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# Annual Report



College of Anaesthetists of Ireland



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# President's Address

This is my third and final annual report as President. It has been a great honour and privilege to have been President of your College and I deeply appreciate the support, encouragement and advice I have received over the past three years. I acknowledge with gratitude the major contribution, commitment and support that Council Officers, Council Members and Fellows have made to The College and to the office of President. 2008 has been an exciting year for The College and I am delighted to announce that the projects referred to in the annual reports of 2006 and 2007 have come to fruition despite the uncertain climate created by consultant contract negotiations, a new Medical Practitioners Act and the formation of the HSE Medical Education Training and Research Committee. The College while always maintaining its focus on its core objectives of education, training and the maintenance of standards of anaesthesia in Ireland has also responded to the additional expectations and demands created by the new political and medical climate. These achievements are a tribute to the commitment of College Officers, Council Members, Fellows and College staff who continue to generously dedicate their time and effort and financial support to enable The College achieve its objectives. I thank you all.

In my report for 2007 I referred to our ambitions for 22 Merrion Square. I am delighted to report that the refurbishment and building programme has begun and will be completed in September 2009. I congratulate our hard working project team under the Chairmanship of Dr William Blunnie for all their work in bringing the concept to fruition. I also thank our Honorary Treasurer, Dr John Loughrey and his committee for their advice and expertise in ensuring The College uses its financial resources wisely and to best effect. The refurbished building and the additional new educational facilities in Denzille Lane will facilitate The College to continue to

fulfil and expand its educational and training roles into the future. We look forward to our Fellows and indeed all anaesthetists continuing their practical support for this project.

The establishment of the Faculty of Pain Medicine by The College is the fulfilment of a long term ambition of The College. It is a sign of the strength and commitment of The College to its Fellows. I congratulate the inaugural Dean Dr David Hill and the members and wish The Faculty every success. The Pain Faculty held its first conferring in November and I welcome the Foundation Pain Fellows to The College.

The formation of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of The College of Anaesthetists, The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland is a major and historic event and is very much welcomed. It is the culmination of many years of dedicated hard work and I would like to especially congratulate and thank Drs Brian Marsh and Jeanne Moriarty for their hard work, patience and negotiation skills in ensuring the establishment of the Joint Faculty. I am confident that the new Joint Faculty will go from strength to strength in the future.

## Education & Training

This is the core business of The College. In 2008 in light of increasing demands and expectations it has been necessary to add support to our Dean and the Dean's office. Funding was obtained from the HSE to appoint a Vice-Dean and Dr Eleanor O'Leary has been appointed to this role. The Vice-Dean will undertake the development of competency based training programmes and will also support our CME/CPD and Competence Assurance Committee chaired by Dr Harry Frizelle. As the Medical Practitioners



Act 2007 now requires doctors to participate in competence assurance programmes we are confident that this crucial appointment will facilitate anaesthetists to comply with the requirements of the Medical Practitioners' Act 2007. Our web site [www.anaesthesia.ie](http://www.anaesthesia.ie) enables Fellows to maintain their CME record on-line. The provision of journals both on-line and in hard copy is an expansion of our services to Fellows. It is our expectation that additional educational material will be added to the site over time.

Dr Jeremy Smith Chairs The College committee responsible for the development of simulation for anaesthesia and medical training. In light of the development of simulator centers on two sites; UCC and St. James Hospital, The College is eager to examine how simulators may best be incorporated into Irish medical and anaesthesia training programmes. As part of this commitment The College has obtained HSE funding to enable the appointment of Dr Crina Burlacu to advise and assist in this process.

The Hospital Inspection Committee chaired by Dr Philip Hawthorne continues its important work auditing, supporting and developing the training standards of our hospitals. The inspection process is assuming greater importance in the new medical climate.

Dr Katrina O'Sullivan chairs the Credentials Committee. This most important committee amongst other responsibilities ensures that the highest standards are maintained for admission to the register of medical specialists. I deeply appreciate the difficult but valuable work Dr Katrina O'Sullivan does on behalf of The College.

Dr David Mannion has taken over as chair of the Training Committee having been its Honorary Secretary.

I appreciate Dr David Mannion's commitment and dedication.

Dr Deirdre McCoy in her first year on Council has assumed responsibility for the Final Fellowship Course and for the MSc in Anaesthesia and recently has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Training Committee; I thank her for this support.

The Autumn College Lecture was delivered by Dr Michael Mc Brien in conjunction with the South of Ireland meeting in Killarney and our Winter College Lecturer was Dr Jennifer Hunter. Our Gilmartin Lecture was delivered by Dr Archie Brain. All proved to be outstanding choices and contributed considerably to the educational meetings held in association with the lectures. My sincerest thanks to Dr Joseph Tracey, his committee members and all who dedicated so much time, effort and commitment to organizing and running the educational meetings.

## Examinations

Our examinations continue to develop and evolve. A special thanks to the Chair of our Examinations Committee Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan for managing these changes. We also thank Dr. Ken Lowry and Dr. Kevin Carson, Chairs of the Primary and Final Examinations respectively. Dr Philip Hawthorne continues his work on behalf of the Examinations Committee and the computerisation of the MCQ bank. We also sincerely thank our examiners who contribute so much to the success of the examinations. The College also hosts the Pain examination chaired by Dr Donal Harney and the Board of Intensive Care Medicine examination chaired by Dr Brian Marsh. The College also facilitates the European Board of Intensive Care examination. Unfortunately, due to the recent changes in the

Medical Practitioners Act 2007 relating to education sponsorship the Overseas Qualify Examination (OQE) examination previously held annually in Oman is not being held in 2009.

## Deans Office

Our Dean Dr Ian Surgeon has been and continues to be a stalwart in The College since its inception. His vision, attention to detail and communication skills have been a significant contribution to the success of the Dean's office and of The College. The challenges posed in 2008 were met with efficiently and professionally, Anaesthesia in Ireland is very fortunate to have him as Dean. In 2008 Dr Surgeon delivered a revamped IT system for The College which is flexible and incorporates all the features The College requires to deliver its services to its Fellows. I thank Dr Surgeon for his continued commitment to The College and am delighted that he is being joined by a Vice-Dean to continue to develop and expand the programmes of education and training required in the new environment.

## Management and Administration

2008 was a busy and eventful year for our management and administrative staff. The building project required moving The College off site to 12 Duke Lane. This was achieved with military efficiency and with minimal disruption to Fellows. I cannot thank enough all our staff who made this possible. I take this opportunity to thank individually our staff, Ms Margaret Jenkinson our Finance Officer who looks after all our financial matters so well, Ms Marguerite Harvey and

Ruth Flaherty in examinations who with good cheer efficiently organize all our examinations. Our thanks to Ms Maria Golden and Orla Doran in the Education and Training Department for the organisation of training, education courses and matters relating to trainees. I thank Ms Mary Malone who has been a major support to me for the past year. Our management and administration team, professionally led by our CEO and Registrar Dr Orlaith McCaul have met most efficiently the many challenges posed during the year. We sincerely thank them and look forward to their continued involvement in and contribution to the future development of The College.

## Projects

The College has significantly progressed many of the aims and objectives of Council in 2008. I have already referred to our building programme and the establishment of both the Faculty of Pain and Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. 2008 has also seen the development of and appointment to both the post of Vice-Dean and the post for Simulation Development.

Our educational project in Malawi for Anaesthetic Officers delivered over the past four years and focusing on obstetrics and trauma concluded with the final programme being delivered in January 2009 under the leadership of Dr Jeanne Moriarty.

In 2008 The College obtained substantial funding from Irish Aid to develop and support a major three year anaesthetic training programme in Malawi. This programme will build on the experience of the previous five years for clinical officers and the recruitment of doctors to a funded and structured anaesthetic training programme is part of this development. The first event



of this new programme occurred in January 2009 in Blantyre. In addition to Irish Aid The College is joined in partnership by the Ministry of Health in Malawi and the University Medical School in Blantyre. I congratulate Prof. Anthony Cunningham and Dr Orlaith McCaul for their dedication and devotion to this most worthwhile charitable project.

The College continues to be an active participant and contributor to the Forum of Irish Post-Graduate Training Bodies. The Forum brings together the Presidents of the Postgraduate Medical Colleges in Ireland and the Deans of Medical Faculties to implement policies of mutual benefit and interest and to interact with HSE, Medical Council, DOHC and others to advance medical education and training in Ireland.

The reports of the various Committees of College will give much greater detail on individual College Committee activities and their achievements. On behalf of Fellows and on my own behalf I acknowledge with gratitude the major contribution that each and every chair, member of committees and fellows individually and collectively has made to the development of The College in 2008.

## Awards

The Council award 2008 went to Prof Pdraic Keane Past, Dean of the Faculty of Anaesthesia and retired Consultant Anaesthetist, University College Hospital Galway. Our honorary conferees brought together the Presidents of the three Colleges of the NUI. Professor Iognáid O' Mhuirheartaigh, President of UCG, Professor Michael Murphy, President of UCC and Professor Hugh Brady, President of UCD. The NUI has supported anaesthesia by establishing Professorial Chairs of Anaesthesia in its respective Colleges.

My sincerest thanks to my Vice President Dr Seán McDevitt, my Honorary Secretary Dr Brian Marsh, Council Officers and Council Members, Committee Chairs, Members of Committees and all who have contributed to the educational courses, examinations and the other important activities and events undertaken by The College. Your contributions are acknowledged, greatly valued and very much appreciated. I also thank our friends in industry who continue to support anaesthesia education in Ireland.

The challenges posed to The College in 2008 will continue in 2009. However, I am confident that with the structures presently in place and with vision and collective action The College will continue to develop and achieve its objectives. Your continued support and the support of all the Fellows of The College will be crucial. Again I thank everyone who has helped and supported me and made my Presidency such a pleasure and joy. I also thank my colleagues in the Cork University Department of Anaesthesia who facilitated my absences from the department and the management team at CUH who value and appreciate the importance of The College of Anaesthesia. A special thanks to Anne and my family for all their support, patience and encouragement over the past three years.

### Dr John McAdoo

President (2006-09)



# CEO's Report

## The College Objectives

The objectives of The College as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are as follows:

1. To train and educate medical graduates to maintain the highest possible standards of professional competence in the practice of anaesthesia, pain management, intensive care medicine and related subjects for the protection and benefit of the public;
2. To further postgraduate instruction and training in anaesthesia, pain management, intensive care medicine and related subjects both in Ireland and overseas;
3. To advance, promote and carry on study and research into anaesthesia, pain management, intensive care medicine and related subjects and to disseminate the useful results of any such research and to provide expert advice to relevant statutory bodies;
4. To educate the general public in all matters relating to anaesthesia, pain management, intensive care medicine and related subjects.

