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Dermatology goes tropical in Sri Lanka

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Welcome to the Autumn edition of *The Mole*



THANKS TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHRIS BAKER

This will be the last edition of *The Mole* with Associate Professor Chris Baker as President. On behalf of all College members and trainees I wish to thank A/Prof Baker for all his hard work during this time. A/Prof Baker has been a wonderful Chair of the Board. He has overseen amendments to the Constitution resulting in a smaller Board, the development of the Nominations Committee (to oversee board and senior executive performance and planning), the Representatives Committee (to ensure States maintain an equal voice, reporting directly to the Board), and the Community Engagement Advisory Committee (non-dermatologists to advise the Board and College committees on matters affecting the community and patient support groups). A/Prof Baker and Tim Wills, the CEO, have developed a comprehensive five year strategic plan for College covering service to the community, education and service to members. A/Prof Baker organised the Presidential Bullying and Harassment Taskforce to address the issue head on, when we were uncertain of what the findings might be. He has been an inspiration for his ability to listen and bring together everyone's views. A/Prof Baker has always made himself available, at any time, to respond to media enquiries and to help with both big and small dilemmas. We have been lucky to have been so well served by him.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee, chaired by Dr Anne Lewis, and Jannet Farley, Academic Support Officer, in helping all Fellows to achieve CPD requirements for the 2013-2015 period. Admittedly, there were dozens of Fellows who were lagging behind in CPD points, but Jannet managed to get everyone over the line.

EVENTS TO MARK 50 YEARS SINCE INAUGURATION OF THE COLLEGE

This year's Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) marks 50 years since inauguration of the College at a ceremony held at the Great Hall at the University of Sydney in 1967, in the presence of the then Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler and the Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Sir Charles McDonald.

This year's ceremony for the Conferring of Awards and Induction of new Fellows will be held in The Great Hall of the University of Sydney on Sunday 7 May 2017 from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

The Vice-Regal Couple, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Linda Hurley have kindly accepted our invitation to attend the ceremony for the Conferring of Awards and Induction of new Fellows. His Excellency has graciously agreed to present the Silver Medal and the inaugural Belisario Award for Academic Achievement.

We are thrilled The Honorable Mr Michael Kirby AC CMG has agreed to present the John Reid Oration to the graduands. His experience as a former Justice of the High Court (1996-2009) and in international activities for the United Nations (UN), the Global Fund Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and Member of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Access to Essential Healthcare (2015-16) will, I am sure, provide all that is needed to deliver an electrifying speech and set a challenge, not only to the graduands, but to all of us, to question if we are doing the best we can with the knowledge and experience we have gained.

Dr Andrew Satchell
Honorary Secretary



CELEBRATING 1967-2017



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Autumn edition of *The Mole* and my last report to you as President. My terms of President-Elect and President have certainly gone quickly. Soon I pass the baton to the capable hands of Dr Andrew Miller who I have no doubt will be an excellent President and representative of the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) membership.

Organisation for the 50th meeting of the

ACD is proceeding well. The organising committee have put together a broad and interesting program. Thanks to the organising committee led by Associate Professor Sam Zagarella for their hard work in organising the program. The conferring ceremony in the Great Hall of Sydney University to commemorate our 50th anniversary will be a highlight. I encourage all to register for the Sydney Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) if you haven't already done so.

Awards are an important way for us to formally recognise individual contributions to College and dermatology. In this, our 50th year, and after consultation with the awards committee, we will take the opportunity to give a larger than normal number of awards and announce several new awards. This year will see the first award of the Belisario Award for Academic Dermatology and the ACD International Outreach Award, both to be presented at the ASM. In this edition of *The Mole*, we announce the first recipients of the 'Presidential Citation', a new award that will sit under the Certificate of Meritorious Service and which has been created to recognise Fellows who make significant contribution to College. It is planned that the Presidential Citation Awards will be announced at a time other than the ASM and will allow a greater number of Fellows to be appropriately acknowledged.

College has been very active in public relations and communications in recent years. This has been partly in response to member feedback wanting College to be more visible and the Board's identification of the need for public information. However, much of our activity has been reactive to issues rather than proactively getting our messages out. College's involvement in the Choosing Wisely campaign and more recently in our A to Z of Skin have been positive activities. Nevertheless, we have evidence to indicate that there is confusion in the public on who is a skin specialist and the breadth of conditions dermatologists treat. Addressing this information vacuum will be one of the key elements of our public communications strategy in the coming year. This will be under the keen direction of staff member Roshan Riddell (Marketing and Communications) in conjunction with our newly convened Public Affairs Committee.

Concurrently and progressively, we are developing position statements on a range of conditions, treatments and issues related to dermatology. Recently released statements address the use of topical steroids and the use of sunscreens. These will be publicly available documents that provide College's opinion and position, supported by the best available evidence. It is important that these statements are available to inform the public, support Fellows in discussions with patients and demonstrate leadership of the ACD on these important issues. As has been shown, they are likely to attract media attention and potentially generate debate. You may be approached (or asked to volunteer) to assist in the development of a position statement by Haley Bennett (Strategic Projects) who is overseeing this important activity.

There will be some changes to the make-up of the College Board in May. The process for election of a new President-Elect, as per the constitution, was announced in early February with a call for nominations. I am pleased to note and offer congratulations to Dr David Francis (Queensland) who has been elected (unopposed). A call of nominations for both Independent and Dermatology Directors has recently occurred and the response has been very pleasing. The Nominations Committee, assisted by Ms Kathryn Watt, an external member with governance expertise, will soon meet to assess the applications. The Board has identified the need to appoint a suitable Independent Director who will have necessary skills and who, as part of good governance, will chair the Audit and Risk Committee. The Board recognises the value of introducing new skills and thinking to our organisation, but mindful of the need to maintain corporate knowledge to ensure a functional and effective Board.

As a final note, with your Board and the hard work of many Fellows, we have achieved a lot in the past few years. Our new constitution and revised regulations will serve us well going forward. I believe we have a transparent organisation and open communication. We have reviewed College's services to members and internal communications; undertaken a bullying and harassment survey and developed an action plan; reviewed our code of conduct; stepped up our activity in public relations; held several excellent scientific meetings; and all the while continued to run a world leading specialist dermatology training program – it has been a busy time.

A personal note of thanks to my fellow Directors and our Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tim Wills. Much of their work is never seen but needs to be recognised and acknowledged. My thanks to the Chairs and Secretaries of the Faculties who provide valuable representation of regional Faculties and communication with the Board. As President, it has been my pleasure and privilege to have worked on behalf of all Fellows.

Associate Professor Chris Baker
President

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



As we approach a major milestone for College, 50 years since the College was inaugurated, this brings to a close a number of '50's'. College was confirmed into existence in October 1966, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November 1966, and its inaugural ceremony on May 1, 1967 – the latter is what we are celebrating. Also completing is the College history manuscript by Jill

Barnard and Sonia Jennings following intensive research through archives, interviews and survey inputs by many Fellows. Thank you to all who gave of their time. You have collectively created a fascinatingly good read.

The History publication has three major themes, education and training; management and governance; and professional life, plus numerous other headings such as meetings, the journal, academic dermatology, rural manpower, public relations, grants and bequests, the New Zealand relations and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

It comes at a time when the future is in focus. Reflecting on the past not only shows what has been achieved, but also helps us to gather strength and resolve for the next phase.

