

# Trainees' Subcommittee

The Chair of the Trainee Subcommittee is currently Dr Helen Paterson (NZ), who has succeeded Dr Brad Armstrong in the role. Dr Amanda Henry (NSW) has taken on the vacant role of Deputy Chair of the Subcommittee.

During the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, the Trainees' Subcommittee held two teleconference meetings and one all day face-to-face meeting at College House.

## Major initiatives by the Subcommittee over this time have included:

- Working with the College Training Accreditation Committee to develop a policy on requirements for Trainees to perform sexual assault forensic examinations;
  - Working with the Women's Health Committee to develop a policy on clinical training whilst pregnant;
  - Contributing to the writing of RANZCOG guidelines on the re-accreditation of ITP hospitals;
  - Contributing to the development and testing of the RANZCOG email system for Trainees in consultation with RANZCOG management and the Assessment Services Department;
  - Contributing to the development and testing of the Trainees' Common Room on the RANZCOG website in consultation with the Training Services Department;
  - Ongoing review of surgical competency assessment issues, including the adaptation of the surgical competencies assessment tools;
  - Ongoing review of maximum training times for both the ITP and for the combined ITP/Elective program in recognition of need for flexibility, particularly in relation to parental leave requirements;
- Arrangement of exam workshops; and
  - Assisting in the development of a new rural training position in the South Island of New Zealand.

## Subcommittee members have acted as trainee representatives on:

- Examination Committee;
- College Training Accreditation Committee and each Regional/NZ Training Accreditation Committee;
- RANZCOG Regional Committees;
- Women's Health Committee;
- Continuing Professional Development Committee;
- RANZCOG Council;
- RANZCOG Ultrasound Working Group;
- RANZCOG O&G Advisory Group;
- RANZCOG hospital re-accreditation teams;
- AMC Working Party revising the standards pertaining to trainees in the AMC's guidelines for medical college accreditation;
- AMA Doctors in Training Specialties Conference;
- National Health Workforce Secretariat workshop to develop generic hospital accreditation guidelines;
- RANZCOG Workforce Advisory Group (NZ); and
- RANZCOG Maori Advisory Group (NZ).

**Dr Helen Paterson**  
Chair, Trainees' Committee

**Shaun McCarthy**  
Manager, Training Services



Miscellaneous grouping, Museum collection items.