



WELFARE OF ANAESTHETISTS SIG

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The WOA SIG continues to provide educational sessions, information and opportunities to discuss issues which affect the wellbeing of our colleagues.

Membership stands at 472

During 2009, the following sessions relate to Welfare Issues:

ASM Cairns May 2009

The Overseas Trained Specialist – still the outsider

Orientation: What makes a difference ?

Mentoring: Throw away the carrot and the stick

Workshop: Your second career: Achieving in retirement

Workshop: Wizard ways with words for anaesthetists

Workshop: Preserving relationships

Raj Brijball

Natalie Smith

Kate Hames

David Fenwick

Allan Cyna & Marion Andrew
Relationships Australia

Combined SIG Meeting in Byron Bay, NSW, 9 - 11 October 2009: “Essential Skills for the Future”

The program will include various workshops, sessions on mental health, selection of trainees, and credentialing and scope of practice, as well as free paper sessions. Invited speakers include Dr Jillann Farmer, and Professor Gordon Parker.

Regional Committees continue to provide annual introductory sessions for new trainees, and updates for more senior trainees in issues regarding welfare.

The Welfare SIG conducted its AGM during the ASM in Cairns in May, 2009. Another business meeting is scheduled during the Byron Bay Combined SIG meeting. An Executive teleconference is to be held in August 2009 to plan further activities. We are hoping to co-opt a New Fellow to the Executive, as well as a Trainee representative.

At the AGM, Dr Diana Khursandi resumed the Chair of the SIG. Dr Tracey Tay is to be thanked for her hard work and ongoing enthusiasm during her tenure as Chair of the WOA SIG. This gratitude also extends to our committed executive members.

The transition of Doctors' Health Issues to their current valid mainstream position has been due in no small part to the efforts of all members of the SIG, and I believe we should be proud of our achievements.

The WOA SIG Executive for 2009-2010 consists of :

Dr Diana Khursandi (Chair)	Queensland
Dr Margie Cowling	South Australia
Dr John Crowhurst	Victoria
Dr Robert Fry	New Zealand

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The WOA SIG Resource Documents can be accessed at ANZCA web site www.anzca.edu.au/fellows/sig/welfarea and on the at the ASA web site www.asa.org.au and the ACECC web page www.acecc.org.au/Welfare.aspx

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