And the next phase will be influenced by numerous reviews - the Medicare Benefits Schedule review, a review (in progress) of health practitioner accreditation, a review of College's requirements for assessing International Medical Graduates, and, of course, our own 10 year accreditation review by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). As I mentioned in recent visits to State Faculty Annual General Meetings (AGMs) (Dr Miller attended WA Faculty AGM) we are soon to see revised projections about the dermatology workforce to 2030 published. As briefly noted, if we continue training in the numbers of today, by 2030 we will be well short of dermatologists, all else being equal.

Looking forward, the history's themes can frame the thinking. Clearly to produce more dermatologists the training and education systems will need open, frank and innovative discussions within the whole College. The history plots the course from the part one, to a four year program, brief considerations of a five year program, pilots on private practice training, and, more recently, Specialist Training Program funding. What is to come next? There is a real opportunity to take stock, and accounting for the view held by the AMC of our training and CPD, plot the next iteration of education and training.

Governance and Management is another of the history's themes. What struck me in the history regarding the Council

and its proportional representation model, was that this form of governance enabled Council to push through a matter based on voting and seeking majorities, if it wanted to or if it needed to. It's evident that this approach was needed where consensus was not going to be possible, but it is also evident that this modus operandi disenchanting and disenfranchising some. The pros and cons of a Council style governance passed into history in 2006 when a Board was formed, but I wonder if some Fellows still expect that the Board of today works the same way? If so, it's probably important to point out that this largely does not happen. There are always some issues where a very formal vote has to be taken, but acting in the interests of the whole College drives most decision making of the Board, not whether one 'has the numbers'. The Board strives for consensus solutions. Board dialogue is underpinned by a culture of open debate and willingness to contribute.

So through the Board striving to embed a culture that is different from the past, a similar change is sought throughout the membership. The Board works on a model that if there is not unanimous agreement, the issue at hand needs to be sent back for more work or further consultation. This is an evolving change over the last 11 years, reflecting a different approach to governance. The history notes this too has hit bumps along the way, but in future, if this attitude reaches more deeply and wider into and across the whole membership, the College will be in good stead. The College will benefit if members ask what they want to know about and with constructive and respectful discussion of the issue.

We sometimes get "College should..." as if the person with the issue is somehow separate from College themselves, a bit like they might do to government, "The Government should..." College works best when we know what members are thinking. If you have ideas, issues or even complaints you are as much 'College' as any other Fellow, so contact me, contact a Board member, contact a Committee Chair or raise it at Faculty.

I strongly believe the more members know about the work the College is doing and how it is prioritised, the better our activities will align with what members see as important. The history makes mention of Fellows who became its leaders, noting the gap in knowing what it takes to run a College.

We have to always balance the implementation of ideas from Fellows with our available resources, limitations of our governance (Constitution) and requirements of the law and regulatory bodies to whom we are accountable. Nevertheless, we move forward when questions are asked, dialogue created, and Fellows raising ideas ask "how might we...?" with emphasis on the collective pronoun (rather than "College should...").

As the milestone of 50 years since inauguration arrives, we will need an open and co-operative dialogue, a respectful and inclusive culture and a focus on our collective purpose if College is to be relevant, stronger and effective 50 years from now.

Tim Wills
Chief Executive Officer

INAUGURAL PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

A proposal was presented to the Board by the Awards Committee in February 2016, initiating an additional level of award to the Silver Medal and the Certificate of Meritorious Service to recognise Fellows who have made a substantial contribution to the College and its State Faculties. The proposal was accepted by the Board. At the February 2017 meeting, the Board has approved the following Fellows to receive the Inaugural Presidential Citation:

- Dr Nita Agar (NSW)
- Dr Philip Bekhor (VIC)
- Dr Jennifer Cahill (VIC)
- Dr Hock Cheng Chua (WA)
- Dr Catherine Faulkner (QLD)
- Associate Professor Peter Foley (VIC)
- Clinical Associate Professor Kurt Gebauer (WA)
- Dr Martin Haskett (VIC)
- Associate Professor Shyamala Huilgol (SA)
- Dr Adriene Lee (VIC)
- Dr Adrian Mar (VIC)
- Dr Rob Miller (QLD)
- Dr James Muir (QLD)
- Dr Shawn Richards (NSW)
- Dr Jo-Ann See (NSW)
- Associate Professor Greg Siller (QLD)
- Dr Ivan Simmons (SA)
- Dr Peter A Sinclair (VIC)
- Dr Ernest Tan (WA)
- Associate Professor Sam Zagarella (NSW)

CONGRATULATIONS

This does not rule out these Fellows receiving the Silver Medal or Certificate of Meritorious Service in future. The success and smooth running of College/State Faculties activities is due, in no small part, to the support provided by active College Fellows such as these. College wishes to thank them for their commitment and dedication.

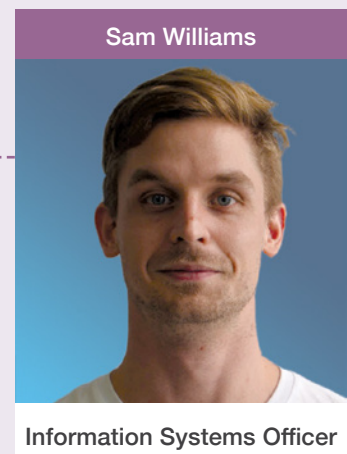
Congratulations.



CHANGES AT THE COLLEGE:

Sam Williams has recently been appointed to the position of Information Systems Officer with the College. He will be working part time at the College and will assist in administering the College website, database, egroups and e-Learning Portal, as well as support College members. Sam is currently in his second year of studying a Bachelor of Information Technology (IT) Network Security at Meadowbank Institute of TAFE.

He enjoys watching films, listening to music, going to new burger restaurants and stand-up comedy. Sam has already proven to be efficient and productive in the short time he has been here and we hope to see him help further College's IT area.



NEW COLLEGE STAFF

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL DERMATOLOGY, 11-14 AUGUST 2016, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Dr Margot Whitfield reports ...

One of the most exciting additions to the international dermatology conference calendar was the first ever International Conference on Tropical Dermatology, which was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in August 2016.

As dermatologists in Australia, we do see tropical dermatology and are expected to be able to diagnose and manage these conditions. This conference was an extraordinary opportunity to see, learn about and discuss a more extended range of issues associated with the tropical and sub-tropical diseases such as those found in Sri Lanka. Many of these conditions are found at a lower level in Australia.

With the aim of creating a forum for exchange of ideas and spread of knowledge on tropical dermatology, the Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists (SLCD) took the initiative in organising this International Conference on Tropical Dermatology.

The conference ran for four days under the banner 'Topics from the Tropics', which included a clinical case demonstration on the last day.

The first three days of the conference covered a range of topics, including all the major tropical dermatology areas such as emerging and re-emerging infections and pigmentary disorders, as well as sociocultural dermatoses. With leprosy and leishmaniasis being two areas which are more widely seen in Sri Lanka, some excellent lectures were able to cover these areas in greater detail.

The clinical meeting on the last day was a most extraordinary event including a wide range of infectious and non-infectious diseases. A room with 20-30 people with leprosy encompassing all stages of clinical presentation and complications of leprosy, was located next to a room containing a similar number of people with cutaneous and visceral leishmaniasis. A further two rooms were available for people with other infectious skin diseases including fungal, mycobacterial, bacterial and viral infections. In addition a number of cases with non-infectious, inflammatory and skin malignancies were seen.

The meeting itself was held at the Kingsbury Hotel located in central Colombo, which was very close to the Indian Ocean shoreline.

