representative and staff of the Education Development Unit, has held its first meeting. 10 Curriculum Authoring Groups have been formed (comprising three ANZCA/FPM Fellows each) who are ready to begin the task of redesigning the curriculum. They will be guided by the Curriculum Framework and Curriculum recommendations that arose from the curriculum review and the educational expertise in the Education Development Unit, led by Ms Mary Lawson. The new curriculum will emphasise all the CanMeds roles (medical expert, communicator, collaborator, manager, advocate, scholar and professional) and will provide teachers with more guidance about teaching, learning and assessment. The timeline has the Redesign Project completed by the end of 2010 ready for a year-long Implementation Project prior to a roll-out in the 2012 hospital training year. The input of ANZCA/FPM Fellows is vital to the process of making the redesigned curriculum clinically and professionally relevant. For more information go to <http://www.anzca.edu.au/edu/projects/curriculum-review>

Secondly, I am delighted to report that the ANZCA In-Training Assessment (ITA) process has gone on-line. This project had input from the Workplace-based Assessments Committee, the Education and Training Committee, the Trainee Committee and ANZCA management and staff. After pilot testing by Supervisors of Training in half a dozen ANZCA training sites, the on-line process went live on July 1, 2010 and early feedback shows that the system is working well. The ITA process is heavily reliant on the pro-bono work of hundreds of SOTs and thousands of Fellows in ANZCA's approved training sites. The College hopes that the new on-line process will make completing the ITAs easier for SOTs and more useful for trainees. It's just the first of a number of on-line initiatives that will be rolled-out in the coming months. For more information go to <http://anzca.edu.au/news/announcements/in-training-assessment-to-go-online-from-july-1>