## Governance and Management

We are governed by a Council elected by the fellows of The College. The Council also co-opts members as required. The Council is currently made up of 18 members and one co-opted member. All members of the Council act in an entirely voluntary capacity. It meets six times a year to discuss and approve recommendations of the twelve Committees of Council. The day to day management of The College is

run through the office of the Chief Executive/ Registrar with the support of an Executive Management Team made up of The President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The Postgraduate Dean with the support of the newly appointed Vice Dean are responsible for the education and training activities of The College.

## Achievements and Performance

2008 was an exceptional year for The College. To facilitate the development of The College's premises in Merrion Square, The College's administrative offices were temporarily moved to Duke Lane. This was not without its challenges. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of the staff not only for all their hard work throughout the year but in particular for the significant efforts that were made to ensure that the move was as efficient as possible.

Other significant events for The College in 2008 included the establishment of the Pain Faculty and of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. We were also delighted to welcome to the staff Dr Eleanor O'Leary who has been appointed Vice Dean. We received a grant from Irish Aid to support our humanitarian commitments in Malawi. In addition to our core funding from the now dissolved Post Graduate Medical and Dental Board, we secured funding from the HSE-METR for a variety of projects. This funding has enabled us to continue to develop our work on Competence Assurance and Simulated Learning. Also in 2008, after several years of development, we launched our new database. This will streamline trainee and examination administration along with our register of Fellows.





Whilst the majority of our fellows interact with us on matters related to training and examinations, this is only a part of what we do. We conduct hospital inspections to ensure that standards of education and training are appropriate. We provide career advice and mentoring to trainees and fellows. Through the Quality and Safety Advisory Committee we deal with requests for professional guidance from departments or individuals experiencing difficulties. We interact on behalf of our fellows with Government Bodies such as the HSE and HIQA and through our membership of the Forum of Post-Graduate Training Bodies we influence and advocate on behalf of the profession. We keep proper accounting records and safeguard the assets of The College. We can only do all of this because of the dedication, loyalty, energy of the staff and Council. It is with sincerity that I wish to thank everyone for their imagination, determination and hard work. Finally, my thanks to the Fellows of The College who remain in Good Standing; it is because of your subscriptions that we achieve our objectives and can continue to develop Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine.

**Dr Orlaith Mc Caul**

CEO / Registrar



*Window view at Merrion Square*



# Postgraduate Dean's Report

A majority of the activity of the Postgraduate Dean's Office intersects with the work of the Training, Credentials, Education and Examination committees, all of which have reported elsewhere. This activity is primarily related to the management of trainee rotations and assessments. Beyond this work, there have been other significant developments in 2008 that will have ramifications for the future structure and conduct of postgraduate training and education.

## Medical Practitioners Act

The new Medical Practitioners Act gives a role to the Medical Council to accredit Postgraduate Training Bodies and their training programmes, both pre-CST, and post-CST in the continuing education arena. The emphasis in this accreditation will be on competence assessment and assurance and, in pre-CST training, on posts that are part of formal Training Body-managed programmes. Furthermore, any doctor practicing in Ireland, who is not a trainee, will have to engage in a competence assurance process to the requirements of the Medical Council.

## National Audit of NCHD Posts

The National Audit of NCHD posts, completed in Spring 2008, has provided for the first time an overview of NCHD posts in all specialties. The data available has highlighted a number of issues:

- The current and future role of the registrar grade as a training post;
- The structured progression of doctors through the

postgraduate training pathway;

- The number of posts not accredited for training;
- The registration status of doctors with an approved postgraduate training body;
- The future management of stand-alone training posts and non-accredited posts.

Arising from the recommendations of this audit, a formal National Database of NCHD posts and their occupants is currently being set up, and a stakeholder group is to be formed to manage and implement change in postgraduate training structures. I will represent the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies and The College in both these processes.

In response to these developments, The College has made significant moves in 2008 to help meet these challenges:

## New Appointments

- Dr Eleanor O'Leary has been appointed Vice Dean and has taken up duty. She will initially concentrate on how The College is going to implement competence-based curricula and assessment using internationally validated methods, for pre and post CST education and training. This is a big task, and is being supported by funding from the HSE. I am confident that Dr O'Leary will bring a no-nonsense approach to this task, and will establish realistic and achievable goals.
- Dr Crina Burlacu has been appointed as Director of Medical Simulation. She is tasked with the development of skills lab based training programmes within anaesthesia training, as well as more generic programmes for a wider audience. She will examine the capabilities of existing and incipient simulation centres throughout Ireland with a view



to providing centrally coordinated but regionally based programmes for anaesthesia. This is of course interrelated to the development of competence assurance programmes.

## New Administration System

The College's new administration system was completed on time in 2008 and came into use in July. This centralises all college tasks previously managed on different systems. Thus management of exams, training rotations, fees and subscriptions and courses and events now use a common data source. This will greatly simplify keeping data current and consistent and should remove many sources of inaccuracy. The system is comprehensive yet flexible and is amenable to further development. It will allow The College to accommodate structural changes in postgraduate training, and the implementation and tracking of competency assurance processes beyond the CME points recording system that is currently available. HSE funding for this project was not granted in 2008, however we have reapplied to the HSE for retrospective funding support for this system as well as prospective funding for further development in 2009. This will concentrate on increasing data inputs and outputs via our website, particularly information to and from College Tutors.



*Dr Ian Surgeon, Post Graduate Dean,  
Dr Catherine Nix and Mr Gerard Nix*

**Irish Congress of Anaesthesia May 2008**

## HSE project funding support

HSE funding support granted in 2008 has already been mentioned above in relation to competence assurance development and skills-lab training. I am pleased to relate that the HSE has also continued to support our provision of online journals and two supernumerary Temporary SpR 4/5 posts. This source of funding is in addition to our "structural" funding received from the PGMDB, and is very useful to support innovative approaches and initiatives.

Finally I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all The College Administrative Staff who work hard to make my job easier, and to all our College Tutors who do a mountain of work on The College's behalf – we really appreciate this.

**Dr Ian Surgeon PhD FFARCSI**

Postgraduate Dean



# Examinations Committee Report

## Members

Dr John McAdoo, Dr Ken Lowry, Dr Sean McDevitt, Dr Brian Marsh, Dr John Loughrey, Dr Joe Tracey, Dr David Hill, Dr Philip Hawthorne, Dr Eleanor O'Leary, Dr Kevin Carson, Professor Denis Moriarty, Professor George Shorten, Dr Carlos McDowell, Dr Liam Conroy, Dr Ian Surgeon, Dr Orlaith McCaul, Professor William Wallace, Dr Camillus Power, Dr Deirdre McCoy, Dr Jeremy Smith

I am very pleased to present the Annual Report of the Examinations Committee for 2008. The year was extremely busy. We held five Examination Committee meetings in the past twelve months. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the members of the Committee for their continued support, hard work, dedication and attendance at the meetings throughout the year.

## Examinerships

I would like also to thank our examiners for their hard work, and support for all of The College of Anaesthetists' Examinations. Their enthusiasm and commitment helps to ensure that the highest standards and fairness in the examinations are maintained. I am very pleased to see an increasing number of applications from consultants wishing to become examiners in the past year. I would like to welcome the newly approved Primary Examiners Drs Suzanne Crowe, Peter Hooker, Vivienne Larney, Bernard Mullan and Paul Naughton. The Final Fellowship Examination continues to experience a high demand for places. Drs Anne-Elizabeth Bourke, Mary Bowen, Peter Elliott and Eamon Tierney transferred from the Primary FCA Examination to the Final Fellowship Diploma Examination.

## Cairo/Egypt

Drs O'Sullivan, McAdoo, Surgeon and Ghaly travelled to Cairo at the request of the Egyptian Armed Forces to explore the feasibility of setting up a Collaborative Training Programme in Anaesthesia with The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland. In-depth discussions took place regarding the possibility of holding an MCQ Primary FCA examination. Discussions will continue for the coming months to progress this matter.

## Pain Diploma Examination

The Pain Examination was held in Dublin in June 2008. This was yet another great success and I would like to extend our thanks to Dr David Hill, Dr Camillus Power and all the Examiners involved with this examination.

## Chairs of the Examinations

I would like to thank the following Chairs of the Examinations: Dr Ken Lowry, Chairman of the Primary Examination, Dr Kevin Carson, Chairman of the Final FCA Examination and Dr David Hill, Dean of the Faculty, Pain Diploma Examination. I would like to thank Dr Harry Frizelle the out-going Chairman of the Primary FCA Examination. Many thanks also to Dr Chris Rozario and Dr Deirdre McCoy who have taken over the task of running the OSCE section of the Primary FCA Examination from Dr Anne Hennessy who had previously chaired the OSCE's for a number of years. We appreciate the work that Dr Hennessy completed in this regard. Professor William Wallace continues to



Chair the Viva section of the Primary Examination and also monitors the processing of MCQ results. We are indeed very grateful for the detailed statistical reports provided by Professor Wallace. The continued smooth running of the Vivas is due to Professor Wallace's guidance and Chairmanship.

## Guidance to Unsuccessful Candidates

Guidance interviews are conducted by experienced examiners in The College of Anaesthetists as requested by the candidates and prove to be very beneficial.

## Faculty of Pain Medicine

The College of Anaesthetists is very excited about the new Faculty of Pain Medicine which was officially launched on the 22nd November in The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Congratulations to the Dean Dr David Hill and the Vice Dean Dr Camillus Power for the hard work in particular over the last year in establishing this Faculty.

## Exchange Examiners

Our Primary and Final examinations continue to maintain reciprocity with the equivalent examinations of The Royal College of Anaesthetists, London. Exchange Examiner reports from the RCOA (UK) are very positive in this regard. We look forward to continuing to maintain and strengthen the links

between The College of Anaesthetists and The Royal College of Anaesthetists (UK).

In June we held a 'stand alone' MCQ Primary Examination. From the 1st September negative marking was eliminated from all MCQ examinations. Candidates who achieve a Pass result in the MCQ Primary FCA examination have the option of holding the result for up to 3 years before applying to take the OSCE/Viva part of the examination.

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to all in the examinations process. I would particularly like to thank the staff in the Examinations Office, Marguerite Harvey and Ruth Flaherty who contribute so much to the smooth and successful running of the examinations. We look forward to continuing to build and improve in an ever changing environment. We hope that 2009 will be equally as successful as 2008 has been.

**Dr Ellen O'Sullivan**

Chair Examinations Committee

# Examination Details and Results

## Primary FCA Examination Spring 2008

125 candidates presented for MCQ examination. 78 candidates were eligible to progress to the VIVA and OSCE of whom 76 attended. 45 Candidates in total passed the exam.