With our own Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe on the organising committee supporting Dr Janaka Akarawita, the President of the SLCD, it was with great pride that approximately eight Australians attended the meeting, including Dr Tim O'Brien, Chairman of the International Dermatology Outreach Committee. Two hundred and thirty people registered from 24 countries with 46 speakers from 12



Dr Sue Sinclair, Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe, Dr Tim O'Brien and Dr Margot Whitfield

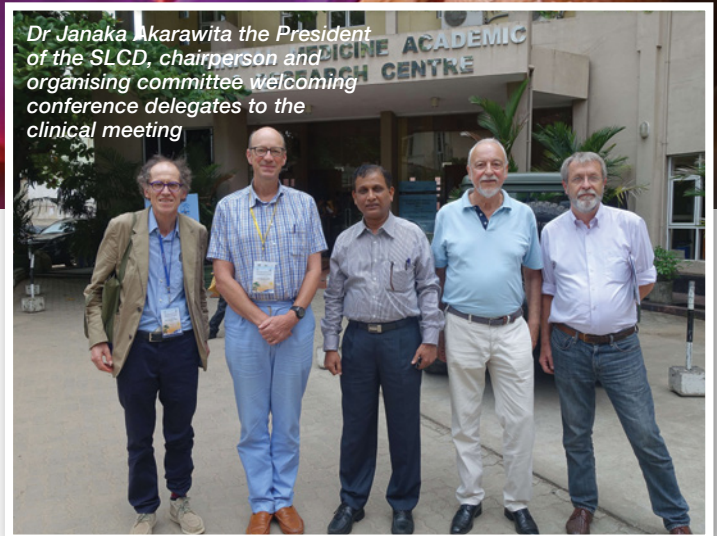


countries presenting at the meeting. The meeting was supported by the SLCD, the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and sponsors from the pharmaceutical trade.

The President of the ISD, Dr Evangeline Handog, was the Chief Guest at the Inauguration Ceremony. Her inspiring speech was followed by a colourful and enjoyable Sri Lankan cultural celebration. The Sri Lankan cultural experience extended to Sri Lankan and international food, which was enjoyed at many of the convention meals. For those of us who had the opportunity to see more of Sri Lanka, the beauty of both the natural landscape, man-made attractions and the cultural experience of Sri Lanka stayed with us for a long time.

Both friendships were formed, as well as professional collaborations, and overall this conference was a most extraordinary experience. Prof Kumarasinghe's partnership with the SLCD highlighted the ways that we can support each other.

A further International Conference on Tropical Dermatology is already being planned for 2020 and I can recommend this conference to both dermatologists and dermatology trainees from both Australia and our Asian and Pacific neighbours.



Dr Janaka Akarawita the President of the SLCD, chairperson and organising committee welcoming conference delegates to the clinical meeting



The conference



Cultural entertainment at the conference



Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe and Dr Evangeline Handog



VITILIGO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

2-3 DECEMBER 2016 ; ROME, ITALY

Dr Monisha Gupta reports...

The first Vitiligo International Symposium, saw 250 participants from several different countries congregate in Rome for a two day deliberation on the subject from 2 to 3 December 2016.

The efforts of Dr Mauro Picardo and Dr Alan Taieb saw a focussed group of clinicians and researchers from 34 countries come together in the eternal city, demonstrating the global impact and interest in vitiligo. This translated into 32 training hours including a pre- conference workshop, 16 hours of deliberations and discussions on vitiligo with 52 posters and 50 oral presentations.

Concentrating on different accents did not allow the attention to wander resulting in a captive and interested audience of experts.

The meeting covered a variety of new strategies, innovations and clinical applications.

The symposium focused on how to evaluate bio markers and evolution of the disease, how to measure and treat the disease and how to approach the patients.

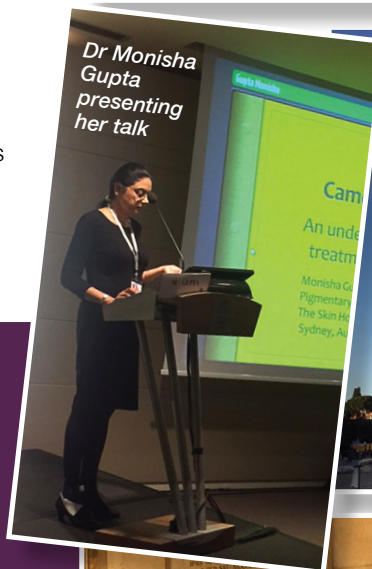
An outstanding panel of speakers and leaders in the field attended.

Day one saw presentations on new insights from basic and translational research; prognosis and biomarkers; and assessments and scoring.

The second day opened with a session on management of vitiligo, combining physicians' and patients' perspectives, followed by clinical and experimental studies with talks on new therapeutic targets. The day wrapped up with insightful clinical reports.



From L to R- Dr Richard Wittal, Dr Douglas Gin, Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe, Dr Monisha Gupta and Dr Alan Taieb, co-convenor of the Vitiligo International Symposium



Dr Monisha Gupta presenting her talk



Sightseeing in Rome

Some of the take home points were:

- Vitiligo is a cosmetic disease with high impact on quality of life
- Vitiligo is not a cosmetic concern alone and is truly a skin disease with systemic implications
- It is important to treat vitiligo early
- The benefits for early intervention (as in psoriasis) were identified
- Vitiligo is diabetes of the skin
- Alopecia areata is vitiligo of the hair follicle.

Australia was well represented by Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe from Western Australia, Dr Douglas Gin from Victoria and Dr Richard Wittal and myself from NSW.

Despite heavy research oriented content, it was well attended by clinicians who listened with rapt attention to the possibility of the next path breaking treatment. Several different chemokines have been implicated in the pathogenesis, biomarkers for activity and potential therapeutic targets for intervention identified.

However, translation of this research to actual therapeutic strategies has not eventuated as yet. We left with the feeling of anticipation that we are at the cusp of something life changing.

I presented my gratifying experience with the camouflage clinic, which runs under the umbrella of the Pigmentary Disorders Clinic at The Skin Hospital, Darlinghurst. The presentation was well received and there was significant interest from other centres in asking for help to set up a similar service for a more complete care model.

I also had the opportunity to experience the Italian health system first hand, when I missed a step and sprained an ankle, necessitating a visit to the emergency department for an x-ray to rule out a fracture. Australia apparently has a reciprocal health arrangement with Italy as the visit to the emergency was free.

I realised that Google translate is a wonderful resource that came to my rescue when asking for instant ice packs and crutches at the pharmacy. Rome on crutches was indeed a memorable holiday, negotiating the cobblestoned streets and laneways, I came to appreciate Australia as a friendlier place for people with restricted mobility.



FIRST AND THIRD YEARS' WORKSHOPS 2016



First year surgical procedures workshop

Twenty seven first year trainees, including four International Medical Graduates (IMGs) attended a workshop held at The Skin Hospital, Darlinghurst and the Sydney Boulevard Hotel. Trainees received information on the training program requirements, online portfolio, research requirements, overseas training positions and the experience of being a first year. They also spent time with their Directors of Training and were given training in dermatologic surgery and procedures. The workshop was a great success. Thank you to all those Fellows who gave their time including Dr Andrew Satchell, Dr Adriene Lee, Associate Professor Sam Zagarella, Dr Gayle Ross, Dr Hugh Roberts, Dr Brad Jones, Dr Shobhan Manoharan, Dr Emma Haverhoek, Dr Hock Chua, Dr James Choi, Dr Simon Lee, Associate Professor Shyamala Huilgol, Dr Nicholas Stewart, Dr Gilberto Moreno Bonilla and Dr Bonnie Fergie.

