



MEDICAL EDUCATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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1. OVERVIEW of ACTIVITIES 2010

Executive

The Executive currently comprises:

Dr Jodi Graham	WA (Chair)
Dr Martin Culwick	QLD
Dr Natalie Smith	NSW
Dr Karen Smith	NEW ZEALAND
Dr Rod Taylor	VIC
Dr Alistair Walker	SA
Assoc Prof Jenny Weller	NEW ZEALAND

Membership

The SIG currently has 670 including 1 Associate Members.

Completed Activities

Combined SIG Meeting: The combined meeting of the Medical Education, Simulation and Skills, Welfare and Management Special Interest Groups was held at the Sheraton Mirage, Port Douglas from 23-26 September, 2010. The general theme was "Being the best you can".

The meeting received some very good feedback, and made a healthy profit. The big difference between this and previous meetings was employing a group to run workshops on corporate education and communication. The group was the TRIAD consulting group from the USA.

I think we can safely say that TRIAD were a resounding success. The workshops topics covered "Negotiation", "Managing Difficult conversations", "Influence that works" and "Giving Honest and Effective feedback". The workshops were fully subscribed, and the feedback very encouraging. Other topics covered during the meeting included leadership, medical education, simulation, mandatory reporting and the ageing anaesthetist.

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The move to employing speakers was new for such a meeting. The cost of inviting and paying TRIAD were covered by registration fees, speaker entitlements, fee-paying workshops and sponsorship. Some of the unanticipated benefits of bringing in such a group were the profit made by the meeting, the large increase in sponsorship and the further development of sponsorship tiers.

Some of the presentations from the meeting are available on the SIG website.

This meeting attracted our strongest attendance to date. We think this is in part due to the varied and very interesting programme.

ANZCA ASM, Christchurch 2010: The Medical Education SIG session at the ASM was again well attended. The theme was “The new ITA” and included a series of very interesting presentations about the new online ITA. The session was capably chaired by Karen Smith.

Activities planned for 2011

There are two main activities planned for 2011. They are the Medical Education SIG session at the ANZCA ASM in Hong Kong and the combined SIG meeting at Uluru.

The topic for the ASM session in Hong Kong is “Trainees in difficulty: getting them back on track”. This will be a panel discussion with a variety of experts commenting on some fictional cases. Audience participation will be encouraged.

The combined SIG meeting for 2011 is to be held at Uluru. The theme is “Solid as a rock”, and is generally about patient safety and all the different aspects. Rowan Molnar, the chair of the Simulation and Skills SIG is the convener, and is working hard to put together a host of interesting speakers. They will include Dr Rob Lee (Canberra) who has worked with Professor James Reason, and Professor Lorelei Linaard. The programme will be available by March 2011.

The Annual general meeting for 2011 will be held during the combined SIG meeting in Uluru.

Jodi Graham

Chair