



Medical Deans Newsletter

My – how things change in 6 months

It's been awhile but a few important ducks have recently lined up for us and it's a good time to share the news.

We are delighted to announce that the Commonwealth Department of Health has agreed to fund the next stage of the MSOD and Data Linkage project for 2 years and has extended the LIME Network funding for another 12 months.

We are also working very hard to provide members with data and resources that help you. This includes the results of the assessment benchmarking activity for 2014 that showed consistent performance across all 19 schools. This is being followed up by an exciting new collaboration with the AMC that gives schools access to good performing assessment items and allows ongoing benchmarking analysis. In addition we are about to release for the first time to members, an aggregated 5 year report on final year student demographics and intent from the MSOD dataset plus, for Australian schools, your own school report to allow benchmarking across Australia.

In another quality assurance activity, 19 out of our 21 medical schools have agreed to participate in an operational survey that will examine some of the inputs and outputs of your schools and faculties that often make Schools of Medicine and Faculties of Health different to others in a university.

The Federal Government and its budget decisions and uncertainties continue to test us and we will continue to advocate on your behalf and to keep you as up to date as we can.

I take this chance to warmly welcome the new Executive under the leadership of Nick Glasgow and thank Peter Smith for his wisdom and commitment particularly over the last 2 years.



2015 Annual Conference
October 8-9, 2015
Hobart

New Offices

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Congratulate your new Executive

President	Professor Nicholas Glasgow
Vice President	Professor Richard Murray
Treasurer	Professor Michelle Leech
Secretary	Professor Alison Jones
Ordinary Member	Professor Ian Symonds
Co-opted Member	Professor Brendan Crotty
Co-opted Member	Professor Peter Crampton



Judy Searle
CEO
30 June 2015

Data snapshots

Interns who graduated from graduate entry medical programs are more likely to be **certain about their choice of specialty** than those who graduated from school leaver entry programs.

Interns who graduated from graduate entry programs and were uncertain of choice of career in final year medicine were more **likely to become certain in PGY1** than those who graduated from school leaver entry programs.*

Source: MSOD

New Opportunities for Members

- **MSOD dataset—trend reports for members**

Medical Deans is soon to release an aggregated demographic data report of all MSOD participants in their final year of medicine from 2010 –2014. In addition each member school will be provided with their own report to allow benchmarking with the national aggregated data



- **MSOD and Data Linkage Project 2015-17**

Medical Deans have now secured \$500,000 over 2 years from the Commonwealth Department of Health to progress the next phase of the project, particularly the data linkage development. More news can be found at <http://www.medicaldeans.org.au/exciting-workforce-planning-development-medical-schools-outcomes-database-to-realise-its-potential-through-data-linkage.html>

- **LIME Network**

The Commonwealth Department of Health has recently agreed to extend the funding of the LIME Network for a further 12 months up till the 30 June 2016. This will continue to be delivered by the secretariat team based at the University of Melbourne. See more at <http://www.limenetwork.net.au/>

- **Assessment Benchmarking**

Many members participated in a very productive workshop where the results of the 2014 assessment benchmarking study involving 19 out of the 20 schools was published. More about this can be found at <http://www.medicaldeans.org.au/communique-bi-national-assessment-collaboration-workshop.html>

The number of graduates interested in conducting research during their career has increased from 52.7% in 2010 to 63.9% in 2014*

Source: MSOD

Recent Media activities

Fee hike to 'worsen' rural doctor shortage – The Australian, Wednesday, Jan 28, 2015, page 27 <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education>

Student Debt: <http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/news/news-review/will-general-practice-be-hit-by-the-rise-of-medica>

Learning from history – teaching historic public health events, MJA Insight, April 2015 <https://www.mja.com.au/careers/202/6/learning-history>

May 4, ABC radio – Simon Lauder: AMA defends integrity of medical journal <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2015/s4229256.htm>

OTHER NEWS

2015-16 Federal Budget

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/budget/publishing.nsf/Content/2015-2016_Health_PBS

Curtin gets a medical school

<http://www.medicaldeans.org.au/australia-needs-more-doctors-in-the-bush-not-another-urban-medical-school.html>

Medical Deans congratulates new Fellows of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science

<http://www.medicaldeans.org.au/deans-congratulate-outstanding-medical-researchers.html>

Review of Internship

Professor Andrew Wilson and Dr Anne-Marie Feyer will head the review of Internship being conducted over the next 12 months. They will be meeting with Medical Deans at a date yet TBD. More information can be found at www.ahmac.gov.au/site/home.aspx



New staff and new digs

Medical Deans has finally realised its full independent potential. We have just moved to beautiful (and cheaper rent!) offices in George Street. We now have a nice space for members and visitors including a 10 seat board room, a smaller meeting room, a nice open plan kitchen/eating area and hot desk facilities for members. If you are thinking of holding a small function or afterhours meeting in Sydney—think of your Sydney office. Medical Deans now also manages its own ICT and human resources in house.

We also welcome **Stephen Russell** to the Sydney office who will be taking the lead on the new MSOD and Data Linkage Project. Stephen's also a personal trainer in another life so this will become a very fit workplace :-).



Operational Benchmarking Study 2015 n=19 schools

Thank you to all schools wishing to participate in an operational survey for 2015. The new online survey opened on the 11th June and will **close on the 10th July**. We are hoping to present the aggregated findings at the October Annual Conference

AMC collaboration with assessment benchmarking

Thank you to all 12 schools who have also agreed to participate in the next phase of assessment benchmarking and sharing of assessment items with the AMC. A meeting will be held soon to brief all the participants and agree on the technical and governance issues for the 2015/16 pilot.

Medical Deans farewells our President **Professor Peter Smith** after many years of service to the Executive and the organisation more broadly. Peter is also retiring from the position of Dean at UNSW and has been succeeded by Professor Rodney Phillips.

On behalf of the organisation Peter please accept our sincere thanks and we wish you and your family all the very best for the next stage of your career.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Signing of new AIDA_Medical Deans Collaboration Agreement—Townsville, 10 August
- LIME Connection VI—Townsville, 11-13 August
- Reporting annual medical student data, August
- Annual Conference 2015—Hobart , 8-9 October 2015

The number of graduates satisfied with their medical degree has remained around 75-85% over the last 5 years. However, the number of unsatisfied graduates has fallen from 15.2% in 2010 to 6.5% in 2014

Source: MSOD