Twenty three third year trainees, including one IMG, attended a workshop held at the same venues as the first year

workshop. Trainees were provided with a question and answer session on working as a dermatologist in a variety of settings, followed by a communication workshop. Trainees were also provided with information on workface planning and how to prepare for the Fellowship examinations. Surgical practical sessions were conducted. Thank you to all those Fellows who gave their time including Dr Adrian Lim, Dr Eleni Yiasemides, Dr Li-Chuen Wong, Associate Professor Gayle Fischer, Associate Professor Stephen Shumack, Clinical Associate Professor Saxon Smith, Dr David Burdon-Jones, Dr Simon Lee, Dr Nicholas Stewart, and Dr Gilberto Moreno Bonilla.

College thanks the Skin & Cancer Foundation Australia for their support in both workshops and Janssen for their continued sponsorship of these important sessions. Thank you also to Rosie Cavaleri and Tony Moore from the College for their work in setting up and running the workshops.



Third year workshop

FROM AROUND THE NATION...

REPORTS FROM THE STATE FACULTIES...



New South Wales

CHAIRMAN	Associate Professor Pablo Fernández-Peñas
SECRETARY	Dr Johanna Kuchel
TREASURER	Dr Geetha Sivapirabu
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING	Dr James Choi

We are only days from the 50th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College in Sydney. Come and join us at our brand new International Convention Centre near one of the most beautiful harbours in the world. The organisers have put together a busy and stimulating scientific programme. We invite all Fellows to participate in the celebration of College's anniversary.

The supply of training positions has been one of the main topics in the New South Wales (NSW) Faculty Committee since the last report. The approval of a NSW Health Registrar Training Position for Royal North Shore/Gosford Hospitals was good news. There has also been funding approval for a new position for rural NSW under the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline component of the Specialist Training Programme. These two new positions, together with a few maternity leaves, increased the intake of NSW registrars to four metropolitan (Dr Charlotte Thomas, Dr Rashi Minocha, Dr Ludi Ge and Dr Shelley Hwang) and two rural (Dr Thomas Barrett and Dr Christie Beveridge) for 2017.

Congratulations to all of them. We also welcomed one International Medical Graduate (IMG), Dr Bruno Blaya, who has commenced his training at the Westmead Hub. Welcome also to the new NSW Registrar Representative, Dr Vivian Tng.

There have been a number of new Area of Need positions recently created in NSW. Two of these were in metropolitan hospitals in Sydney. The Sydney Melanoma Diagnostic Centre, a clinical unit of the Sydney Cancer Centre, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and the Department of Dermatology at Westmead Hospital, have been recipients. We welcome Dr Helena Collgros, who has been selected for the Sydney Melanoma Diagnostic Centre position. Some rural facilities, notably Taree, and Lismore, are considering developing new Area of Need positions. Another option is to provide upskilling of some of the international dermatologists assessed by College as partially equivalent. Issues regarding training, engagement with the adopted facility, long-term sustainability and College Fellowship have been creating a number of uncertainties.

We finished last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) discussing the need for NSW By-Laws. College has been working hard together with the Representative Committee and the Chairs of the Faculties to develop new Regulations for the Regional Faculty Committees. These Regulations, already approved by the Board, will be used to elaborate our own document. Dr Hanna Kuchel, NSW Faculty Committee Secretary, has been working hard to have all the documents

ready for the next AGM in Newcastle.

Several NSW dermatologists had not met compliance with the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme by the allotted time at the end of last year. A few of them were retired and the rest submitted their activities and met CPD compliance when prompted. I want to remind our Fellows that failure to meet compliance will lead to their name being removed from the register of Fellows on the College website.

Dr Deborah Holt has communicated her retirement from dermatology practice. This is yet another consultant that has retired in the Hunter Valley in recent months. We wish her well for the years ahead. The Faculty hopes that new Fellows will consider moving to this very populated and attractive part of NSW.

Finally, we want to remind all NSW Fellows to inform the Secretary or the Chair of the Faculty of any news that could be of interest.

Associate Professor Pablo Fernández-Peñas Chair New South Wales Faculty



Victoria

CHAIR	Dr Vanessa Morgan
SECRETARY	Dr Julia Rhodes
TREASURER	Dr Rod Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING	Dr Hugh Roberts

Our rural rotation system continues to provide services to eight rural sites in Victoria. Thirty four Fellows take part in this very important service. We would like to thank Dr Olivia Milne for setting up and coordinating a new service to Bright. Many thanks also to Dr Helen Saunders for her overall co-ordination of this service. We are always encouraging Fellows to join the scheme and are very pleased a number of our recent graduates have stepped up to do this.

We continue to have a very successful and productive relationship with the Skin & Cancer Foundation, who provide an essential home base for so many of the Faculty activities. The Foundation also provides much needed administrative support, particularly with the rural scheme.

Our History project continued to gain momentum this year. We held our Inaugural Witness Seminar at the Skin & Cancer Foundation on the 30 April 2016. This was an opportunity to obtain a collective group history from dermatologists and several prominent dermatopathologists who graduated between 1969 and 1994. The morning session (1969 – 1983) and afternoon session (1984 – 1994) was chaired by Historian Emma Russell from History at Work. Both sessions were recorded and the proceedings have been



transcribed and wonderfully presented on a website which will be accessed on the main College website. This also includes the audio stories we created last year. We hope this will provide a template to grow and develop our story over the coming years. I would like to thank Emma Russell for her outstanding work in creating this special resource for us. I'd also like to thank my colleagues on the History Subcommittee Dr Fiona Bruce, Dr Rod O'Keefe, Dr Nick Downes and Dr Douglas Gin.

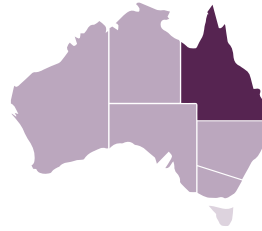
Our Faculty newsletter continues to be a wonderful vehicle for our Fellows to stay informed and connected thanks to the tireless work of our Editor in Chief Dr Adrian Mar with his trusty subeditors Dr Julia Rhodes and Dr Rosemary Nixon. The newsletter has been kindly sponsored at various times over the last three years by: Bank of Queensland, Dorovitch Pathology and Melbourne Pathology. As Victoria (VIC) has healthy Faculty finances we have made the decision to fund this ourselves moving forward.

The Faculty dinner was again successful this year with 85 Fellows and partners attending. We were able to pay tribute to our retiring doctors Dr Norma Shin, Dr Carol Burford and Dr Peter Berger. Unfortunately Dr Peter Sinclair and Dr Terry Connors were unable to attend. Dr Peter Berger was recipient of our Distinguished Service Award and Dr Ben Daniels was awarded the Harvey Rotstein Award for General Excellence in Dermatology Training.

Many thanks to those Fellows who so generously helped the Faculty Committee this year with various tasks:

- Dr Josie Yeatman and Dr Boon Tan for the interview weekend
- Dr Priyana Bhabha, who has taken over from Dr. Niyati Sharma doing the Registrar leave rosters and the rural roster
- Dr Helen Saunders for performing the rural coordinator job
- Oliva McCurdy for organising the Skin School
- Dr Anita Lasocki for coordinating the undergraduate prizes, which are now awarded at four universities- Melbourne, Monash, Deakin and Notre Dame
- Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon, who organised the senior Fellows luncheon.