Overall pass rate 36%  
Pass rate of those called for VIVAS and OSCES 59%

Total number of Examiners was 38. The Exchange Examiner was Dr Jeff Handel

### Pass List

Dr Ravi Kumar Agrawal  
Dr Najmah Khaïessa Ahmad  
Dr Mhamad Ghiyath Khalil Al-Hashimi  
Dr Ali Mohamad Abdussalam Ali  
Dr Wahid Altaf  
Dr Ashok Kumar Bangalore Puttappa  
Dr Ryan Campbell  
Dr Natasha Campbell  
Dr Vijayendra Koramangala Chikkabbaiah  
Dr Devjay Datta  
Dr Jeremiah John Dowling  
Dr Babiker Hassan Babiker Elfahal  
Dr Mofolashade Halimat Enebeli- Cliffe  
Dr Edward Daniel Foley  
Dr Manjit George  
Dr Deepak Hanumanthaiah  
Dr Marianne Denise Kirrane  
Dr Shivaprasad Koodlahalli Thippaiah  
Dr Caroline Marie Larkin  
Dr Frank Ludwig  
Dr Uma Shankar Manickavasagam  
Dr Ruchira Marla  
Dr Ciara Jean Murphy

Dr Arun Nair  
Dr Ruth Neary  
Dr Su-Cheen Ng  
Dr Dayakar Periketi  
Dr Balaji Rajamani  
Dr Karthik Ganesh Ramamoorthy  
Dr Shanmuga Sundaram Ramaswamy  
Dr Charitha Chaminda Ranasinha  
Dr Prabodhachandran Madhavan Sasidharan  
Dr Suresh Babu Selvaraj  
Dr Nanda Kishore Senathi  
Dr Hilary Marie Shanahan  
Dr Orsolya Solymos  
Dr Jan Steiner  
Dr Arora Sunil  
Dr Rajkumar Thangaiah  
Dr Shashi Kiran Timalapur  
Dr Sabanayagam Vaidyanathan  
Dr Antony Vassalos  
Dr Balaji Velayudam  
Dr Abigail Mary Walsh  
Dr Wael Zghaibe



## Primary FCA Examination Autumn 2008

97 presented for the Multiple Choice Question Examination in September. 75 candidates attended for the VIVAS and OSCES. 44 candidates passed.

The overall pass rate was: 58.66 %

Total number of examiners was 38. The Exchange Examiner was Dr Sue Hill, from the RCOA (UK).

### Pass List

Dr Bilal Ahmed  
Dr Elise Alexander  
Dr Zakaula Khysar Belagodu  
Dr Abhik Bhattacharjee  
Dr Sara Marisa Bowman  
Dr Aisling Brigid Buckley  
Dr John Samuel Campbell  
Dr Rita Chaudhri  
Dr Pawel Jan Choroszczak  
Dr Julie Colgan  
Dr Ian Conrick Martin  
Dr Alexandra Eleanor Crean  
Dr Bhagwan Das  
Dr Faraz Fahmi  
Dr Ummara Farooq  
Dr Ruth Anne Ford  
Dr Vipul Jain  
Dr Philip Edward Johnson  
Dr Catriona Josephine Kelly  
Dr Asma Ashraf Khan  
Dr Abdul Hameed Khan  
Dr Hadi Kharbouch  
Dr Karl Michael Knapman  
Dr Hemantha Kumar Ko Shivanandappa  
Dr Srinivas Magham

Dr Anil Kumar Malladihalli Ranganath  
Dr Kavitha Manoharan  
Dr Ugochukwu Mata  
Dr Duncan Stuart James Mitchell  
Dr Kamasi Mohamed Meera Mohammed Rafi  
Dr L.G Nagaraju Morubagal  
Dr Ramappa Gururaj Mudimadagu  
Dr Sabah Mohamad Omar Munshi  
Dr Noelle Murphy  
Dr Cherish Paul  
Dr Kirankumar Bhagwatrao Sachane  
Dr Mohammed Majid Saleem  
Dr Wassim Enayet Hussain Shamsudin  
Dr Syma Sara Sunny  
Dr Chandrashekhar Vaidyanath  
Dr Liana Carmen Vele  
Dr Mohan Kumar Sathyamoorthy  
Dr Przemyslaw Walczuk  
Dr Gavin Weekes

## Final FCA Examination Spring 2008

206 candidates attended the written examination on the 3rd March. 74 candidates were called to progress to Vivas. 73 attended of whom 48 passed.

The overall pass rate was 23.30%

The Exchange Examiner was Dr John Hunsley from the RCOA (UK).

### William & Jane Brophy Prize

There were 2 candidates who each scored 33 points in total for the examination. Neither candidate had previously attempted the Final Exam either in Ireland or the RCOA (UK). The candidates were : Dr Kajekar Payal (UK) and Dr Michael Callaghan.

### Pass List

Dr Hossam Mohamed Samir Desoky Abo El Khair  
Dr Mohamed Elsayed Khalil Abokoffa  
Dr Bilal Mustafa Ansari  
Dr Sinead Attracta Bredin  
Dr Naga Chandra Sekhar Chellaboyina  
Dr Olivia Margaret Finnerty  
Dr Brian Francis Foster  
Dr Sudhir Immanni  
Dr Khurram Saleem Khan  
Dr Michelle Roets  
Dr Dominic Michael Trainor  
Dr Waqas Asghar  
Dr Paraskevi Koutsoumpi  
Dr Partheeban Karuppasamy  
Dr Chitra Ganesan  
Dr Rajasekhar Reddy Byreddy  
Dr Bulewa Carol Bodlani  
Dr Natish Kumar Bindal  
Dr Sennaraj Balasubramanian  
Dr Saad Anis  
Dr Mahmood Omar Mahmood Zaki  
Dr Caroline Barbara Claire West  
Dr Wael Mohammad Khalaf  
Dr Kumarvel Veerappan  
Dr Azfer Usmani  
Dr Aditya Pratap Singh  
Dr Rajesh Shivanna  
Dr Aalia Sange  
Dr Rebecca Helen Mines  
Dr Sundara Mahalingam Muthukrishnan  
Dr Vijayakumar Gopal  
Dr Emma Totten  
Dr Catherine Moyra  
Dr Linda Jayne Mottram  
Dr Alison Elizabeth Mills  
Dr Shakeel Kamroddin Mangalgatti  
Dr Anand Alister Joseph Ramachandran  
Dr Catherine Elaine Hyndman

Dr Christopher Robert Grealy  
Dr Conor Farrell  
Dr Anne Doherty  
Dr Michael Andrew Callaghan  
Dr Fauzia Bano  
Dr Shivakumar Shivanna  
Dr MD Farid MD Rafik  
Dr Payal Kajekar  
Dr Mruthunjaya Danappa Hulgur  
Dr Krishna Rajesh Srinivas

## Final FCA Examination Autumn 2008

215 attended the written examination on the 15th September. 214 sat all papers (MCQ and EASAQ paper). 93 were called for Vivas and Clinicals. 56 candidates passed.

The Exchange Examiner was Dr Liam Brennan from the RCOA (UK).

Candidates who passed the written:	60%
Overall pass rate:	26%

### Pass List

Dr Rajesh Kumar Aggarwal  
Dr Amir Riaz Ahmed  
Dr Sohel Mohamed Gamal Ahmed  
Dr Mohammed Al Alousi  
Dr Vladimir Alexiev  
Dr Abderrazak Arabi Ali  
Dr Eleanor Christine Cleary  
Dr Matthew Anthony Coghlan  
Dr Margaret Doherty  
Dr Craig Mark Dunlop  
Dr Abduljaleel EA





Dr David Evans  
Dr Niall Peter Fanning  
Dr Nitin Gadgil  
Dr Shane Gardiner  
Dr Manjit George  
Dr Rahul Guru  
Dr Syed Nadeem Haider  
Dr Aziz Haris  
Dr Caroline Stephanie Hawe  
Dr Rajinish Samuel Jesudoss  
Dr Suresh Kumar Jeyaraj  
Dr Piers Mehlem Johnston  
Dr Hari Krishna Prasad Kalagara  
Dr Mahboobul Haq Khan  
Dr Gautam Khanna  
Dr Raghavendra Prakash Kulkarni  
Dr Anoop Kumar  
Dr Bernard Mupatsi Masuku  
Dr Rajesh Puthenmadhom Menon  
Dr Zubair Umer Mohamed  
Dr Stephen Anthony Mulvany  
Dr Ammar Naser  
Dr Charles Philpott  
Dr Praveen Prasanna  
Dr Syed Mohsin Qureshi  
Dr Dinesh Raju  
Dr Aravind Rathakrishnan  
Dr Hanouf J.F.Sh Rawdhan  
Dr Julia Louise Robertson  
Dr Simone Clunie Rowell  
Dr Walid K K Samarah  
Dr Shamim Sarfi  
Dr Rajan Seth  
Dr Shafquat Ali Shah  
Dr Swapna Sharma  
Dr Louise Ann Slevin  
Dr Chetan Srinath  
Dr Tiruvillamai Krishnan Sudha  
Dr Syed Farjad Sultan

Dr Seshu Babu Tatikola  
Dr Santhosh Kumar Thandayuthapani  
Dr Jacob John Theophilus  
Dr Cheryl Louise Turkington  
Dr Rajeshkhanna Vellore Somasundaram  
Dr Pooja Warty

## **Pain Medicine Diploma Examination Dublin June 2008**

10 candidates sat the examination.  
5 candidates passed the examination.

Pass rate = 50%

1 candidate Dr James Paul Johnston achieved an 'A' grade in all sections of the examination.

### **Pass List**

Dr Elnazeer Ramadan Kangar Elfaki  
Dr Muhammad Shahzad Jamil  
Dr James Paul Johnston  
Dr Mustafa Hassan Kamil Mohamed  
Dr David Sommerfield



# National Training Committee Report

## Members

Drs Ellie O'Leary, David Mannion, John McAdoo, Sean McDevitt, Brian Marsh, John Loughrey, William Blunnie, David Hill, Kevin Carson, Philip Hawthorne, Ellen O'Sullivan, Jeremy Smith, Joseph Tracey, Anthony Cunningham, Deirdre McCoy, Michael Carey, Maire Doyle, Brian Kinirons, Peter Kenefick, Robert Darling, Carlos McDowell, Tommy Martin, Martina Healy, Connail McCrory, Gerard Curley, Louise Brennan, Rajinder Mirakhur, Judith Hulf, Deirdre Madden, Ian Surgeon, Orlaith Mc Caul, John Browne and Joe Fitzgerald.

