



STURT FLEURIEU NEWSLETTER APRIL 2007

For your reading pleasure we are once again sending out an informative and interesting newsletter. You may find the information contained in this document to be invaluable to your daily lives. Please do not despair, as we will do it all again next month.

RACGP EXAM FOR SEMESTER 2

Applications for 2008 open the 4th June 2007 and close on 20th July 2007. Please send Sallie Goff an email requesting an exam report if you are sitting the exam. The exam dates are:

- Written Exam 15 September
- Clinical Exam 27th October 2007.

ARTICLES

Dr Bruce Mugford and Dr Anne Martin, along with Caroline Laurence and Linda Black, have had an article published in the Medical Journal of Australia. If you are interested in viewing the article titled "*General practice placements for pre-registration junior doctors: adding value to intern education and training*" you can access the article through the following link;

[MJA Article](#)

SA MEDICAL CAREERS EXPO

Sunday May 20th National Wine Centre (1.00pm to 4.00pm)

The Expo is a vital part of a broader strategy to address issues of recruitment, retention and career choices of medical staff in South Australia.

It is intended the Expo will provide potential interns and trainees with all the necessary information to make an informed decision about their future.

Sturt Fleurieu will have an exhibition booth at the Expo. Interested registrars and supervisors who wish to help with the promotion of general practice training for an hour or so should contact Ken Redford on 8536 5012 or email ken.redford@sfgpet.com.au. Any assistance would be sincerely appreciated.

HOSPITAL COORDINATORS MEETING

On Friday 20th April a meeting was held at the Strathalbyn offices of Sturt Fleurieu with some of our hospital coordinators. This was held to enable us to explain to these important liaison people more about the Sturt Fleurieu program and in particular those aspects unique to us.

In particular we were able to explain to them our programs such as gp-start, gp-advanced and pro-start anaesthetics and the 2 soon to be released programs derm-start and pro-start emergency.

It was clear that they were unaware of these programs and we believe they were impressed by the amount of work which had gone into these innovative programs.

It was an interesting and fruitful morning and aided our mutual understanding of each other's roles and we anticipate this will lead to a closer working relationship between all concerned.

Those present were Dr Mike Adams from RAH, Dr Chris Bollen from QEH, Dr Chris Clohesy from WCH, Andrea Lloyd from Flinders Medical Centre and Professor Nigel Stocks from the University of Adelaide. Nigel is on the Adelaide to Outback board and we were delighted he was able to accept the invitation as we try to broaden our base.

We thank them all for attending and are grateful to them for their input to the day. Further meetings will be planned for the future.

2008 APPLICATIONS

Applications for the new training year commencing in February 2008 open on 26 May 2007 and close on the 22 June 2007. If you know of colleagues and friends who are interested in applying please let them know about this date. Promotional events at the various hospitals are as follows:

Hospital Promotional Activities for GP Training 2008

Date	Time	Hospital	Contact Name	Audience	Format
tbd		FMC		130 flyers – Andrea Lloyd able to distribute for SF	
Tuesday 29 May	Evening	TQEH	Christine Hart		All specialities present for 15-20min each
Thursday 17 May	Evening	LMHS	Shirley Wachsberger		

Date	Time	Hospital	Contact Name	Audience	Format
			& Kathy Wright		
Friday 18 May	Lunch @ 12.45. Presentations 1-2pm	Modbury	Ken Hand or Jenny Costi (MEO)	30 JMO's (15 interns, 15 residents)	GP Training
Tuesday May 8	5.15-6.30pm	RAH	Mike Adams	Intern, general trainees, final year students	GP as a career

PRACTICE PLACEMENTS FOR SEMESTER 2 - 2007

The process to place registrars with Practices for semester 2 has begun. By the time you read this message those registrars requiring placements in Semester 2 would have been notified of their practice choices and should be well on the way to arranging their practice visits. Deadline for responses is **Friday 18 May 2007**. Confirmations of placements should be known by end of May.

If you have any queries please contact either Kimberley Martinsen or Ken Redford on ph 8536 5000.

Congratulations to Professor Paul Worley

All the staff and Board members at Sturt Fleurieu wish to offer congratulations to Professor Paul Worley, recently appointed as the new Dean at Flinders University School of Medicine. Paul has been a driving force in rural medicine for a number of years and a foundation member of our Board. Sturt Fleurieu is confident Paul will bring considerable energy and enthusiasm to his new job and we continue to look forward to working with him in the future.

