

# West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



November 2014

## The West Australian Regional Committee meets bi-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 Michela Salvadore  
Dr Lindy Roberts

### Co-opted:

Dr Ian Maddox  
Dr Dana Weber  
Dr Silke Brinkmann  
Dr Ralph Longhorn  
Dr Max Majedi  
Dr Kevin Hartley  
Dr Nirooshan Rooban  
Professor Stephan Schug  
Professor John Faris  
Miss Melanie Roberts

Next meeting: November 25, 2014

## Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the WA Newsletter. We hope that it will be a useful forum to keep the WA fellowship and trainees informed of committee proceedings, as well as act as an event reminder for upcoming WA affairs. Suggestions on what else you would like included for future editions are greatly welcomed. We promise to keep it brief and easy to read!

Irina Kurowski, Chair, WARC.

The **WA Regional Committee** met on October 7, 2014 at 7pm. A Discussion forum was held and the committee raised issues for anaesthesia in WA. Jonathon Kruger, General Manager of Policy opened for discussion avenues to build advocacy in WA and offered support for WA anaesthetists.

The **ANZCA/ASA Winter Scientific Meeting** was held on July 26, 2014; convened by Dr Michela Salvadore with the topic "Updates on all things Respiratory". 126 delegates attended the Winter Meeting including 19 trainees. It was chosen to encompass a variety of interesting talks on the current issues and challenges we face when providing anaesthesia for patients with respiratory disease. Dr Ashley Webb was the plenary speaker and presented on Smoking and Surgery: an issue of Titanic importance which was well received and appreciated by the audience.

The **Country Conference "Crisis Management"** was held on October 17-19 at the Pullman Resort Bunker Bay. The WA Continuing Education Committee welcomed 140 delegates to the beautiful Bunker Bay and the topic of 'Crisis Management' was chosen to complement the 'Emergency Responses' component of the new ANZCA 2014 CPD program. In keeping with the ANZCA/FPM mission statement, "To serve the community by fostering safety and high quality patient care in anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain medicine", we are all striving to ensure we remain up to date.

**Selection process** for the new ANZCA WA trainees is completed. Interviews and simulations were held in the first week of September at Joondalup Health Campus. Dr Kevin Hartley coordinated the selection process. Thank you to the support given by all the departments for this process – it would be impossible to run without your direct and indirect assistance.

## WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

### Trainee Portfolio System

The trainee portfolio system will be undergoing further updates in the upcoming year, mainly related to accessibility and exportability. By the end of the year, MSFs will be able to be completed online.

### Volume of practice and workplace-based assessments

Please keep up to date with your VOP and WBA requirements by checking TPS and also appendices 4 and 5 on the ANZCA website under the "Training" tab and by clicking on "2013 training program". The general requirement is 2 mini-CEX, 2 DOPS and 1 CBD per three month period.

### Trainee buddy system

The buddy system is well underway. If you are interested in being a buddy to a new trainee or require a buddy, please contact Ted Velzeboer: [edwardvelzeboer@doctors.org.uk](mailto:edwardvelzeboer@doctors.org.uk), your Registrar Rep, or any of the committee members.

### Hospital representative reports

At each hospital there is a registrar representative who reports back to the WA training committee. If you have comments, please express them to your representative, who can report back to the committee in a confidential manner.

There have generally been positive reports for each of the hospitals this year. The committee has previously been concerned about the reduction to three-month terms at KEMH, with regards training experience and VOP requirements. There are new obstetric positions at Joondalup Hospital, and we are awaiting reports to see how it is affecting trainees.

The committee is also aware of the issues regarding the opening of Fiona Stanley Hospital and the impact on training and hours at other hospitals. Please let your registrar representative know if there are issues that the committee needs to be aware of.

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

Dr Nirooshan Rooban  
Dr Anna Hayward  
Dr Mumtaz Khan  
Dr Ted Velzeboer  
Dr Anna West  
Dr David Rawson  
Dr Nuki Alakeson  
Dr Nathan Curr  
Dr James Miller  
Dr James Anderson

Next meeting: December 2, 2014

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## The history of anaesthesia:

2000 B.C. - "Here, take this hammer."  
1000 B.C. - "That hammer is heathen, say this prayer."  
1850 A.D. - "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."  
1940 A.D. - "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill."  
1985 A.D. - "That pill is ineffective, take this inhalation"  
2000 A.D. - "That inhalation is artificial. Show me your back".  
2025 A.D. - "Here, take this hammer."