The College of Anaesthetists has responsibility for training in Anaesthesia in Ireland. A Certificate of Specialist Training (CST) is awarded to those trainees who complete their training under its supervision. The first two years are spent in a Basic Specialist Training (BST) programmes organised by a Regional Training Programme. There are currently four such programmes – Eastern, Western, Southern and North Western. The Specialist Registrar (SpR) programme is organised on a national basis and trainees may rotate to different hospitals around the country. Entry to this programme is by competitive interview and lasts for five years. A maximum of one year's accredited leave may be taken during this period to work either abroad or in another speciality, or to engage in full time research. Of the final two years at SpR 4/5 eighteen months must be completed in Ireland.

The College's Temporary SpR 4/5 Scheme enables doctors to complete training, either for eligibility for inclusion on the Specialist Register and or for award of CST. This programme is designed for trainees who may already have many years training in Anaesthesia but may need further training at SpR 4/5 level.

Interviews are usually held twice yearly for the SpR and Temporary 4/5 posts.

## The following were awarded a CST in 2008

Dr Mujeebullah Arain  
Dr Ashit Bardhan  
Dr Suresh Chittoodan  
Dr Larry Crowley  
Dr Muhammad Farooq  
Dr Noelle Freir  
Dr Anthony Hennessy  
Dr Ashan Idrees  
Dr Muhammad Jamil  
Dr Ehtesham Khan  
Dr Daniel Kirubakaran  
Dr Zulfikhar Laghari  
Dr Justin Lane  
Dr Pdraig Mahon  
Dr Muhammad Malik  
Dr Jennifer McElwaine  
Dr Roger McMorrow  
Dr Roisin Ni Mhuircheartaigh  
Dr Muhammad Mukhtar  
Dr James Shannon  
Dr Richard Talbot  
Dr Criona Walshe  
Dr Alan Woolhead

The Training Committee meets five times annually and reports to The College Council. The Committee includes College Council members, and representatives from the Regional Training programmes, Royal College of Anaesthetists and the Anaesthetist in Training Group.



Currently training is time based and, at seven years, is one of the longest training programmes in Europe. In the near future, the emphasis will move to competency based training with regular competency assessments on all trainees. The College is currently in the process of implementing a competency based model of training and assessment.

The Temporary Registration Assessment Scheme (TRAS) exemption scheme (previously Section 7.6) was discontinued by the Medical Council in 2008. Doctors applying for temporary registration are no longer exempt from the TRAS by virtue of entry onto a recognised postgraduate training programme. Dr Carlos McDowell administered this scheme for the duration of the programme and The College would like to acknowledge her invaluable input over the last number of years.

The European Working Time Directive (EWTD) pilot programmes were completed in 2008. The National Implementation Group (NIG) published a final report in December 2008. Non consultant hospital doctors (NCHDs) in Ireland today are not compliant with the terms of the EWTD. This will be even more evident once the 48-hour week comes into effect in August 2009. The College would like to thank Dr Catherine Motherway for her enormous contribution to the NIG on behalf of The College.

## **Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia)**

The Master in Science (Anaesthesia) was initially founded in 2002. This was restructured and renamed, Master of Science in Medical Professionalism

(Anaesthesia) in 2007. It is approved by The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and the Senate of the National University of Ireland.

The course was initially offered part time over two - five years and all modules were compulsory. However, this evolved in 2007 to the present format. Now a core of compulsory modules exists namely Professionalism in Practice, Medical Education, and Legal Medicine and Risk Management with choice existing for another two modules. The modules are provided by a combination of distance e-learning, didactic lectures and a large amount of self-directed learning. The candidates who have completed the course unanimously testify to the high standard that is set by the course tutors and the significant commitment that is required.

A number of consultants completed a module during the last two years and all said that they found it extremely useful in their day to day working lives. This structured education is allocated CME points reflecting the education/learning hours devoted to such a module. Enrolment for the next course will commence in September 2009.

To date twelve candidates have graduated with the MSc – many of them with honours. It is expected that six will complete the programme in 2009.

**Dr Eleanor O'Leary**  
Chairperson, National Training  
Committee / MSc Director



# Education Committee Report

## Members

Drs Joseph Tracey, John McAdoo, Seán McDevitt, Brian Marsh, John Loughrey, William Blunnie, Ken Lowry, Ellie O’Leary, Kevin Carson, Harry Frizelle, Gerard Curley, Ellen O’Sullivan, Deirdre McCoy, Ian Surgeon, Jeremy Smith, Ian Orr and Prof. Anthony Cunningham.

The past year has been a busy one for the Education Committee with a large number of courses, workshops, lectures, competitions and the Irish Congress of Anaesthesia. The Committee met five times during the year on the 6th February, 4th April, 27th June, 12th September and 10th December and reported back to the Council and the President.

## College Courses

This year The College held two Introduction to Anaesthesia courses. Both were held in The College on the 7th & 8th of February and the 19th & 20th of June. The course was run by the Postgraduate Dean, Dr Ian Surgeon.

The Final Revision Course was run by Dr Kevin Carson from the 21st – 25th January. The course proved very successful and received positive feedback from the participants. A Pain Revision course was held on the 22nd & 23rd May. This was organized by Dr David Hill. The Primary Revision Course was scheduled to run on the 8th – 11th of September but was cancelled due to a low response.

## Delaney Medal Presentation

The Delaney Medal presentation took place in the Radisson Hotel on Thursday 1st March. The adjudicators were Dr Aiden Synott (Beaumont) and Dr Harry Frizelle (Mater). Fannin sponsored the reception which was held afterwards in the Raddison Hotel. The winning presentation was Dr Dominic Hegarty with a presentation entitled “Anaesthetic agents differentially affect intracellular calcium homeostasis in both resting and stimulated neuronal cells”.

## Abbott Scholarship

The Abbott Scholarship in Anaesthetic Research was held on Friday 2nd March. Abbott Laboratories once again provided €10,000 for a scholarship to support original research by an Irish anaesthetist. The judges were Prof Howard Fee (Belfast) and Prof Anthony Cunningham (Dublin). The presentations were held in the Dr Wallace Abbott Seminar Room at The College of Anaesthetists. The winner was Dr Tanya O’Neill with a presentation entitled “Post-Operative Cognitive Dysfunction: The Contribution of General Anaesthetic Agents to its Aetiology and the Role cognition enhancing drug therapies in mitigating its development”.

## Irish Congress of Anaesthesia (ICA)

This was held on 15th & 16th May in the O’Reilly Hall, Belfield Campus, UCD, Dublin 4. The meeting covered a broad range of topics and also included



sessions devoted to neuroanaesthesia, regional anaesthesia, chronic pain therapy and the inaugural session on the history of anaesthesia. The faculty included speakers from Belgium, USA, Israel, New Zealand and the United Kingdom as well as a number from Ireland. The Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland also ran a session.

The Gilmartin Lecture on the Thursday evening was given by Dr Archie Brain, and was entitled "LMA" this was followed by the Annual Dinner of The College of Anaesthetists, which was held in the Four Seasons Hotel.

## Core Topics Day

The Core Topics Day meeting was held in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast on 23rd September. This meeting is a joint effort between the RCA and The College of Anaesthetists. It was organized by Prof Howard Fee. The College provided two speakers, namely Dr Dara Breslin with a talk entitled "Regional Anaesthesia - is it better for our patients?" and Dr Leo Kevin with a talk entitled "Coronary Stents, Antiplatelet Agents and the Surgical Patient".

## Autumn College Lecture

The Autumn College Lecture was given as part of the South of Ireland Association of Anaesthetists meeting on 26th and 27th September in Malton Hotel, Killarney. This lecture was given by Dr Michael McBrien (Belfast).

## Winter College Lecture

The GSK Medal Presentations and the Winter College Lecture were held on the 21st of November in the Gresham Hotel. The Winter College Lecture was given by Dr Jennifer Hunter from Liverpool and was entitled "A Novel Approach to Reversal"

## GSK Medal Presentation

This competition is organized by the Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland (ATI) group and is aimed at trainees in their first few years. The adjudicators were Dr Deirdre McCoy (RVEEH), Dr Eleanor O'Leary (Galway) and the ATI representative Dr Gerard Curley. The winner of the GSK Medal Presentation was Dr Niamh McAuliffe and her presentation was entitled "The Long Road to Diagnosis: A Case of Neuromuscular Weakness in ICU".



## College Workshops

This year all of the workshops were very popular and most were oversubscribed. Vascular Access was held on the 11th of February and was run by Dr Alan McShane and the Echocardiography Workshop run by Dr Michael Griffin was on 22nd February. The Difficult Airways Workshop was held on the 8th of October in the Radisson Hotel in Golden Lane, Dublin and was organized by Dr Ellen O'Sullivan. Ultrasound in Regional Anaesthesia was held on the 20th of October in the Clarion Hotel in the IFSC, Dublin and was coordinated by Professor Dominic Harmon. The Ethics & Legal Workshop was held on the 21st of November and was coordinated by Professor Anthony Cunningham

I would like thank all members of the Committee for their advice and support during the year and Ms Maria Golden for doing all the hard work.

### **Dr Joseph A. Tracey**

Chairman, Education Committee



*Airways Workshop October 2008*



# Hospital Inspections Report

Hospital Inspections are carried out under the remit of the Training Committee. Since 'training' is not just about examinations and theory but involves hands on clinical practice, the evaluation of the training environment is a vital part of a Training Body's work.

Hospitals which The College has recognised for training are inspected on a five yearly cycle, though other inspections may take place in advance of the next scheduled on for various reasons – perhaps an increase in the number of posts or conversion from a BST accredited post to an SpR post.

The inspection process starts with notification to the anaesthesia department that an inspection is due. A questionnaire is sent which, when returned to The College, gives the inspectors background information about workload and facilities. This detailed document forms the basis for the actual inspection. (There has been some inter-collegiate discussion about the possibility of having a common, general inspection process shared by several colleges in an effort to reduce colleges' workload and inconvenience to hospitals. This is still at discussion stage.)

After agreeing a date the inspection itself is carried out by, usually, two council members with either the Postgraduate Dean or Registrar and a member of College administrative staff. Much of the inspection is straightforward confirmation of the data provided on the questionnaire; but the physical inspection also gives the hospital consultants opportunity to voice concerns and the trainees opportunity to praise or criticise the department in confidence.

Department should see the inspection process as a training resource; on the one hand The College has a mandate to maintain standards of training and will, rightly, highlight areas where departments are below par. On the other hand, departments with resource or staffing difficulties can look to The College for support in their endeavors to raise standards. Most departments find the inspection stressful but in the majority of cases are well prepared. It is worth noting that details of the process can be found on The College website so there should be no surprises on the day.

In 2008 there were ten scheduled inspections carried out. This is an onerous task involving time off work, travelling and preparation time for the inspectors. I would like to thank those who have volunteered, those who have been coerced and those who don't yet know they've volunteered for giving up their time.

