

West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



August 2018

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

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Dr Chris Cokis (Ex Officio)
Dr Alison Corbett (TAC)
Dr Simon Bradbeer (Trainee)
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Dr Charlie Ho (CME)
Dr Michael Veltman (FPM)

Next meeting: October 16, 2018

WA Regional Committee update

The WA Regional Committee (WARC) met on July 31, 2018.

A successful recent WA ANZCA Autumn Scientific Meeting, was held at Joondalup Resort April 7, 2018. There were 117 anaesthetists and 30 anaesthetic technicians in attendance. The theme was "Volunteerism, self-care and responsible anaesthesia". The workshops were fully subscribed and well received, especially the CPD workshops. A fantastic Bunny Wilson lecture was delivered by Dr Perlman

The WA CME Committee will hold the Country Conference from October 26-28, 2018 at the Pullman Resort in Bunker Bay. The focus of the meeting is "Modernising Crises: Battles Shared, Battles Won". A novel approach with a simulation based scenario with mass participation via video will be used. The plenary speakers are Natalie May and Simon Hendel from the east coast. It is being convened by Dr Nirooshan Rooban and Dr Trevelyan Edwards.

Loss of STP funding from 2019 will affect 4 WA hospitals. The impact on jobs and training rotation is still being assessed. The aim will be to maintain the current number of trainees and will investigate "redistribution" of any lost positions based both on the needs of the trainees and the anaesthetic departments. How best to manage the changes to STP positions is an issue faced by many Australian states and territories currently.

The long awaited new Perth Children's hospital has eventually opened its doors. The ED opened on Sunday 10 June, at 7am and theatres opened at 8am. PMH closed its doors after 109 years of service and marks the end of an era.

Congratulations to the West Australian trainees who successfully passed their exams at the recent sitting in Melbourne.

Dr Christine Grobler

WARC Chair

WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

So far 2018 has been a busy year for the trainee committee and ANZCA training in general. To make sure everyone is up to date, here's a quick summary of what we've been up to and the current issues affecting WA trainees.

Firstly, congratulations to the successful candidates in the recent Primary and Fellowship exams, and good luck to those sitting currently!

There continues to be some uncertainty regarding the commencement date of EMAC courses at PCH, with the best case scenario being courses resuming in November. At present it appears that this short interlude between courses should not have much impact on the ability for advanced trainees to complete EMAC as required. We will endeavour to keep everyone updated on any news on this front.

The 2018 trainee survey will be released in late August, after going under extensive review and restructure aimed at improving the overall quality of the results. Last year 38% of trainees responded, this year the ANZCA trainee committee want to aim for 40%. So please keep an eye out for the email and complete the survey before the close date, it should only take 5-10mins to do. To help motivate everyone, this year one responder will be randomly selected to receive a \$500 gift certificate, so get on to it!

Lisa Alarcon and Marion Funke are in the process of organising a second Mentoring workshop for later in this year. It's a great opportunity for those interested in taking on mentoring roles for junior trainees to improve your understanding and mentoring skills.

There are also big changes coming to TPS in the next few months, which from what the trainee committee have seen are a great step forward in functionality and usability. These changes, along with updates to the training requirements and the curriculum are all part of Project 0110. Their role out will be accompanied by a special edition of the training e-newsletter which will explain the changes in more detail, so make sure you take the time to review the email when it arrives in your inbox in October.

On perhaps a more enjoyable note, the ASA winter drinks are to be held on the 18th of August at Hadiqa in the city. Tickets can be purchased online at the ASA website.

Finally, the Trainee committee would like to remind everyone that we are always available to help out with any issues or concerns you may have relating to trainee here in WA. If you would like to get in contact with us, there are members in each large department in Perth, otherwise feel free to send me an email at simonbradbeer@gmail.com.

Dr Simon Bradbeer

Chair WA ANZCA Trainee Committee

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Dr Archana Shrivathsa
Dr Tom Ryan
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Dr Joseph Ong
Dr Bojana Stepanovic
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Next meeting: September 11, 2018

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