

# West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



April 2015

The West Australian Regional Committee meets tri-monthly, the committee includes:

Dr Irina Kurowski  
Dr Alison Corbett  
Dr Jennifer Bruce  
Dr Jodi Graham  
Dr John Martyr  
Dr Richard Riley  
Dr Michael Babon  
Dr Michael Veltman  
Dr Michaela Salvadore  
Dr Lindy Roberts

Co-opted:

Dr Ian Maddox  
Dr Dana Weber  
Dr Silke Brinkmann  
Dr David Borshoff  
Dr Phillip Kriel  
Dr Kevin Hartley  
Dr Nirooshan Rooban  
Professor Stephan Schug  
Miss Melanie Roberts

Next meeting: June 2, 2015

## WA Regional Committee update

The WA Regional Committee met on March 10, 2015. The committee welcomes Dr Phillip Kriel who will be representing the Faculty of Pain Medicine.

Thank you to all who attended the Autumn Scientific Meeting held on March 14, 2015. Please place the following dates in your calendar:

- ANZCA/ASA Winter Scientific Meeting 'Blood, sweat and TEGs' at the Uni Club, UWA on July 4
- ANZCA/ASA Country Conference 'Modern Challenges and Daily Dilemmas' at the Pullman Resort Bunker Bay from October 16-18

The WA CME Committee encourages all residents, registrars and provisional fellows to consider presenting their anaesthesia-related research at the Winter Scientific Meeting on July 4. The free paper session represents an excellent opportunity for trainees to present research in which they have been involved, while competing for the prestigious Nerida Dilworth Prize. Contact Miss Melanie Roberts for further information.

Dr Michela Salvadore has kindly researched available CPD Workshops that are available around Perth, they are:

- The MURTEC simulation centre has a CICO course already running regularly throughout the year which is coordinated by Dr Andrew Heard
- Dr Angelique Halliday will be running regular ALS sessions for anaesthetists at the same MURTEC venue. This is scheduled to happen sometime in the near future (definitely 2015!)
- St John of God Subiaco has been running regularly the formal ALS 2-day course (Subiaco); Maria Manning coordinates these contact Maria.Manning@sjog.org.au
- Parasol have also just started running 1 and 2 day ALS courses at Joondalup Hospital and there are several courses scheduled for 2015. The web address for these courses is <http://www.advancedlifesupport.com.au/als-course-registration>.

The 2015 Australasian Students' Surgical Conference (ASSC) is on May 1-3. As part of the social program, a Careers Expo will be held on the evening of Friday, 1 May. The Medical Careers Expo will also be held on Tuesday, May 5 at Burswood on Swan. If you are available those evenings and would like to be involved please contact Miss Melanie Roberts.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the attention of the Regional Committee. Please contact Miss Melanie Roberts via the details below.

The West Australian Trainee Committee meets tri-monthly, the committee includes:

Dr Nirooshan Rooban  
Dr Grace Ho  
Dr Anna Hayward  
Dr Natasha de Silva  
Dr Paris Dove  
Dr Trevelyan Edwards  
Dr Bridget Mathews  
Dr David Rawson  
Dr Dennis Miller  
Dr James Anderson

Next meeting: June 16, 2015

## WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

The WA Trainee Committee had their first meeting for 2015 on March 24.

We would like to thank Ted Velzeboer, Mumtaz Khan, Anna West, Nuki Alakeson and Nathan Curr for their service in 2014 and welcome Natasha de Silva, Paris Dove, Trevelyan Edwards, Bridget Mathews and coopted members for GASACT Dennis Millard and James Anderson to the committee for 2015.

The Trainee Committee would like to take the opportunity to inform trainees of the following:

EMST: Trainees should consider applying for an EMST course early in training as the waiting time can be up to 18 months for an available course.

ALS Requirements: Dr Jay Bruce is currently communicating with the DPA Assessor regarding the requirements for training. Trainees should ensure they have a current ALS provider qualification.

Fellowships for 2016: The committee would like to take the opportunity to remind all trainees finishing their training in 2015 that their fellowships must be pre-approved by ANZCA, even if the fellowship is a long standing position in a WA tertiary hospital.

Buddy System: Bridget Mathews is coordinating the buddy system for new trainees. If any first year trainee not yet involved would like to be linked with a senior trainee please contact Bridget.

Hospitals: There have been significant changes in the allocations and access to VOP requirements for Anaesthetic trainees this year, especially in regards to the opening of Fiona Stanley Hospital and changes at Fremantle and Royal Perth Hospitals. The Trainee Committee has been receiving positive feedback about the training positions at these sites and is helping to resolve a few of the expected teething issues.

Exam Candidates: On behalf of all the trainees currently sitting the ANZCA Primary and Fellowship exams we would like to thank the consultants for their support in facilitating attendance at tutorials and viva practice sessions.

If any trainee has concerns they would like raised at the next meeting, please contact any committee member or speak to the allocated representative at each hospital.

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