**Dr Philip Hawthorne**

Hospital Inspections Coordinator



# Credentials Committee Report

## Members

Drs Katrina O'Sullivan, Jeanne Moriarty, John McAdoo, Seán McDevitt, Brian Marsh, John Loughrey, Ellen O'Sullivan, Joseph Tracey, Eleanor O'Leary, Jeremy Smith, Kevin Carson, Rory Dwyer, Ian Surgeon and Orlaith Mc Caul.

This is my second report as Chairperson of the Credentials Committee since I took over the Chair from Dr Rory Dwyer in June 2007.

The main work of the Credentials Committee relates to assessment of anaesthesia training and experience for the purposes of inclusion in the Register of Medical Specialists (RMS) – anaesthesia and advising on further training if required. The number of applicants has increased with the establishment of the new Register of Medical Practitioners in March 2009. Prior to March 2009 The Credentials Committee also assessed applicants for Full registration on the Medical Register.

The new Register of Medical Practitioners has four divisions:

- trainee specialist
- specialist
- general
- visiting EEA practitioner providing services on a temporary or occasional basis.

Registration in the Specialist Division – Anaesthesia indicates a doctor is fully trained and accredited in the Speciality of Anaesthesia.

The Medical Council refers applications for inclusion in

the RMS – Anaesthesia to The College of Anaesthetists for advice on eligibility. If an applicant has not completed the SpR training programme in Ireland, the Credentials Committee seeks to establish whether the training and experience of the applicant are equivalent to the standard of a holder of a Certificate of Specialist Training issued by The College of Anaesthetists. This process requires detailed documentation and confirmation of all anaesthesia training and experience achieved by the applicant. The applicant's training and experience is evaluated with reference to the Specialist Registrar Competency Assessments contained in The College of Anaesthetists Training Portfolio 2006. Following this comprehensive process The College then advises the Medical Council as to the inclusion of the applicant on the RMS. The College levies a fee for this process. The fee is currently set at €1000. The Medical Council makes the final decision on each applicant's eligibility for Specialist registration.

If an applicant has not achieved all essential SpR competencies to the level of wholly independent practice as an anaesthetist, The College advises on how to remedy these deficiencies for the purpose of inclusion on the RMS. This advice will likely be in the form of eligibility to apply for a period of further training at SpR 4/5 level.

### **Dr Katrina O'Sullivan**

Chairperson, Credentials Committee





# Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine Report

## Board Members and Affiliation

Dr Jeanne Moriarty, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland (Chairperson), Dr. Brian Marsh, Intensive Care Society of Ireland (Hon. Secretary), Dr Michael Power, Intensive Care Society of Ireland, Dr Dermot Phelan (Co-Opted), European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), Mr Kevin O'Malley, RCSI, Mr Fintan Foy, RCSI, Dr Edward Keelan, RCPI, Prof. A.E. Wood, RCSI, Dr. Roy K. Philip, RCPI, Dr. Ken Lowry, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dr. Brendan O'Hare, Paediatric Intensive Care and Dr Frances Colreavy, ICSI Alternative.

The Board met on five occasions. The main objectives of the Board in 2008 were the establishment of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland under the aegis of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and the Intensive Care Society of Ireland and recognition of speciality status by the Irish medical Council. The Conjoint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine was formally established on 16th December 2008 at a meeting attended by the Presidents of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the Intensive Care Society of Ireland, and the members of the IBICM. The Board acknowledges the support of the Presidents of The College of Anaesthetists, The College of Physicians and The College of Surgeons and the assistance and expertise of Mr Fintan Foy of the RCSI and Mr Leo Kearns of the RCPI in progressing the development of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine.

Diplomats of the IBICM and consultants practising Intensive Care Medicine will be invited to join the Joint Faculty in 2009 in accordance with the ad eundem

regulations. The IBICM will continue in tandem with the establishment of a fully elected Faculty Board over the next three years.

The application for specialty status for Intensive Care Medicine to the Irish Medical Council has been delayed by the implementation of the new Medical Practitioners Act and the establishment of a new Medical Council. However, The Board remains confident that this issue will be addressed in 2009 and continues to pursue this vigorously.

The examination for the Diploma of the Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine was held in May 2008. There were nine candidates and of these eight were successful as listed below:

Jubil Thomas  
Raymond McKee  
Niamh Collins  
Brian Alyward  
Padraig Mahon  
Karen Foley  
Jennifer McElwain  
Siun Burke  
Suzanne Cronley

The Board also facilitated the clinical component of the European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine. There were eight candidates and of these three were successful. The extern was Dr Hans Flatten.

The Board wishes to thank Ms Maria Golden of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland for the administrative support she has provided in 2008.

### **Dr Jeanne Moriarty**

Chairperson, Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine



# Faculty of Pain Medicine Report

Dean David Hill  
Vice Dean Camillus Power  
Honorary Secretary Liam Conroy  
Honorary Treasurer Ray Victory

During the course of 2008 The Faculty Board met on four occasions. The Faculty Chairs of Examinations, Education, Training, Finance, Credentials and Competence Assurance worked within the respective College Committees.

The Pain diploma exam was held on June 12/13th with St Vincent's Hospital hosting the clinical component and the written component in The College. Five candidates were successful. The external examiners were Professor Michael Zenz and Dr Jan Van Zundert.

Two educational events were organised, the Pain Revision Course prior to the Diploma exam, which covered all core topics of the curriculum and a Guest lecture by Professor Michael Zenz in June.

In November the Inaugural meeting of the Faculty and conferring of foundation fellows was hosted in The College of Physicians, Kildare Street, where 35 Fellows were conferred. The first Honorary Fellowship was awarded to Dr John McAadoo, President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

Proposals for pain training towards BST for anaesthetists has been brought to the National Training Committee. The new proposal is based on competencies and exposure rather than time based. The competencies for a twelve month pain fellowship have also been proposed.

Early in 2009 the faculty will be working towards recruiting ordinary fellows who have obtained the pain diploma exam, and will submit a dissertation for admission as a fellow. The faculty will also be working towards an alternative pathway to allow Pain Medicine Consultants in the UK, with Anaesthetic Fellowships from our College to gain admission to The Faculty.



*Pain Faculty Launch November 2008*

**Dr David Hill**  
Dean, Faculty of Pain Medicine



# Academic Anaesthesia Committee Report

## Members

Profs AJ Cunningham, Rajinder Mirakhur, Howard Fee, Dominic Harmon, Denis Moriarty, John Laffey and George Shorten; Drs David Hill, John McAdoo, Jeanne Moriarty, John Boylan, Dara Breslin, Dónal Buggy, Rory Dwyer, Gabriella Iohom, Orlaith Mc Caul, James Murray, Deirdre McCoy, Ellen O’Sullivan, Thomas Ryan and Ian Surgeon.

The Academic Committee, which includes memberships from the Academic Departments of Anaesthesia of University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University College Cork, NUI Galway, University of Limerick and Queen’s University of Belfast, was established in 2007 to promote anaesthesia input into national education and research programmes.

The Committee met in May, September and November 2008.

The Agenda for the Academic Committee included:

### **NUI Application – Independent Degree Conferring Status for College of Anaesthetists**

The College is in discussion with the National University of Ireland (NUI) with a view to becoming a “recognised College” of the NUI.

### **Input into the National Committee on Medical Education and Training (NCMET)**

The National Committee on Medical Education and Training was established by the Department of Health

and Children and the Department of Education and Science in February 2007. The Committee reports to the Inter-departmental Steering Group of Medical Education and Training.

The National Committee established three sub-committees:

#### **(a) Undergraduate**

Chairman: Prof. Anthony Cunningham

#### **(b) Intern**

Chairman: Ms. Ailish McGovern

#### **(c) Postgraduate**

Chairman: Prof. Dermot Kelleher, Trinity College.

The College is represented on the Committee by Dr. Ellen O’Sullivan.

The aim of the Committee is to oversee and contribute to an integrated implementation of government policy on medical education and training arising from the Buttimer and Fottrell Reports.

## Academic Clinician Posts

The Academic Committee received reports concerning Academic Clinician Posts through the National Medical Education and Training Committee and the Forum of Irish Postgraduate Training Bodies.

Arising from a recommendation in the Fottrell Report “Medical Education in Ireland; A New Direction 2006” an additional twenty-five academic clinician posts were proposed. These posts were jointly funded by the HSE Medical Education Training and Research (METR) Unit and the Higher Education Authority (HEA).

Specialties in these new academic clinician posts included Professor of Anaesthesia in Trinity College Dublin (subsequently eliminated) and Senior Lecturer post in NUI Galway. However, due to economic consideration and budget constraints only four posts have been funded and filled, with four posts allocated to the University of Limerick in 2009.

## Dr. Richard Steevens Scholarship Award

The HSE METR group awarded eight scholarships and three bursaries under the Dr. Richard Steevens Scholarship which was intended for specialist registrars who have demonstrated considerable potential or proven track record for achievement by funding a period of up to twelve months training abroad.

The training programme is aimed at novel areas of medicine and patient care. These have included maternal-foetal health, endovascular surgery, stroke medicine, palliative care, inflammatory muscle diseases. To date The College has been unsuccessful in achieving funding through this scheme.

## METR – Revenue Grants for Medical Training

The Committee considered The College's allocation of €30,000 for projects in 2008 including e-logbooks, on-line education, clinical governance, clinical skills development, career seminars, teaching and mentoring courses for trainers and generic skill course for trainees such as communication and interview skills.

## Capital Developments

The Committee was briefed on the outcome of the audit conducted by the HSE on Medical Education and Training facilities in clinical sites undertaken by the HSE and METR capital team.

An audit of education facilities was also carried out by the HEA in medical school sites. These audits recommended the development of a multi-annual capital investment programme in education infrastructure on clinical and academic sites.

The HSE and HEA have jointly funded the start-up costs of a multi-disciplinary simulator based education and training centres -

- ASSET Centre – Cork.
- St. James's Hospital, Dublin followed this HSE capital development programme.



## National SHO/Registrar Audit

The Forum of Higher Postgraduate Training Bodies, with The College of Anaesthetists input, conducted an audit of 3,417 posts with a collection of data from individual training bodies, hospital medical manpower managers and through interviews with trainees.

The audit identified an alarming number of stand alone, non-rotation, unrecognized posts with suggestions for the requirement for re-training and re-entry schemes for doctors in long-term non- training, service posts.

Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean, will represent The College on a National NCHD Database Committee.

A Change Implementation Group, chaired by the HSE, with representatives of the Postgraduate Forum, is being established to address the deficiencies highlighted in the report.