Dr Vanessa Morgan
Chair
Victorian Faculty



Queensland

CHAIR	Dr Gregory Butler
SECRETARY	Dr Jason Wu
TREASURER	Dr Jason Wu
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING	Dr Brad Jones

The Queensland (QLD) Faculty is pleased to congratulate Dr Sam Scuderi, Dr Devita Surjana, Dr Dallas Robinson, Dr Matthew Warren, Dr Melissa Carroll and Dr Daniel Gaffney on successfully completing their Fellowship. They are warmly welcomed to the QLD Faculty and we wish them long and rewarding careers. We are sure that they will contribute strongly to dermatology in QLD.

The QLD Faculty recently hosted the Fellowship clinical examinations in August, which were successfully held at the Mater Hospital. These were extremely well organised and successfully conducted. The QLD Faculty is hugely grateful to Dr David Burdon-Jones for his enormous effort in coordinating and organising this. We are also indebted to the many Fellows and trainees who participated as examiners, bulldogs and coordinators.

The QLD Faculty is also proud to congratulate Dr David Burdon-Jones on his election to Chair of the National Examination Committee (Chief Censor). We also warmly thank him for his tireless work in his previous role as the QLD Examiner. We are pleased that Dr Catherine Faulkner has agreed to represent QLD as the State Examiner.

The QLD Faculty would like to sincerely thank Dr Erin McMeniman, Dr Kate De'Ambrosis and Dr Tania Zappala for organising the very successful Foundation Dinner at Customs House. Dr John Auld spoke on behalf of the QLD Faculty to thank Dr Caroline Mercer for her distinguished service to dermatology and to the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD), especially in the service to dermatology training over her long and successful career.

The QLD Faculty would also sincerely like to thank Dr Brad Jones for his work as Director of Training (DoT), which he has performed with distinction over the last three years. Dr Jones has spent countless hours working on behalf of trainees and the QLD Faculty in this difficult role and we are extremely grateful for his service. Dr Shobhan Manoharan has commenced work as DoT in 2017.

QLD training positions were reaccredited by the College in 2016. The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and Mater Hospital have provisional accreditation and have made positive changes to meet College requirements. The remaining training positions were fully accredited. Two trainees will start in new positions at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital and in private practice at Central Brisbane Dermatology in 2017. There is also an International Medical Graduate (IMG) undertaking dermatology training at a newly accredited private practice training position at Westside Dermatology.

FROM AROUND THE NATION...

REPORTS FROM THE STATE FACULTIES...

The QLD Faculty will be hosting the ACD Annual Scientific Meeting in 2018 on the Gold Coast. Organising this will be an exciting and important task for the Convenors, Professor H. Peter Soyer and Dr Sam Scuderi, who have kindly volunteered to perform this.

Dr Gregory Butler
Chair
Queensland Faculty



South Australia

CHAIR	Dr Colin Ooi
SECRETARY	Dr Romuald Czechowicz
TREASURER	Dr Stuart Murray
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING	Dr Emma Haverhoek

The South Australian (SA) Faculty held a celebratory dinner in October 2016 to mark the retirement of Dr Jenny Menz and acknowledge her contributions to dermatology in SA. Dr Menz was the Head of Department at Repatriation General Hospital. Dermatology registrars over the years have learnt much from her knowledge of indigenous health when they accompanied Dr Menz on her regular clinics in the Northern Territory (NT). Dr Menz will be a sadly missed colleague and we wish her all the very best for her retirement.

The Faculty welcomes Dr Aakriti Gupta and Dr Fiona Menz who are our two new first year registrars. Three of our registrars, Dr Cassandra Chaptini, Dr Georgina Harvey and Dr Charlotte Forrest, are in overseas training positions in the United Kingdom (UK) for the duration of 2017. Three registrars will be sitting the Fellowship exams this year. Dr Karen Koh will be busy overseeing the Very Impressive Vocational Achievement (MIVA) examinations which will be held in Adelaide this year.

Congratulations to Dr Christopher Ross who passed his Fellowship exams in 2016 and has now commenced regional clinics in Keith, Clare, Yankalilla and Darwin.

The opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital continues to be delayed, but is tentatively scheduled for the middle of the year.

I would like to thank Leah Wilson, outgoing Chair, for advocating for our group and for her contributions over the last two years; and thank Dr Stuart Murray for continuing in his role as Treasurer and Dr Romuald Czechowicz for assuming the position of Honorary Secretary.

Dr Colin Ooi
Chair
South Australian Faculty



Western Australia

CHAIR	Dr Genevieve Sadler
SECRETARY	Dr Daniel Hewitt
TREASURER	Dr Stephanie Weston and Dr Gary Maloney
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING	Dr Hock Chua

Teamwork underpins the success of a relatively small faculty, and there is a good sense of collegiality between the 43 Fellows in Western Australia (WA). Many of us gathered at our Christmas party at the Black Cat Bar. We also have met regularly for educational activities, with presentations on topics such as hidradentis suppurativa and radiotherapy, as well as monthly clinical meetings.

Education is a core part of the Faculty's function. Over the last six months, Fellows presented education programmes to other health professionals, including General Practitioners (GPs), physiotherapists and podiatrists. We strive to improve the teaching of dermatology to medical students, with Dr Ernest Tan being invaluable in his work maintaining a relationship with the University of WA. We welcome Dr Jeremy Ng to the Dermatology Training Programme, and congratulate Dr Sarah Strathie-Page on the arrival of baby Leo.

Public dermatology clinics have continued in Perth's four teaching hospitals: Royal Perth, Fiona Stanley, Princess Margaret and Sir Charles Gairdner. The Heads of Department have engaged with hospital administration staff to optimise delivery of quality dermatology care. We have lobbied to increase the number of clinics, defended the scope of practice of dermatologists and managed the pressure of activity based funding models.

Delivery of dermatology services to rural areas has been a challenge in the large state of WA. Visits have continued to eight rural centres, with new dermatologists enthusiastically filling vacancies when they became available. Week long visits to the Kimberley region have occurred every few months, and one dermatologist is permanently based in the South West region.

Other recent Faculty activities include reviewing the progress of local dermatology research projects, meeting with the Lion's Cancer Institute regarding their skin screening programme and streamlining the process of medical student attachments to the dermatology clinic. We are preparing to host the 5th Rural Dermatology Meeting in Broome this August. Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe and his team have organised an excellent programme and we look forward to welcoming you to WA.

Dr Genevieve Sadler
Chair
Western Australian Faculty



SKIN & CANCER FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA, DARLINGHURST & WESTMEAD, NEW SOUTH WALES

For the past forty years the Skin & Cancer Foundation Australia (SCFA) has been going from strength to strength with an ever increasing demand for our specialist services. In the past year alone, our two Skin Hospitals at Westmead and Darlinghurst have received over 45,000 patient visits.

We are immensely grateful to all those who continue to support us in making referrals to our day surgery, sub-specialty clinics and pathology. Please continue to use the SCFA Pathology Referral form as usual; this process has not changed due to our strategic alliance with Douglass Hanly Moir (DHM) Pathology. Your support of our pathology allows us to continue our mission to help us to fully fund two dermatology registrars in NSW.

Our structure allows us to support dermatologists in setting up sub-specialty clinics and help drive business to these clinics. Part of our mission states that we will be a centre of excellence in the provision of dermatology services, research and education and we strive daily to achieve this.

STRATEGIC PLANNING



During 2014, through a thorough strategic review and workshops, we identified the need to focus on three key strategic areas:

1. Clarify the 'brand' of SCFA
2. Develop a strategy for pathology
3. Ensure the engagement of all dermatologists in New South Wales (NSW) to attract and retain the very best doctors to work with us.

