



Medical Deans Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 6

It is hard to believe the end of the year is almost here. My first 8 weeks in the role have flown – so much happening, so much to learn, so many people to meet. Thank you to everyone for your assistance as I settle in. A big thanks in particular to President Nicholas Glasgow for his wisdom and support and to former CEO Judy Searle for her invaluable contribution to Medical Deans.

I have enjoyed meeting many members and stakeholders including at the Annual Conference, and at meetings of the LIME Reference Group, CPMC, CPMEC and the AMC. I am very interested in visiting member medical schools as opportunities arise and will be in contact with schools in the new year. The release of the Final Report of the Review into Medical Intern Training has dominated a lot of discussion recently and there is a separate report on this issue in this newsletter.

The Australian Government has also released its National Innovation and Science Agenda including the \$250 million Biomedical Translation Fund. The focus on the importance of research and innovation is welcome, though much of the detail is still to come.

I am looking forward to working with members in 2016 on key challenges including the MSOD and Data Linkage Project, future funding arrangements for the LIME network, progressing the outcomes of the Clinical Academic Summit and updating the Medical Deans 2014 – 16 Strategic Plan.

I wish you a safe and happy festive season.

Carmel Tebbutt
Chief Executive Officer

2016 Events

Tuesday 23 February 2016

Faculty Managers Meeting
Park Royal Melbourne Airport,
Melbourne

Wednesday 22 June 2016

Medical Deans
Annual General Meeting
Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday 12 October — Friday 14 October 2016

Medical Deans
Annual Conference
Novotel Northbeach Hotel,
Wollongong



Ms Carmel Tebbutt and LIME Reference Group meeting in Melbourne

Medical Intern Training

The final report of the Review of Medical Intern Training by Professor Andrew Wilson and Dr Anne Marie Feyer was recently released. Ministers through the COAG Health Council noted the report and agreed that further work on the feasibility, prioritisation and sequencing of the recommendations was required. This work is now occurring through the Health Workforce Principal Committee with a Working Group chaired by Ms Robyn Burley, NSW Health.

Through out the course of the review there was general agreement that some reform is needed given the changes in health services and medical education since the intern model was designed. Recommendations 2, 3 4 and 5g of the final report are particularly relevant to Medical Deans.

The full report can be accessed here:

<http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Portals/0/Review%20of%20Medical%20Intern%20Training%20Final%20Report%20publication%20version.pdf>

The Executive particularly wanted to draw member's attention to recommendation 2:

RECOMMENDATION 2

That the internship should have entry requirements that reflect agreed and defined expectations of work-readiness that graduates must meet before commencing. Specification of the expectations and certification of work-readiness should be undertaken collaboratively by employers, universities and the Australian Medical Council within 1-2 years.

Please provide any feedback on the report to admin@medicaldeans.org.au



Professor Nicholas Glasgow
President, Medical Deans
Clinical Academic Summit, Sydney

Clinical Academic Summit

Medical Deans and RACS in conjunction with other members of the working party recently held the second Clinical Academic Summit in Sydney. Clinical leaders and key stakeholders met to discuss ways to build a sustainable clinical academic workforce.

Discussion at the Summit included:

- strengthening and better articulating clinical academic pathways
- demonstrating the link between the work of clinical academics and improved health outcomes and profiling "success stories"
- addressing the significant gap in early career research opportunities
- developing ways to better connect clinical academics

The summit resolved that the working party would continue to meet and progress these issues.

In The News

The National Innovation and Science Agenda Report 7 December 2015

<http://innovation.gov.au/page/national-innovation-and-science-agenda-report>

RACS Plan "Building Respect, Improving Patient Safety" 1 December 2015

<https://www.surgeons.org/media/22260415/RACS-Action-Plan-Bullying-Harassment-F-Low-Res-FINAL.pdf>

COAG Health Council Communique 6 November 2015

<http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Publications/Communiques/ArtMID/522/ArticleID/74/CHC-Communique-6-November-2015>

Health Minister Leys National Press Club Address 28 October 2015

[https://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/AE7E75A0438F3E9ECA257EEC00172B26/\\$File/SLSP151028.pdf](https://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/AE7E75A0438F3E9ECA257EEC00172B26/$File/SLSP151028.pdf)

Medical Deans 2015 Workforce Data Report

SNAPSHOT FINDINGS

In 2015 in Australia the number of **commencing medical students** (domestic and international) has plateaued at 3777. This compares with 3737 in 2014 and predicted commencements of 3768 in 2016.

7.2% of Australian domestic commencing students are full fee paying. This is an increase from previous years (6.7% in 2014 and 4.3% in 2010).

In 2014 23.0% (718) of Australian domestic graduates were bonded either through the Bonded Medical Places (BMP) or Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) to work in areas of workforce shortage.

In 2015 Australia is **predicted to graduate** 3649 doctors (3128 domestic and 521 international).

In 2015 New Zealand is **predicted to graduate** 444 doctors (418 domestic and 26 international).

In 2014, **35 Indigenous doctors** graduated from medical programs in Australia, an **increase of 45.8%** from the previous year. This compares with **34 Maori graduate doctors** from New Zealand schools in 2014 (which had similar numbers in 2013).

In 2015, in Australia, a further **65 Australian Indigenous students** enrolled in **year one** of medicine, which is **2%** of all commencing Australian medical students. This compares with **75 Maori students (13.7% of all commencing medical students)** in New Zealand schools.

In 2015 in Australia 51.4% of **commencing** medical students were female compared with 54.5% of commencing female medical students in New Zealand schools.

The full report is available here:

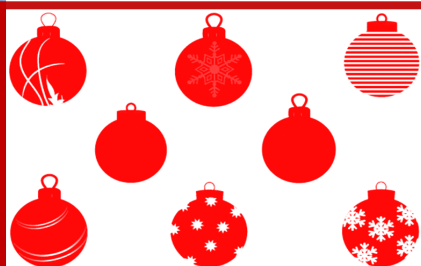
<http://www.medicaldeans.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Workforce-Data-Report-2015.pdf>

Committee News

Medical Deans acknowledges and thanks Professor Geoff McColl and Professor Michael Kidd for representing Medical Deans on the AMC Medical School Accreditation Committee and Specialist Education Accreditation Committee respectively. Both their terms have now concluded and Professor Annemarie Hennessy will represent Medical Deans on the AMC Medical School Accreditation Committee. Expressions of interest are being sought for the AMC Specialist Education Accreditation Committee. Representing Medical Deans on these committees takes considerable time and energy and Medical Deans thanks both Geoff and Michael for all their commitment and hard work.

Medical Deans Annual Conference

Medical Deans held a very successful Annual Conference in October in Hobart. It included sessions on Medical Workforce Data, Indigenous Medical Students and Doctors, Fitness to Practice and Training for Regional and Rural Australia. Professor John Hamilton gave the Allan Carmichael Memorial Oration and reports were provided by the Social Accountability Coalition and the Inherent Requirements Working Group. Thank you to our host Dean Professor Richard Hays, Faculty Manager Bill Costin from the University of Tasmania Medical School.



*Season's Greetings and Best wishes for the New Year
 Nicholas Glasgow, Carmel Tebbutt and the team at Medical Deans*

Thank you for all your support in 2015

*The Medical Deans Office will be closed from
 Thursday 24 December, 2015 to Monday 4 January, 2016*