## Care of Obstetric Emergencies and Trauma

### Joint College of Anaesthetists Irish Aid Project in Malawi.

The Committee received regular updates on:

- Irish Aid Submission
- Memorandum of Understanding - College of Medicine Blantyre/College of Anaesthetists
- Launch of 3 year education and training programme in Malawi
- Job Description and appointment of Project Manager
- Preparation for curriculum assessment workshop Blantyre 16th/17th January, 2009.
- 5th and Final Provider Care of Obstetric Emergency and Trauma Course conducted by Dr. Jeanne Moriarty 18th/21st January, 2009.

### Prof Anthony J Cunningham

Chairman, Academic Anaesthesia Committee



# Honorary Treasurer's Report

## Members

Drs John Loughrey, David Mannion, John MacAdoo, Brian Marsh, William Blunnie, Jeanne Moriarty, Deirdre McCoy, David Hill, Ellen O'Sullivan, Sean MacDevitt, Katrina O'Sullivan, Harry Frizelle, Ray Victory (Pain Faculty), Ian Surgeon, Orlaith McCaul and Joseph Tracey.

This is my third report as Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of The Finance and General Purpose Committee. The Finance Committee of The College meets at least quarterly and its brief is to ensure appropriate accounting practices are in place, to ensure that The College has sufficient funds to run its activities, and to ensure that College programmes run within budget. The Committee, whose members are listed above, reports to Council, who direct the financial strategies and methodologies of The College. The summarized accounts are included within the annual report and detailed financial statements which are submitted to the Companies Office are available from The College to all Fellows on request. The annual audit of the financial statements, performed by OCMC (registered auditors) is in accordance with standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

I am very pleased to report that The College has had a successful financial year in 2008. This is due in no small part to the contributions and goodwill of Fellows and examiners. In anticipation of the capital development at 22 Merrion Square, College examiners who are Fellows were asked to further contribute by foregoing the fees received for participating as examiners. The College is very grateful for the effective contributions from all those who agreed. The College income from Fellows subscriptions has also increased by over 35% on the 2007 figure and in the coming years, this income

category will be of vital importance as expenditure will rise and income from other categories is expected to decline. Increasing use of the Direct Debit facility for subscriptions will assist The College greatly in ensuring all Fellows are in good standing. Overall income has increased by 4.7% on the 2007 figure.

Other income categories on which The College is dependant are grant aid from the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board, and surplus from College examinations and meetings. The functions of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental board and funding for Training and Education will be through the HSE Medical Education and Training division from 2009 onwards. Some direct funding via the HSE for defined projects has continued through 2008 following submissions by The College. These projects are considered along with those of the other Postgraduate Training bodies, and the emphasis has been toward projects which may have cross-specialty applicability. The College was also successful in receiving funds from Irish Aid for the provision of overseas education in anaesthesia in Malawi. This project will run over a 3 year period and will require a financial outlay from The College of €50,000 in the first year.

Our overall expenditure has decreased by 4.9 % on the 2007 figure. This trend is likely to reverse in 2009 due to the requirement to move The College staff and courses off-site while works to The College building take place. The contracted cost of the Capital Development Project at 22 Merrion Square, which will incorporate facilities for on-site education and training activities, is 3.9 million euro. The additional fees and VAT will bring the total cost closer to €5 million. However, the availability of these facilities going forward into 2010 and beyond will enable The College to reduce expenditure by holding more of its activities on-site. It may also enhance income from rental to appropriate



external agencies. The College has accepted terms of a mortgage from AIB to fund the project, having cleared the previous mortgage on the premises in 2006. Fundraising by way of donations from both Fellows and supporters of The College will defray the long term cost of this ambitious development and I would urge all to consider supporting The College and the specialty in this way.

I am sincerely grateful to Margaret Jenkinson, the Finance officer of The College for her dedication, innovation and expertise throughout the year. We have recently added Niamh O'Connor as an assistant to the Finance Office and welcome her to the staff. I would like to thank the other members of the Finance and General Purpose Committee for their commitment, interest and guidance during the year.

**Dr John Loughrey**

Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance & General Purpose Committee

# Auditor's Report

## Independent Auditors' Report To The Members Of The College Of Anaesthetists Of Ireland

We have audited the financial statements of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland for the year ended 31st December 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account (statement of financial activities), the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective Responsibilities Of Directors And Auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Accounting Standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts 1963 to 2006. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the company and whether the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the company's balance sheet and its profit and loss account (statement of financial activities) are in agreement with the books of account and returns.

We report to the members if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not given and, where practicable, include such information in our report.





We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information contained in the annual report.

## Basis Of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of APB Ethical Standards – Provisions Available for Smaller Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 21 to the financial statements.

## Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts 1963 to 2006.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

OCCM  
Registered Auditors  
Date: 13th March 2009

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# Income and Expenditure

Income and Expenditure for The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland for the 12 months to the 31st December 2008 with corresponding figures for the 12 months to the 31st December 2007

## Income

	<b>2008</b>	2007
	€	€
Annual Subscriptions	<b>352,979</b>	257,260
College Fees	<b>175,812</b>	171,969
Educational Meetings & Courses	<b>205,056</b>	167,640
Examinations	<b>824,280</b>	841,069
Grants: Post Graduate Medical & Dental Board	<b>824,500</b>	792,425
HSE Funding	<b>124,515</b>	166,563
Donations & Sponsorships	<b>69,283</b>	35,136
Rental Income	-	31,161
Sundry Income	<b>15,343</b>	12,627
	<b>2,591,768</b>	2,475,850

## Expenditure

Wages, Salaries, Related Charges,	<b>550,283</b>	592,249
Educational Material, Meetings & Courses	<b>247,641</b>	255,004
Examinations	<b>220,054</b>	274,671
Office & IT	<b>188,512</b>	161,347
Governance	<b>70,355</b>	90,872
Research Sponsorships & Tutors	<b>10,076</b>	30,562
Depreciation	<b>248,715</b>	219,491
Financial	<b>16,818</b>	12,733
General	<b>17,570</b>	18,228
	<b>1,570,024</b>	1,655,157



	<b>2008</b>	2007
<b>Operating Result For The Year</b>	<b>1,021,744</b>	820,693
Profit On Sale Of Fixed Assets	-	19,326
<b>Results On Ordinary Activities Before Interest</b>	<b>1,021,744</b>	840,019
Interest Receivable And Similar Income	<b>81,442</b>	24,364
<b>Results On Ordinary Activities Before taxation</b>	<b>1,103,186</b>	864,383
Tax On Ordinary Activities	-	-
<b>Retained Result For The Year</b>	<b>1,103,186</b>	864,383
Retained Reserves Brought Forward	<b>6,476,079</b>	5,611,696
Retained Reserves Carried Forward	<b>7,579,265</b>	6,476,079

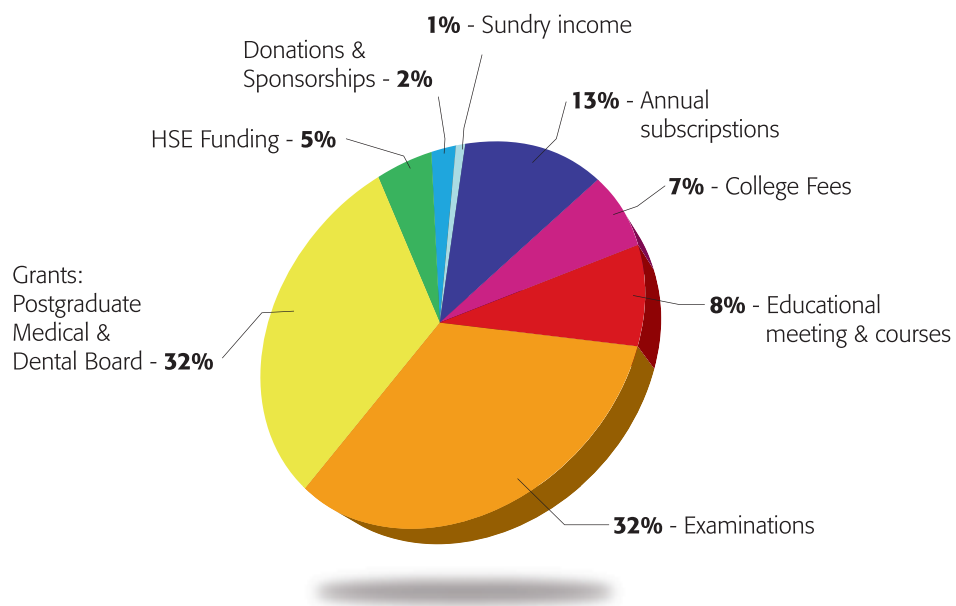
## Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2008

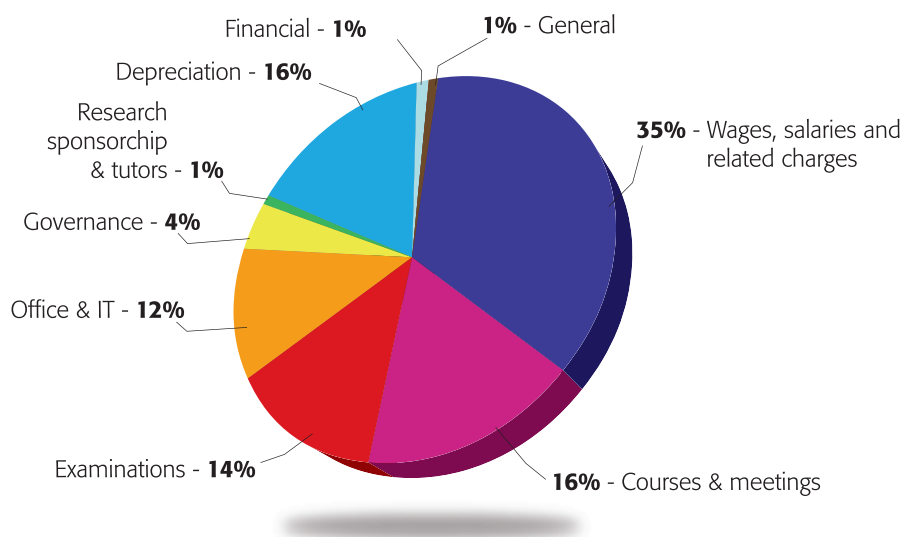
	<b>2008</b>	2007
	€	€
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	5,358,156	4,786,508
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	115,562	320,088
Cash At Bank And In Hand	2,555,428	1,805,260
	2,670,990	2,125,348
<b>Creditors</b>		
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(449,881)	(435,777)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	2,221,109	1,689,571
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	7,579,265	6,476,079
Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	–	–
<b>Net Assets</b>	7,579,265	6,476,079
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>		
Revenue Reserves	7,579,265	6,476,079
<b>Members Funds</b>	7,579,265	6,476,079



## Income 2008



## Expenditure 2008



# International Education and Training Foundation Report

## Joint College of Anaesthetists of Ireland / Irish Aid Malawi Project

Malawi in general, including the Thyolo and Chiradzulu districts, has alarming maternal and perinatal mortality and trauma outcome data. First responding staff at the district hospitals lack the expertise in the assessment and management of the critically ill obstetric and trauma patient.