Since 2014, we have achieved the first two objectives. We rebranded the clinics and day surgery facilities as 'The Skin Hospital' in April 2015 and we entered into a long term strategic alliance with DHM Pathology in February 2016.

Our focus now is to ensure we continue to attract and retain the best dermatologists to work with us and our vision is to be a centre that will unite dermatology manpower within NSW and encourage all our dermatologists to participate in some way in clinical, educational, research, financial and administration activities in dermatology.

A strategic workshop was held on 17 February to develop strategies to achieve fuller participation of our medical community. The workshop was preceded by a dinner on Thursday 16 February. This was a good opportunity to discuss some of the key issues and set the scene for the following day.

Clearly, a lot was achieved during the workshop with clear direction, action plans, accountabilities and time frames.

Our thanks go to Caitlin Francis from Ernest & Young, a director on our Board who convened the event, and Chairman Associate Professor Stephen Shumack, for all the work they did preparing for this workshop over the past few months.

During the event A/Prof Stephen Shumack, Associate Professor Pablo Fernandez-Penas and Dr Simon Lee gave thoughtful presentations and Associate Professor Mark Schifter sent some really great thoughts beforehand.

We are now preparing for our strategy planning for next year and we look forward to working with our Board, senior managers and doctors to discuss and plan the future direction of the Foundation.



EDUCATION

Registrars commencing in 2017

At Darlinghurst:

Dr Charlotte Thomas (1st year).
Dr Thomas was previously our
Dermatology Research Fellow

Dr Shelley Hwang (1st Year)

Dr Burcu Kim (3rd Year). Dr Kim
was our Unaccredited Dermatology
Trainee in 2014

Dr Bonnie Fergie (4th Year)

Dr Jane Khoury International Medical
Graduate (IMG) /Dr Paris Banan (1st
Year) - six months each. Dr Khoury
is currently in the role. Dr Banan will
return to Darlinghurst in August after
her maternity leave.

At Westmead:

Dr Andrew Chen (3rd year). It will be
Dr Chen's second year doing the
Westmead rotations

Dr Deanne Choy (3rd year). This will
be Dr Choy's second year doing
the Westmead rotations after her
maternity leave

Dr Yong Kho (4th year). Dr Kho did
the Darlinghurst rotation in 2015

Dr Margit Polcz (3rd year). Dr Polcz
completed the Darlinghurst rotation
in 2015.

Education Events held by the Foundation:

Date	Speaker	Topic
22 February 2017	A/Prof Mark Schifter	Evenings with the Foundation: Oral Dermatology: Burning, Bights & Canker Sores.
24 February 2017	A/Prof Pablo Fernández-Peñas	How to Research Workshop
10 March 2017	Associate Professor Lee Collins	Laser Safety Course
22 March 2017	Professor Erwin Tschachler	Bridging the Centuries – from idiopathic multiple pigment sarcoma of the skin to Kaposi's sarcoma associated herpes virus
31 March to 2 April 2017	Chair: Professor Alan Cooper Various speakers	SCFA Annual Scientific Meeting
28 April 2017	A/Prof Pablo Fernández-Peñas	Conference Highlights – American Academy of Dermatology Orlando
8 April 2017	Organisers: Dr Annabel Dodds, Dr Anthea Mulchay Various Speakers	Dermatology in Emergency Education Day
27 May 2017	Organiser: Dr Lisa Abbott Various speakers	Skin school for medical students

CLINICAL SERVICES



Dr Ebrahim Abdulla

We welcome Westmead Staff Specialist, Dr Ebrahim Abdulla, a qualified dermatologist from South Africa, who completed his undergraduate training at the University of Natal in 1986. After a stint in General Practice (GP) Dr Abdulla undertook his post-graduate training in dermatology at the University of Stellenbosch. He graduated in 1999 and entered specialist private practice, consulting at St Augustine's Hospital and Mount Edgecombe Hospital in Durban.

In 2016, Dr Abdulla came to Australia to complete his advanced training in dermatology with the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD). In addition to a rural rotation in NSW, Dr Abdulla has trained at The Skin Hospital at Westmead, Westmead Public Hospital and The Children's Hospital Westmead. Dr Abdulla specialises in inflammatory dermatoses affecting children and adults.



Dr Keng-Ee Thai







As a not-for-profit organisation, the SCFA is always seeking ways to engage with and benefit the community in which it serves. To that end, we have the great pleasure to announce that Dr Keng-Ee Thai will be commencing a 'Community Service Excision Clinic' in February 2017. The clinic is envisaged to provide a specialist dermatologist level of care for those who require local anesthetic skin cancer surgery, but would otherwise be unable to do so for financial reasons.

Dr Thai will be the supervising consultant; senior dermatology registrars will be assisting in the clinic. Patients, who have a need for minor surgery lesion excision, can be referred to the clinic through their GP or from another specialist. At the discretion of the attending doctors, patients can expect to be charged at the scheduled fee or rebate rate. Patients can be referred to Dr Thai at The Skin Hospital, Darlinghurst.

QUALITY AND SAFETY AT THE SKIN HOSPITAL

SCFA hand hygiene compliance report

The SCFA Westmead Day Surgery has achieved 2% above the national result for hand hygiene compliance. This great result is due to the new procedures implemented for nurses and doctors, led by our Infection Control Coordinator Sharon Rollo at Westmead, as well as our nurses at Darlinghurst.

Hand Hygiene Audit			
Audit 2016	National Average	Darlinghurst	Westmead
Audit 1	 84%	 94.4%	 81.7%
Audit 2	 83.9%	 95%	 87.5%

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS

Currently, the Skin & Cancer Foundation Research and Clinical Trials Unit are recruiting for a Phase two study run by Akaal Pharmaceuticals: Safety, tolerability and efficacy of a topical treatment for patients with plaque psoriasis. We are looking for patients with mild to moderate plaque psoriasis, PASI 1-10. This study is being run at both locations, Westmead and Darlinghurst. For more information regarding research and clinical trials please contact the Clinical Trials Unit on email at clinicaltrials@scfa.edu.au or visit the website www.skin.com.au under Research.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Dr Alice Killen
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

A/Prof Stephen Shumack
Medical Director, Darlinghurst

Dr Shawn Richards
Medical Director, Westmead

SKIN & CANCER FOUNDATION INC, VICTORIA

HEALTHY SKIN AWARDS



Then Federal Assistant Minister for Health, the Honorable Ken Wyatt AM MP, with the 2016 Healthy Skin Award winners.

Nominations are now open for the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc Healthy Skin Awards.



Now in its seventh year, the Foundation's Healthy Skin Awards continue to attract individuals and organisations throughout Australia who strive for excellence in the promotion of skin health and/or the effective provision of skin health services.

Winners of this year's awards will celebrate with Government, business and community leaders, major sponsors, friends and supporters, as well as leading dermatologists and other medical practitioners at the exclusive Healthy Skin Awards evening to be held at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) in Melbourne on the evening of Thursday 25 May.

For further details, visit the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc website at www.skincancer.asn.au/hsas.

MEET OUR 2016 REGISTRARS

This year the Foundation officially welcomed six new registrars at an induction session on 22 February. Congratulations to Dr Claire Higgins, Dr Harini Bala, Dr Toy Tanchaoren, Dr Francis Lai, Dr Charles Xie and Dr Helena Lolatgis, all of whom were accepted into the Victorian Dermatology Training Program.

We were also pleased to welcome Dr Eleni Anthony who moved to Melbourne to take up her third year residency. Dr Anthony had started her residency in Queensland and had spent the last year on an overseas rotation.

