

West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



July 2019

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

Dr Christine Grobler (Chair)
Dr Dale Currigan (Deputy Chair)
Dr Jennifer Bruce
Dr Reena Hacking
Dr Bridget Hogan
Dr Merlin Nicholas
Dr Vanessa Percival
Dr Tania Rogerson
Dr Kate Wessels
Dr Graeme Johnson
Ms Melanie Roberts

Co-opted:

Dr Chris Cokis (Ex Officio)
Dr Alison Corbett (TAC)
Dr Archana Shrivathsa (Trainee)
Dr Phil Soet (ASA)
Dr Charlie Ho (CME)
Dr Michael Veltman (FPM)

Next meeting: September 24, 2019

WA Regional Committee update

The WARC Committee last met on May 14, 2019.

The Autumn Scientific Meeting was held on March 23 at the University of Western Australia. Over 80 anaesthetists attended with 30 anaesthetic technicians and 9 sponsors. The key speaker was Dr Lachlan Miles, a Staff Specialist in Anaesthesia at Austin Health, an Honorary Consultant at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and an Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Integrated Critical Care at the University of Melbourne. He presented on Updates in Peri-Operative Medicine which was very well received. The Country Conference was held at the Cable Beach Resort in Broome from June 14-16, 2019, and convened by Dr Thy Do at Royal Perth Hospital. There were 122 delegates and 14 sponsors in attendance. The key speaker was Professor Philip Peyton from Melbourne, local speakers included Professor Eric Visser, Dr Mei-Mei Westwood, Dr Yayoi Ohashi, and Dr Leena Nagappan and Professor Richard Riley.

A 'developing personal resilience' course was held at the ANZCA office on March 18, it has been implemented into the Part 1 course to provide further skills for trainees in the workplace. In addition, a trainee information evening was held on March 27 at the ANZCA WA office to provide further information on the anaesthetic program. Thank you to Dr Kevin Hartley and Dr Jennifer Bruce for implementing the courses.

WARC office received communication from Melbourne, seeking formal comment around 2 areas of concern identified by WA trainees in the 2018 trainee survey. The two areas were around Employment opportunities post completion of training and the ease of access for completion of SSU. This is a complex issue and Dr Jay Bruce has provided a formal comment.

The WARC congratulated Dr Lindy Roberts on being awarded to the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to medicine and community organisations.

We were sad to learn of the passing of Dr Andrew Olney, the committee offers condolences to Andrew's family and friends.

Dr Ed Debenham introduced the ANZCA ASM "Inform, inspire and influence" to be held in Perth in May 2020. Due to the ASM, the CME Committee will not hold the Autumn Scientific Meeting in 2020; the Country Conference will be held in Bunker Bay from October 16-18, 2020.

The CME Committee has vacancies, the committee organises continuing professional development activities in Western Australia, please contact mroberts@anzca.edu.au if you are interested.

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

Dr Archana Shrivathsa (Chair)
Dr Joseph Ong (Deputy Chair)
Dr Lisa Alarcon
Dr Xiao Liang
Dr Aria Lokin
Dr Gregory Leeb
Dr Chloe Heath
Dr Jodie Jamieson (co-opted)
Dr Peter Garnett (co-opted)
Dr Sneha Neppalli (co-opted)
Dr Natalie Akl (ASATMG)
Dr Maya Calvert (ASATMG)
Dr Jay Bruce (co-opted EO)
Dr Kevin Hartley (co-opted DEO)
Mrs Jodie Taleni

Next meeting: August 27, 2019

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WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

2019 has been a productive year for the Trainee Committee and WA ANZCA trainees in general - here is a quick summary of what we've been working on:

Firstly, congratulations to all the successful candidates in the first sitting of the Primary and Fellowship exams for 2019, and all the very best to those preparing for the next sitting!

The recently revised Part 1 and 2 exam long courses have been very well received by exam candidates. A two-module course titled 'Building Personal Resilience' was introduced to the introductory sessions of the Part 1 course earlier this year. All introductory trainees were able to benefit from the modules, as well as interested registrars. The first module focuses on resilience in the moment, whilst the second looks at resilience over time and maintaining longer term wellbeing. These modules will continue to be run and if you are interested in attending, please email Suze Bruins at suze.bruins@gmail.com.

Chloe Heath and Suze Bruins have continued to run the mentoring program, with great feedback from the existing mentor-mentee pairs and a mentoring workshop planned for later this year. This is a fantastic program to develop your skills and abilities in mentoring and is a great opportunity for those interested in taking on mentoring roles.

We've also recently been involved in supporting the formation of the Perth Anaesthetic Trainee Research and Audit Network (PATARN), the first of its kind in WA, aiming to conduct trainee-led audit and research in anaesthesia. The team is welcoming new members, so please get in touch via the PATARN Facebook page!

There have been a few changes recently with Qualified Privilege as it applies to our reflections and WBAs on TPS, and what this means for trainees using TPS as a logbook - the TPS login page has important details which are worth a read.

On a lighter note, the ASA is sponsoring the upcoming Midwinter Drinks on the 20th July at the brand new QT Rooftop Bar. It'll be a great opportunity to socialise before the rotation changeover and tickets are available from the ASA website.

Finally, the Trainee Committee would like to remind everyone that we are always available and willing to help out with issues, concerns or problems you may have relating to anaesthesia training in WA. To get in contact with us, there are committee members in each local anaesthetic department in Perth - otherwise, please feel free to send me an email at archanashrivathsa@gmail.com.

Dr Archana Shrivathsa - Chair WA ANZCA Trainee Committee