The College of Anaesthetists received €480,000 funding for a three year education and training programme based in Malawi in July 2008. The College will contribute €120,000 matching funds from its five year fundraising activities to augment the Irish Aid contribution.

The project is appropriate and timely, bearing in mind that the high maternal and perinatal mortality and the ongoing epidemic of AIDS/HIV and trauma in sub-Saharan Africa but particularly in Malawi where these indices are among the worst in the world.

## Fundraising 2008

The College raised almost €25,000 from two fundraising events for the Malawi project in 2008.

## Piano Recital

Dr Jennifer Porter performed a critically acclaimed solo piano recital to a capacity National Gallery audience

on 24th January 2008, followed by a reception in The College Headquarters, 22 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.



Anaesthetist, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. **Dr Ellen O'Sullivan**, Consultant Anaesthetist, St James Hospital, Dublin. **Dr Jennifer Porter**, Pianist and Consultant Anaesthetist, St James's Hospital, Dublin and **Dr John McAdoo**, President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

## Golf Classic

Dr James Gardiner hosted the 5th in a series of Golf Classics in Elm Park, Dublin on 1st October 2008.

An Education Workshop on International Education and Training Programmes including Drs William Casey, Simon Collins and Prof Anthony Cunningham was presented.



## Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding between The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and The College of Medicine Blantyre was signed by the President Dr John McAdoo and Professor Robin Broadhead in Blantyre on 25th October 2008.



(left to right) **Dr John McAdoo**, President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and **Professor Robin Broadhead**, Principle, College of Medicine, Blantyre, Malawi

The Memorandum of Understanding was endorsed by Dr George Mlawe, Director of Clinical Services, Ministry of Health, at a meeting in the Ministry in Lilongue on 26th October 2008.

## Launch of Project

The Joint College of Anaesthetists / Irish Aid Project



(left to right) **Prof Ruari Brugha**, Professor of International Health, RCSI, **Dr Christopher Samkange**, College of Surgeons of Central, Eastern and Southern Africa, **Dr Tawfik Rushdy**, College of Surgeons of Central, Eastern and Southern Africa and **Dr Sean McDevitt**, Vice-President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

**Educational Assistance in the Management of Trauma-related Obstetric Emergencies in Malawi** was launched in the Boardroom, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on 19th November 2008 with presentations from Prof Anthony Cunningham on the project and Dr Ellen O' Sullivan on Global Oximetry and Safe Surgery Saves Lives.

## Three Year Education and Training Programme

The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland will establish and support a project in the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Blantyre and Kmuzu Central Hospital Lilongwe

to develop a group of clinical officer and nurse trainers skilled in assessment, resuscitation and management of mothers and trauma victims in Thyolo and Chiradzulu Hospitals and nearby district.

The funding proposal features four components:

### **Capacity building within the Department of Anaesthesia, Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre and The College of Medicine Blantyre to develop leadership in anaesthesia in Malawi.**

The Irish Aid commitment envisages the establishment of a committed Joint Faculty, co-ordinated by The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and The College of Medicine Blantyre for a period of three years.

### **Establishment of Joint College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and College of Medicine Blantyre Faculty.**

#### **College of Anaesthetists of Ireland:**

Dr Jeanne Moriarty  
Dr Kevin Carson  
Dr Ellen O'Sullivan,  
Dr Valerie Donnelly  
Dr Miriam Harnett  
Dr Brian Kinirons  
Dr Ellie O Leary  
Dr William Blunnie  
Dr Brian Marsh  
Dr Moyna Bill  
Dr David O' Toole

#### **College of Medicine Blantyre:**

Dr Gregor Pollach  
Dr Paul Downie  
Prof Borgstein  
Mr Cyril Goddia  
Dr Amaia Laranana Minen Galdos



(left to right – back row) **Prof Anthony Cunningham**, Irish Extern Director, **Ms Nyasinga Kaunda**, College Finance Officer, College of Medicine, Blantyre, **Dr Gregor Pollach**, College of Medicine, Blantyre, **Prof Eric Borgstein**, College of Medicine, Blantyre, **Dr Ellen O'Sullivan**, Consultant Anaesthetist, St James Hospital, Dublin  
(left to right – front row) **Dr John McAdoe**, President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and **Professor Robin Broadhead**, Principle, College of Medicine, Blantyre, Malawi

## **Masters in Medical Education (M.Ed)**

Partnership and collaboration with The College of Medicine, Blantyre, to launch and sustain a Masters in Medical Education (M.Ed.) degree programme for four designated Malawi medical graduates to undertake 4





years postgraduate education and training in Malawi and South Africa to provide leadership for the specialty in Malawi.

**Development of a trauma and obstetric emergencies training programme based in the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre Blantyre with monitoring, evaluation and audit to measure impact of training activity in Thyolo and Chinadzulu Hospitals.**

This proposal aims to produce practitioners who are competent to follow best practice in the assessment and management, including resuscitation and transfer, of maternal and trauma emergencies in a variety of settings.

In addition to produce instructors who will replicate the training programme, with modifications, for impact at health centre and village level. This would imply ongoing training of healthcare staff and traditional birth attendants by trained instructors.

This programme is critically dependent on the appointment of a Project Manager.

The Irish Aid proposal specified that the Project Manager would be medically qualified with an extensive clinical and educational experience with provision of obstetric and trauma care in the developing world for a three year programme.

**Anthony J Cunningham**

Irish External Director



# Project Group Report

## Members

Drs William P Blunnie, Dr John McAdoo, Seán McDevitt, Brian Marsh, John Loughrey, Jeanne Moriarty, Ellen O'Sullivan, Katrina O'Sullivan, David Mannion, Joseph Tracey, Orlaith McCaul and Ian Surgeon. (All members of Council are eligible to participate.)

The Project Group was established by Council to design and complete the refurbishment of No 22, utilise the area immediately behind the main building and create the Denzille Lane end of site as a multi-functional entity to best comply with the requirements of College.

## Project Group Objective

The primary requirement in any development is good design and with this in mind a competition was agreed for which six firms submitted design concepts. The companies involved undertook this process on a pro-bono basis; the CEO and the Chairman undertook briefing of each firm over a three-day period. College employees, members of Committees and Council made a very positive contributory role. Special emphasis was placed on architectural conservation with consultation with the Irish Georgian Society ([www.igs.ie](http://www.igs.ie)) throughout. The design of Roisin Hanley Architects was accepted by College Council. A competitive tendering process followed which awarded the contract to Clancy Construction ([www.clancyconstruction.ie](http://www.clancyconstruction.ie)).

## Other companies involved are:

- Kelly & O'Callaghan, Quantity Surveyors  
[www.kellyandocallaghan.ie](http://www.kellyandocallaghan.ie)
- Designer Group, Engineering Contractors  
[www.designergroup.ie](http://www.designergroup.ie)
- Kavanagh Mansfield & Partners, Consulting Structural and Civil Engineers – [www.kmp.ie](http://www.kmp.ie)

Contractors moved on site August 2008 with an expected return to Merrion Square by September 2009 by which time no 22 will be fully refurbished. Some month's later The College will take the remainder of new structures in charge.

## Basement / Lecture Theatre

The basement area was fully "exposed" with major reinforcement of the structure undertaken. This involved "stitching" the main front wall to the sidewalls, steel and concrete supports for the ground floor, and creation of an 85 sq metre area as a reception, kitchen and cloakroom to accommodate all attendees in the lecture theatre. Between this "drinks / exhibition area" is an enclosed 45 sq metre area courtyard.



Access from the Square to the basement self contained facility will be much safer by re-aligning granite steps; access to the upper building is improved by widening the stairwell. Toilet numbers were designed into the scheme to meet the needs of a “full” house. Catering will allow a sit down capacity for 50 or 135 attendees buffet style. The lecture theatre will have seating capacity for one hundred and thirty-eight, advanced audio-visual equipment, category 6 cabling and electrical connection for each two seats. Voting and/or keyed MCQ style pads will be installed. Wheel chair access will be from Denzille Lane.

## Main Building

The front façade of the building has been beautifully restored such that the prior very obvious difference in brick shading has been re-blended into a visual single unit. The front entrance is restored to allow an impact with tiling, colour scheme and surface finish to emphasise the traditional Georgian features. The reception area will be in the front room and allow a positive and traditional welcome for Fellows and

attendees at The College. Throughout the building password controlled wireless broadband connection will be available for all staff, trainees and Fellows. Recently installed recessed lighting has been removed; ceilings with Georgian features are being restored. A number of fireplaces of appropriate period will be installed. Refurbishment has involved removal of partitions, kitchen and toilet areas from the top floor. All areas are now fully insulated with under floor heating; floorboards were lifted, joists were made more secure with full length support added, which in the process allowed floors to be levelled. A philosophy of a “green” concept was applied where possible.

Council has engaged with the secretariat and senior management to utilise the building in a fashion that will both integrate staff and Fellows and allow multi-functional use. The Faculties of Pain Medicine and Intensive Care Medicine will have space allocated to meet their requirements. Staff facilities by way of common room / kitchen have been placed in the return which will bring an atmosphere of calm and relaxation. Antiquity has been retained where possible e.g. the roof window on the upper floor of the Return.



## Denzille Lane

The Denzille Lane building is unusual in that services are placed in the basement, an area that will also accommodate the Simulator Training Unit. Dr Crina Burlacu has been appointed Director and has provided timely advice. This four-storey building will be serviced by a 10-person lift. The first and second floors will be open plan of 98 sq metres each. The “roof” will have a large mostly glass structure with a timber deck to make maximum use of this area.

## Car Park / Lecture Theatre Roof

Seven car park spaces will be available with on-site bicycle spaces to the rear of the building on Denzille Lane. This area will also store refuse bins. The lecture theatre roof will be in the line of vision below the windows of the rear room on the ground floor. This will allow a natural eye line downward towards Denzille Lane.

## Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the President for making this development of The College site a priority; members of the Project Group for their opinions and hard work; Ms Roisin Hanley for her personal commitment and ever ready availability, Ms Mary Malone for her untiring commitment to the project and College Council for allowing me to be Chairman.

**Dr William P Blunnie**

Chairman



# Competence Assurance Committee Report

## Members

Drs Harry Frizelle, John McAdoo, Sean MacDevitt, Brian Marsh, John Loughrey, Jeanne Moriarty, Katrina O'Sullivan, Deirdre Madden, Orlaith McCaul, Ian Surgeon and Connail McCrory.