CONSULTANTS JOINING THE FOUNDATION

A number of new consultants have recently joined the Foundation. Dr Lena Ly has joined the Transplant and Contact/Occupational Dermatology teams. Dr Ly has also commenced the surgical fellowship and will be assisting in our surgical clinics. Dr Mark Darling has joined the Skin Cancer Assessment Clinic (SKASSES). Dr Darling will also work with Associate Professor Anthony Hall at the Men's Health Clinic.

Senior plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr Miki Pohl, has commenced weekly private clinics at the Foundation. The clinics are conducted every Wednesday morning.



Dr Pohl, who has a strong interest in melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers, has been consulting at the Foundation for over ten years. He is familiar with the Foundation's theatres and facilities and has built strong relationships with the team he will be working with.

"The institution itself is a facility purposefully built to do what it does well," said Dr Pohl, "For minor skin surgery, skin cancer or other lesions, it is very well set up with its six theatres, recovery areas and exceptionally well trained staff."

Dr Pohl said the Foundation was unlike any day surgery area in other hospitals and its dedication to minor surgery and wide variety of patients ensured it was always a pleasant place to work.

"The theatres and the equipment are excellent, and the staff are all focused and expert in minor surgery," said Dr Pohl.

Dr Pohl is also an accomplished violinist and started the Australian Doctors Orchestra, which played around the world in 1993.

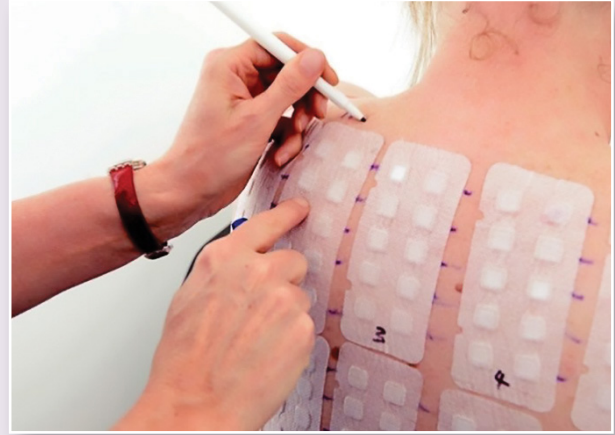
Dr Johannes Kern continues his work at the Foundation and has commenced monthly private surgical sessions.



Dr Johannes Kern

PATCH TEST TRAINING DAY

The Patch test team from the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc has put together a brand new program for the 4th Annual Patch Test Training Day in 2017, being held in Sydney immediately prior to the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).



As this is the only Patch Test Training Day for 2017, strong attendance is expected.

The focus this year, involves diagnosing contact dermatitis in the context of other common rashes on different parts of the body. The day is suitable for dermatology nurses, registrars and dermatologists, including those who have attended our previous training days and also those new to patch testing.

The training day will be held on Friday 5 May 2017 at the Portside Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Registration can be made through the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc's website at www.skincancer.asn.au/pttd

SHARC REPORT ON ABC TV NEWS

The Foundation's Skin Health Australia Report Card (SHARC) Report continues to be referred to in the media, the latest being on ABC TV News around the country.

Associate Professor Chris Baker, together with Andrew Farr, Senior Workplace Relations Lawyer with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, were interviewed about employer responsibility for the skin health of their workers, particularly outdoor workers.

The interview highlighted that many workplaces are failing to protect employees from sun exposure and the number of people not using sun protection during their work.

The 2016 SHARC Report found that employers and employees both need to adopt much more comprehensive defences against sun damage as new data suggests both are applying piecemeal approaches to protecting workers' skin.

The ABC TV News video clip is now available on the Foundation's website, as is the 2016 SHARC Report.



MELANOMA MARCH MELBOURNE

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc, with the Melanoma Institute of Australia (MIA), jointly hosted the 11th Melanoma March Melbourne.

The day was a huge success with close to 2,000 marchers enjoying a fantastic event that paid respect to lost loved ones to melanoma, offered support and hope to others newly diagnosed and raised much needed funds for research.



The march raised over \$140,000, adding to the tally of over \$650,000 raised by Melanoma March events around Australia for the 'Big Data for Melanoma' project.

Participating melanoma centres around the country will link databases for the first time, bringing together the key information about the treatment of their patients on a national scale. The world leading project will feature an online platform, designed to engage with melanoma care, wherever it takes place.

The Melbourne event has raised more than a third of the funds raised nationally, which is a tribute to the efficacy of the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc and the MIA working together.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in and supported the 2017 Melanoma March Melbourne. Your efforts will go a long way in our fight against Australia's national cancer.

WEBCASTING AND VIDEO RECORDINGS OF THE FOUNDATION'S EDUCATION SESSIONS

Education sessions continue to be very popular at the Foundation. A large number of Skin Schools, Foundation Updates and Australasian Society for Cosmetic Dermatology (ASCD) Meetings, as well as other sessions are held throughout the year, with most being webcast for dermatologists and registrars across Australia, and now in New Zealand.

National Education Officer, Leeanne Sanderson, also edits the recorded presentations to share on a secure online library. This is proving popular with dermatologists and registrars for later study and research.

There are now some 213 videos on file in this secure video library and these are being accessed over 1,000 times each month.

EDUCATION MATTERS



Mr Brett O'Neill, Director of Education Services, reports...

February sees the start of another training year with first and third year workshops held at the Skin & Cancer Foundation in Darlinghurst. Author and poet William Yeats said "Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire". If the enthusiasm of the first years towards the profession is anything to go by, the fire is well alight. We wish them every success as they embark on their careers.

The workshops proved to be a success, with 88% of first years and 73% of third years stating that the workshop was above their expectations and many commenting on the surgical skills sessions and the opportunity to meet one another. Being a small College has its benefits in being able to bring people together. Thanks to the many Fellows who gave of their time to provide valuable information to trainees about different fields of practice, how to prepare for exams and the many roles that Fellows play in educating the trainees.

With changes to the research component of the training program taking place this year, the Academic Research Committee (ARC) has been busy reviewing research projects submitted by first years. The handbook, available on the website, outlines the revised research requirements. As the year progresses, College would also be interested to hear from supervisors regarding the impact of moving to a pharmacology module instead of the pharmacology exam. It is expected that this will allow more clinical time for trainees.

Applications for 2018 entry have opened and the Selection Committee has met to consider changes to the process agreed on by the Representatives Committee following a review in 2016. Of most significance is the decreased reliance on third party providers and an increase in ownership from the dermatologists. Modifications to the CV weighting to highlight key areas will also be included. It is hoped that this process will continue to improve on the work already being done over the years.

The College continues to work on the cosmetic dermatology program under the guidance of Associate Professor Greg Goodman; assisted by a range of Fellows. An application to the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) has been lodged and it is expected that this program will be available in 2017 for Fellows. College successfully ran a Practical Dermoscopy course for General Practitioners (GPs), under the guidance of Dr Jim Muir and Dr Benjamin Carew and will offer this again in 2017. Other programs being worked on by Fellows include a course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Workers and updating the undergraduate modules for universities.

College has also been working to revise and release new education policies in early 2017 that enable the continued alignment with College's Higher Education Provider (HEP) status and meeting of Australian Medical Council (AMC) requirements. It continues to work on the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) process in light of revalidation and the new triennium in 2018.

Finally, College wishes all candidates sitting the Fellowship examinations from June to August, all the best.



MARKETING CAMPAIGN

To position the College as leaders in dermatology and skin health and to build public awareness and understanding of dermatology, the Board has approved a marketing campaign to run in 2017.

