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## February 2008

Welcome to the 2008 GP training year! I hope you all had a chance for a break over the holiday period and are ready for another great year. I continue as your RLO for now, but will be looking to hand over the position later this year. I can't quite believe how quickly training time passes, so make the most of all the opportunities. For anyone who may be interested in the RLO position please contact SF or myself, to discuss the details of this role.

The GPET RLO workshop and GPRA council meeting is being held in Canberra again this year on 17-20 March. If you have any issues that you would like me to raise at this national meeting, please let me know.

### Academic Posts

The next round of GPET academic post applications is now open. This will close on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March so get your applications in if you're interested. See the website <http://www.agpt.com.au/praxis.php/category/view/163> for further details or contact the Registrar Research and Development Officer (RRADO) Rachel Lee at [rrado@gpet.com.au](mailto:rrado@gpet.com.au)

### RACGP Exam Preparation

For those planning to sit this year, remember to consider the pre-exam courses run by the RACGP SA Faculty. These courses fill quickly and applications are at [www.racgp.org.au](http://www.racgp.org.au)

### General Practice Registrars Association (GPRA)

Remember that as a member of GPRA you have access to resources on the website. [www.gpra.org.au](http://www.gpra.org.au). Also you should have received in the post the **GPRA Registrar's Guide 2008** by now. If not, please contact us for a copy.

### AMA (SA)

As the RLO on the AMA, some of the issues of discussion recently have been on the proposed GP-superclinics. There is a perception that GP-registrars in the future will prefer employment in bigger clinics after training, rather than negotiate the stresses of running a practice. Is this true? I would be interested to hear your opinion too.

After-hours Pathology ... just a thought to consider, as it has been a topic of discussion recently. Do you know what happens to pathology results that come through after-hours? You have ordered a test and its result needs immediate attention, so does the pathology company have your after-hours contact details? If so, how then do you contact the patient that needs to go to the hospital emergency department? It may be worth discussing this with your supervisor.

### Important Dates

RACGP Exam

-Written 12 April 2008

-Clinical 18 May 2008

Registrar Research Workshop 17-20 June 2008

### Useful Websites

[www.gplearning.com.au](http://www.gplearning.com.au)

-A great site for exam preparation.

[www.rch.org.au](http://www.rch.org.au)

-the Royal Children's Hospital based in Melbourne, but has some great parent info sheets and concise guidelines for paediatrics

[www.psychsupport.com.au](http://www.psychsupport.com.au)

-for those tricky psych questions just email or fax to the psych support line. A psychiatrist will respond to your questions.

[www.smarttraveller.gov.au/index.html](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/index.html)

-travel medicine information

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