The Competence Assurance Committee is a new committee established to implement The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland role under the Medical Practitioners Act 2007. A Forum comprising all the training bodies acts as a steering committee to ensure activation of the Competence Assurance aspects of the new Act. Each training body will have a Competence Assurance committee and the Forum acts as a liaison between the Medical Council and the committees.

The College is responsible for all Anaesthetists, ICU doctors and Pain Medicine doctors. The College will also be responsible for the competence assurance of non aligned doctors allocated to it by the Medical Council. The College on-line CME registration process has been restructured and all fellows have been contacted to encourage them to use this CME registration mechanism while it remains a voluntary process.

The Committee will coordinate and oversee CME and will work on Audit projects for The College. For the coming year the committee will work within the structures outlined by the Forum to roll out the requirements of the new Medical Practitioners Act.

### **Dr Harry Frizelle**

Chairman Competence Assurance Committee



# Quality & Safety Advisory Committee Report

## Introduction

Increasingly The College is invited to assist when adverse patient outcomes occur. We are also invited to provide assistance in other matters pertaining and related to anaesthetic standards and practice.

The College currently has no formal process for dealing with such requests. Each request is dealt with on its merits.

## Background

The Medical Council in the 2007 Medical Practitioners Act (MPA) has the statutory responsibility for the registration of Medical Practitioners. The Medical Council has a range of powers under the 2007 MPA to impose sanctions on Medical Practitioners. The 2007 MPA also empowers the Medical Council to use the expertise of the Training Bodies in fulfilling its role. In light of this and the desire by the Medical Council to deal with issues of this nature in a forum other than the Fitness to Practice Committee it was considered appropriate for The College to explore its role, if any, in this matter.

The Health Services Executive has responsibility for delivery of a safe, high quality service to patients and an obligation to review this service, either when a deficit is recognised or when new evidence based developments become available and drive change in practice. HIQA has a statutory role in the external accreditation and review of services delivered across the health care system. This is underpinned by legislation. The Patient Safety Commission will also have a role in ensuring patient safety.

## The College's Role

The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland has the knowledge, expertise and experience to contribute to any process described above. Its Articles of Association charge it with the responsibility of acting in the interest of public safety and in providing advice to statutory bodies. Thus, it would appear that the Articles of Association anticipate The College being involved in such a role. There is a general expectation that The College ought to play a role; however, the structures and processes are non-existent or at best very unclear at present. In light of the potential complexity of these matters, The College is contributing to the development of robust and transparent processes in conjunction with the HSE, through the Forum of Post-Graduate Training Bodies. This is an essential function of this body and will drive the development and maintenance of professional standards throughout Irish healthcare.

## Definition of the College's potential role

The Articles of Association of The College define its role and expertise. The College of Anaesthetists is a body which has knowledge, expertise and experience in the education, training, standard setting and evaluation of clinical and didactic knowledge of matters pertaining to anaesthesia and in matters pertaining to professionalism. The College has no role in human resource management, contract issues or HR or legal matters.

The Medical Council has the legal background, the expertise of examining medical competency issues and the statutory powers to process cases. The Medical



Council additionally has the protection afforded by the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 to afford the necessary protections. The HSE has expertise in Human Resources and employment issues.

The College accepts that it has a role to play when requested to supply advice or expertise in matters pertaining to anaesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine. The College can only supply such knowledge and expertise in an appropriate forum and process. The College acknowledges its role in relation to support of its Fellows, and will supply insofar as possible such support as required, be it advice, mentoring, up-skilling or re-training in specific areas.

## Terms of Reference for the Quality & Advisory Committee

- (1) The Committee will report to the Council of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.
- (2) The Committee will be responsible for reviewing all cases referred to The College, either by external agencies or by individuals.
- (3) The Committee will assess whether the CAI has a role in any proposed review process.
- (4) The Committee will outline the resources required to engage in any process.
- (5) The work of the Committee will be in line with the obligations outlined in the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
- (6) The Committee will ensure that all indemnity issues for the CAI are agreed prior to commencement of any review process.
- (7) The Committee will work with other College Committees and external agencies to develop

Practice Guidelines relevant to the Irish healthcare system

- (8) The Committee will provide advice in matters of professional practice and standards to Fellows and external agencies, where appropriate.
- (9) The Committee will meet bi-monthly, but may be convened for extra-ordinary meetings, if required.

## Committee Membership

The President of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland  
The Vice President  
The Honorary Secretary  
The Honorary Treasurer  
The Chair of Competence Assurance  
The Chair of Credentials  
The Dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine  
The Dean of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine  
The Convenor of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great & Ireland or their nominee.  
The Registrar / CEO  
The Postgraduate Dean or Vice-Dean  
A lay representative  
Co-opted members as required

### Dr Jeanne Moriarty

Chair of Quality & Safety Advisory Committee

# Awards

- **Abbott Scholarship 2008:**  
Dr Tanya O'Neill
- **Delaney Medal 2008:**  
Dr Dominic Hegarty
- **William & Jane Brophy Medal Spring 2008 (Final Fellowship Examination)**  
Dr Kayekar Payal/Dr Michael Callaghan



*Workshop 2008*



*Lecture Theatre*



# Photographs



*ICA May 2008*



*Dr Brian Marsh, Honorary Secretary and Dr John McAdoo, President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland May 2008*



*Honorary Fellows and Council Members May 2008*



*Dr John McAdoo, President, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dr Archie Brain (centre) receives the 24th Gilmartin Medal May 2008 and Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Chair Examinations Committee*



*Conferees May 2008*



*Professor Jennifer Hunter receives the medal for the Winter College Lecture November 2008*



*(left to right)  
Dr John McAdoo, President, Dr Niamh McAuliffe  
winner of the GlaxoSmithKline Medal November  
2008, Professor Jennifer Hunter and Dr Joseph  
Tracey, Chairman Education Committee*



*Mrs Padraic Keane & Prof. Keane, Council Award Winner  
2008*

# Elections to Council & Council members



*Council of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland May 2008*

Council Elections were held on Tuesday 13th May 2008. The valid pole was 210 which represented approximately 25% of members in good standing. Dr John R. McCarthy and Prof. Denis Moriarty acted as scrutineers and Drs Marsh, McDevitt and McCaul were in attendance. Drs William P. Blunnie and Philip Hawthorne were re-elected; Dr Deirdre McCoy was elected.



## The Council of The College of Anaesthetists 2007 – 2008 at present is constituted as follows:

### Officers

Officers	Attendance at Council Meetings	Term of Office
Dr John McAdoo, President	5	1999 – 2009
Dr Seán McDevitt, Vice-President	2	2005 – 2010
Dr John Loughrey, Honorary Treasurer	4	2005 – 2010
Dr Brian Marsh, Honorary Secretary	4	2007 – 2012

### Elected Members

Dr William Blunnie, Chair Project Group	4	2008 – 2013
Dr Kevin Carson, Chair Final FCA Examination	4	2006 – 2011
Prof. Anthony Cunningham, Chair Academic Committee	4	2007 – 2012
Dr Henry Frizelle, Chair Competence Assurance Committee	2	2004 – 2009
Dr Philip Hawthorne, Coordinator Hospital Inspections	3	2008 – 2013
Dr David Hill, Dean Pain Faculty	4	2004 – 2009
Dr Ken Lowry, Chair Primary FCA Exam / OQE Exam	3	2002 – 2007
Dr Deirdre McCoy, Director MSc. Programme & Secretary Education Committee	3	2008 – 2013
Dr David Mannion, Chair Training Committee	5	2007 – 2012
Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Chair Quality, Safety & Advisory Committee	5	1998 – 2009
Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Chair Examinations Committee	3	2005 – 2010
Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Chair Credentials Committee	3	2001 – 2011
Dr Jeremy Smith, Chair CAST Group Simulation	4	2005 – 2010
Dr Joseph Tracey, Chair Education Committee	5	2001 – 2011
Dr Eleanor O'Leary (resigned December 2008)	4	2005 – 2009

### Council Meetings held

7th March, 14th May, 27th June, 29th September and 19th December 2008.

### Co-Opted Members

Dr Deirdre Madden, Lecturer in Law, UCC  
Dr Gerard Curley, Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland

### In Attendance

Dr Orlaith Mc Caul, CEO/Registrar  
Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean

# Meetings in 2009

## **AAGBI Winter Scientific Meeting**

14th – 16th January 2009, London

## **Final FCA Revision Course**

26th – 29th January 2009, Clarion Hotel, IFSC, Dublin

## **Vascular Access Workshop**

9th February 2009, Clarion Hotel, IFSC, Dublin

## **Echocardiography Workshop**

27th February 2009, Clarion Hotel, IFSC, Dublin

## **Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of GB & Ireland Annual Scientific Meeting**

12th & 13th March 2009, Brighton

## **Delaney Medal Presentations**

12th March 2009, Radisson SAS Hotel, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin

## **Abbott Scholarship Presentations**

13th March 2009, 12, Duke Lane, Dublin 2

## **South of Ireland Association of Anaesthetists Spring Meeting**

April 8th 2009, Springfort Hall, Mallow, Cork

## **Cork Regional Anaesthesia Workshop**

16th - 18th April 2009, CUH, Cork

## **Western Anaesthesia Symposium**

24th & 25th April, Knockranny House Hotel, Westport

## **Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, Annual Scientific Meeting**

May 2nd -6th 2009 Cairns, Australia

## **Irish Congress of Anaesthesia**

14th-15th May 2009, O'Reilly Hall, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

## **Pain Revision Course**

18th - 19th May 2009, St. Vincents Hospital, Elm Park.

## **European Association of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology**

27th – 30th May, 2009 Athens, Greece

## **SCCM/ ESICM 8th Summer Conference**

4th – 6th June, 2009, Chicago, Illinois, USA

## **Euroanaesthesia 2009**

6th – 9th June, Milan, Italy

## **ICSI Annual Scientific Meeting**

12th & 13th June 2009, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Dublin

## **Introduction to Anaesthesia**

18th-19th June 2009, Clarion Hotel, IFSC, Dublin

## **World Congress Abdominal Compartment Syndrome**

24th - 27th June 2009, Trinity College, Dublin

## **Canadian Anaesthesiologists' Society 65th Annual Meeting**

26th – 30th June 2009, Vancouver, Canada

## **Piano Recital by Dr Jenny Porter, in aid of Malawi**

3rd September, 2009, Aula Maxima in, University College Cork

## **Irish Society of Obstetric Anaesthesia (ISOA) and South of Ireland Association of Anaesthetists Autumn Meeting**

11th & 12th September 2009, Hotel Europe, Killarney

## **College of Anaesthetists of Ireland Golf Classic**

25th September 2009, Elm Park Golf Club

## **ESICM 22nd Annual Congress**

11th – 14th October 2009, Vienna, Austria

## **UEMS**

27th & 28th November, London



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