Contract with GPET Finalised

After much negotiation the Sturt Fleurieu Board signed off on the training contract with GPET for the next three years. It has been a difficult time with GPET being unable to even offer contracts until after the 2007 training year had started. Fortunately our training delivery systems are now mature. We had to negotiate an increase in funding from GPET over and above their initial offer, however we are pleased to say that we were able to include all the programs and initiatives, we included in the 2006 tender. With this behind us we can now get on with the job of delivering training and supporting registrars and supervisors.

Bruce Mugford – CEO Profile

Straight off I can admit to being a South Australian local, born and bred at McLaren Vale when it was still very much a country town. My Dad was the local GP, one of only two between there and Victor Harbor, and one way or another I always wanted to be a doctor. After Matriculation (yes, that's right, not Year 12) I went on to university at Flinders and then did my intern year at the RAH. It was here that I met my wife Annabel in a tragic, soap box type opera of intern meets emergency room nurse and we are lucky to have two boys, Sam 17 and Seb 12.

One way or another I have always loved traveling and I have been fortunate to be able to combine medicine with some interesting work experiences. Initially I undertook hospital training in the UK for two years before returning to Adelaide to do pediatrics and then going into general practice.

I worked in metro Adelaide but then I did short stints in the far north west of WA (so that I could swim with whale sharks and dive on Ningaloo) before settling in rural NSW for a couple of years. Rural medicine made me focus (my wife told me I needed to do more study to keep up with the new graduates) and in this period I completed my FRACGP, the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine from Monash as well as a Masters of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from JCU.

I had always wanted to work in Asia and the next job I had was with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as the Australian doctor in Jakarta. This was an extraordinary period in our lives as we lived in Jakarta and our children went to international schools. I did local embassy work as well as small jobs for AusAid and Immigration and one highlight was a trip through Kalimantan with our Ambassador, John McCarthy where I visited local hospitals and clinics.

For those of you with an eye to history we lived in Jakarta in 1998, which was when President Suharto fell, and chaos gripped Jakarta. Troops lined the streets, rioting was out of control, whole suburbs were razed and families were evacuated for safety. It was a sad time and many thousands of students were killed.. The experience was profound and our embassy friendships from people around the world remain some of our closest. In a similar position I was also posted to Cambodia, which was also fascinating but fortunately less violent and capped off by visits to the temple complexes of Angkor Wat and the Gulf of Thailand.

My job as CEO has meant learning a range of interesting new skills which I find challenging. I don't think I could ever actually give up medicine and I still do two sessions a week of general practice as well as intermittent rural locums for the RDWA. Most recently I did a weekend on call at Roxby Downs, and for you registrars that have done the conscious VT simulation, you'll be pleased to know that I had to do this in real life!!!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

1 May	Simulation – Group 3 (Dr Cate Price)
20 May	RACGP Clinical Exam
26 May	Applications for GP Training open (2008)
9 May (A Doley) 10 May (C Price) 9 May & 30 May (D Byrne) 10 May (S Martin)	Mini-release dates (Basic and Advanced)
24 th May	Case Discussion meeting Dates (Advanced)
29 May	Simulation – Group 4 (Dr Danny Byrne)

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Jennifer Evitts, who started work at Sturt Fleurieu on Monday April 30. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Jennifer will be filling Eloise's shoes whilst El is away on Maternity leave. Jennifer's email address is jennifer.evitts@sfgpet.com.au.

Office Closure – The Sturt Fleurieu Office will be closed on Friday May 4th for Staff Development. In an Emergency, please contact Dr Bruce Mugford on 0408818770

Successful Academic Post Application - Registrar Dr Elaine Leung has successfully obtained an Academic Post for Semester 2, 2007. Elaine will be working with Dr Simon Kobblar in the area of stroke medicine at the TQEH/ University of Adelaide. Congratulations Elaine!

Staff Leave – The Director of Training, Dr Peter Clements, is taking a well earned break between May 9 and May 27. All enquiries should be directed to Kimberley Martinsen in Peter's absence.

And last but not least here are our mandatory funnies to keep you smiling:

When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

You know the speed of light, so what's the speed of dark?

Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.

I like work. It fascinates me. I sit and look at it for hours.

The names of the continents all end with the same letter with which they start

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not.