

West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



November 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: December 1,
2015

WA Regional Committee update

The WA Regional Committee (WARC) met on September 29th, 2015. WA anaesthesia and pain training programs were discussed, as was the communications breakdown regarding notification of a possible concern with a batch of propofol with suggestions to improve communication for future drug, or anaesthesia product problems in WA. Dr Jodi Graham discussed the MBS review and explained the process that is being followed.

The Trainee Selection process for the 2016 intake took place in the second week of September, 2016. Thank you to all who contributed their time and effort to this important task, in particular to Dr Kevin Hartley for coordinating and chairing the process and Joondalup Hospital in providing facilities and support.

New Fellows' Conference Applications for the 2016 New Fellows' Conference closed on October 30. The successful applicants will be announced in the first week of December.

The WA Regional Committee (WARC) is keen to hear from WA anaesthesia fellows and provisional fellows who would like to become involved with WARC and/or the Continuing Medical Education (CME) committee in 2016. There are several positions that have become available in both committees due to retiring members. This is a great opportunity to participate in anaesthesia activities and decision-making in Western Australia.

The ANZCA and ASA Country Conference was held on October 16-18, 2015 at the Pullman Resort in Bunker Bay. 107 delegates attended and the conference was well sponsored with 17 Health Corporate Industry in attendance.

Prof Claude Meistelman (sponsored by MSD) is a Professor of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine and the Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesiology at the University Hospital of Nancy in France. Dr Chris Acott a Senior Specialist Anaesthetist from the Royal Adelaide Hospital provided a hands on workshop on different videolaryngoscopes which were kindly provided by the sponsors.

We thank everyone how was involved in the organisation of the conference.

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 Bridgit Mathews
Dr David Rawson
Dr James Anderson

Next meeting: December 8,
2015

WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

The Trainee Committee met on September 22. Some issues raised at the beginning of the year relating to rostering have improved with some ongoing matters being addressed by committee representatives. Offers for the WA trainee pool have been sent out. There was some confusion with initial emails sent out by HCN and they have apologised for any frustration caused. The Committee is keen to be involved with processes next year that will help to alleviate any confusion with the selection process and notification of selection to the pool.

The Committee would like to remind trainees that they are required to log all cases as per their training agreement irrespective of whether they have achieved that specific volume of case load. There are some trainees who are struggling to complete all SSU requirements. The Committee is collating a list of hospitals and available SSU's, scholar role activities and WBA's that trainees can achieve at those sites to assist with allocation requests.

Congratulations to all successful candidates who sat the recent primary and fellowship exams. As always, thank you to the hospitals for facilitating exam teaching attendance.

We hope to see trainees at the Part 3 course being run by GASACT to be held on November 14th. Finally, any trainees who are interested in participating on the Trainee Committee for 2016 are invited to nominate by November 13th.

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