Seventy five percent of College members say they want to increase the external public profile of College and awareness of dermatology through advocacy and public relations.

We need to raise community awareness of dermatology and for the College to be known to patients. We need to become more relevant and visible using modern communications tools for modern audiences. An integrated marketing campaign will be utilised for this purpose, incorporating modern tools such as social media.

The primary aim of the marketing campaign is to educate the public to come to the College first for information on dermatology and skin health. We are not service providers, but need to illustrate dermatologists as experts and the value of dermatology services. The campaign will address the public confusion about expertise, concern about access barriers and promote the value of the service provided.

The marketing campaign will start with establishing the College as the leader in all things dermatology and skin related. The specific tactics used for the campaign will be determined in a workshop with the Public Affairs Committee.



THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGISTS

We Get Postcards From the UK

The College has a number of accredited training positions in the United Kingdom (UK). The one year posting affords trainees the opportunity to live and train overseas and to experience working within a different health care system. They also come across dermatological conditions which are less common in Australia. There is the added bonus of having Europe on their doorstep, allowing trainees to travel both recreationally and professionally to attend world class medical meetings both in the UK and continental Europe.

Recently, the National Training Committee appointed London based dermatologist, Dr Amanda Saracino, as the College's Liaison Officer. Amanda's first official duty was to host a lunch for the 2017 trainees. The lunch was held at the on the 32nd Floor of the Shard, in the Oblix Lounge.



Pictures of London from the Oblix Lounge



Dessert

CONTACT DERMATITIS CORNER

Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon reports.....

Our next Patch Test Training Day will be held on Friday 4 May in Sydney before the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). It will be held at the Portside Centre, Symantec House, 207 Kent St, near Darling Harbour.

The day will be focused a little differently this year, with the emphasis on how to clinically distinguish contact dermatitis affecting different parts of the body from other skin conditions, and the common allergens associated with different areas of the body.

As usual, register for the day at www.skincancer.asn.au. Alternatively email Mandy Palmer on apalmer@occdern.asn.au for more details. We have no plans to repeat the day later in the year, as happened previously as the result of demand.

While there are signs that the epidemic of allergic contact dermatitis to methylisothiazolinone (MI) might be starting to wane, the December issue of Contact Dermatitis featured some unusual sources of MI, including in a 'natural' cosmetic sponge, in designer spectacle frames, in a polyurethane foam, in adhesive labels, in ironing water, in gel pads applied to the face as part of a process involving eyelash extensions and in an indoor wall render material. The editors concluded that materials or products that would not normally be suspected of containing MI may do so, and that full ingredient labelling on all products, including those used in industry should be introduced; of course. See Contact Dermatitis 2016; 75: 263-4.

Lien Verhulst and An Goossens wrote an excellent paper titled 'Cosmetic components causing contact urticaria: A review and update.' (Contact Dermatitis 2016; 75: 333-44). These chemicals included hair dyes; bleaches; preservatives; fragrance and aroma chemicals; sunscreens; hair bonding glue which contained latex; plant-derived and animal-derived components; permanent makeup and tattoos; glycolic acid peels; lip plumper and alcohols.

Finally there was a case of ethanol-induced systemic allergic contact dermatitis reported recently (Contact Dermatitis 2017; 6:182-4). The patient had reacted to ethanol when applied topically and with a widespread papular rash some eight to 12 hours after drinking alcohol. Patch testing performed with 70% ethanol was positive. There are five other cases reported in the literature.

The next Asia-Pacific Environmental and Occupational Dermatology Symposium will be held in Taipei on 17-19 November 2017; and the next European Society of Contact Dermatitis (ESCD) meeting will be held in Milan on 18-20 October 2018. The meeting in 2020 will be held in Amsterdam.

The Occupational Dermatology Research and Education Centre team from the Skin & Cancer Foundation in Melbourne organised a very successful Skin Education Day in Melbourne in February 2017. It was aimed at nurses, General Practitioners (GPs) and anyone interested in skin, with the idea of dispelling a few myths. It was very well received and is set to become an annual event. Thanks to all presenters.



Dr Harini Bala (registrar), Mandy Palmer (organiser), Dr Michelle Rodrigues, Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon, Dr Niyati Sharma (dermatologists); Dr Celeste Wong, Dr Claire Higgins (registrars) and Dr Amit Verma (dermatologist).

Forthcoming EVENTS...

Please note the following for your diary:

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| 4 May
2017 | CHOOSING WISELY
AUSTRALIA NATIONAL
MEETING
<i>Melbourne, Victoria</i>
http://www.choosingwisely.org.au/ |
| 6-9 May
2017 | 50TH AUSTRALASIAN
COLLEGE
OF DERMATOLOGISTS
ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC
MEETING
<i>Sydney, New South Wales</i>
http://www.acdasm2017.com/ |
| 9-10 May
2017 | AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR
DERMATOLOGY RESEARCH
CONFERENCE
<i>Sydney, New South Wales</i>
http://www.asdr.org.au/ |
| 25 May
2017 | 5TH MEDICINE IN
AUSTRALIA: BALANCING
EMPLOYMENT AND LIFE
RESEARCH FORUM
<i>Melbourne, Victoria</i>
http://mabel.org.au/ |
| 26-29 May
2017 | THE CONGRESS OF ITALIAN
SOCIETY FOR HAIR SCIENCE
AND RESTORATION
<i>Venice, Italy</i>
http://eventi.sitri.it/en/ |
| 6-9
July
2017 | 13TH WORLD CONGRESS OF
PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY
(WCPD 2017)
<i>Chicago, Illinois, USA</i>
https://pedsderm.net/meetings/world-congress-of-pediatric-dermatology/ |
| 25-29
July
2017 | 5TH MUNICH INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER ACADEMY OF
PRACTICAL DERMATOLOGY
<i>Munich, Germany</i>
http://isa2017.com/ |
| 8-11
August
2017 | NEW ZEALAND
DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY
INCORPORATED ANNUAL
SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
<i>Auckland, New Zealand</i>
https://www.nzdsi.org/ |
| 11-13
August
2017 | 5TH AUSTRALASIAN
COLLEGE OF
DERMATOLOGISTS RURAL
MEETING
<i>Broome, WA</i>
www.dermcoll.edu.au |
| 16-19
August
2017 | NEW ZEALAND
DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY
INCORPORATED ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
<i>Queenstown, New Zealand</i>
www.nzdsi.org |

More events listed on the next page

Forthcoming EVENTS...

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13-17 September 2017	26TH EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY AND VENEREOLOGY CONGRESS <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> http://eadvgeneva2017.org/
18-21 October 2017	9TH WORLD CONGRESS OF MELANOMA AND 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE SOCIETY FOR MELANOMA RESEARCH <i>Brisbane, Queensland</i> www.worldmelanoma2017.com
18-21 October 2017	10TH WORLD CONGRESS FOR HAIR RESEARCH <i>Kyoto, Japan</i> http://www.congre.co.jp/wchr2017/
24-26 November 2017	DYSTROPHIC EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS <i>Wellington, New Zealand</i> www.debra.org.nz
18-22 May 2018	51ST AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGISTS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING <i>Gold Coast, Queensland</i> www.dermcoll.edu.au
15-18 August 2018	17TH WORLD CONGRESS ON CANCERS OF THE SKIN <i>Sydney, New South Wales</i> www.wccs2018.com
10-15 June 2019	24TH WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY <i>Milan, Italy</i> http://www.wcd2019milan.org/
10-13 November 2021	XIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY <i>Melbourne Victoria</i> www.dermcoll.edu.au



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