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COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS OF IRELAND

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President's Address

2009 has been a seminal year for the College. Having vacated 22 Merrion Square in autumn 2008, we returned in September 2009 to a refurbished house, a new lecture theatre and a purpose built Clinical Skills Centre. The Project Group, under the chairmanship of Dr W P Blunnie met on a weekly basis to complete the transition from dilapidated office building to one appropriate for the needs of our trainees and Fellows. This project has seen a long term ambition of Dr Blunnie come to fruition and he undertook the extra workload generated with great enthusiasm and drive. 22 Merrion Square is now a building which will enable the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland create a centre for medical training and maintenance of professional competence, as required under the terms of the Medical Practitioners' Act 2007. Reaching this point in 2009 was timely, as the Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI was founded on 15th December 1959.

Dr John McAdoo completed his term as President in June 2009. He continues on Council ex officio to May 2010. Dr McAdoo has built up excellent relationships with the Forum of Post-graduate Training Bodies. He chairs the Professional Competence Committees of both the CAI and the Forum of PGTBs. He has ensured that the CAI is in a position to submit its professional competence scheme (PCS) to the Medical Council for approval. We hope to roll this scheme out in 2010, as required by the MPA 2007. I would like to thank Dr McAdoo on behalf of Council and the Fellows for his contribution to the development of the College in the last three years as President during a period of significant change and challenges to all medical practitioners.

Drs Harry Frizelle and David Hill retained their seats on Council, having completed one term. Drs Gerry Browne, Muhammed Khalid and George Raouf Ghaly joined

Council in May 2009. Dr Joe Treacy was elected Vice President in May 2009, succeeding Dr Sean McDevitt, who is our representative on the UEMS.

THE FORUM OF POST GRADUATE TRAINING BODIES

This is an umbrella group of all post-graduate training bodies. It was agreed that interactions with the HSE, the Medical Council and other statutory bodies on issues of mutual concern would be best dealt with a group, leaving specialty specific issue to the individual training bodies. To date this has been a successful partnership.

FINANCE

I am happy to present the audited accounts for 2009. We have been fortunate in having Council members who have a wide variety of skills, not least fiscal management. Dr John Loughrey has steered the College through the period of expansion and is completing his term as Honorary Treasurer. We have had a succession of Council members in this post who have ensured that the best interests of the College were served and Dr Loughrey continued this tradition, leaving the College finances in excellent order. Under his direction new auditors, Ormsby Rhodes, have been appointed. Dr Loughrey worked closely with Ms Margaret Jenkinson, College Finance Officer and her assistant Sharon Murray. I would like to thank Dr Loughrey for his work as Honorary Treasurer. He will be replaced by Dr Harry Frizelle. I would also like to thank Ms Jenkinson for her ongoing input into upgrading the management of the College accounts.

QUALITY & SAFETY

In the light of increasing demands on the College to contribute to areas pertaining to patient safety and standards we have set up a new committee, the Quality and Safety Advisory Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr Ken Lowry. This committee liaises with a number of statutory bodies, including HIQA, the HSE and the State Claims Agency. Patient safety is the core rationale for this committee and its work will undoubtedly increase in the coming years.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The activities of the College continue to thrive in the area of Education. Dr Treacy completed his term as Chair of Education and I would like to acknowledge his contribution to the continuing development of the College's educational programmes. Dr Ellen O'Sullivan is the current Chair of Education and is busy with preparations for the 50th Anniversary annual meeting of the Faculty/ College being held in the new AVIVA stadium in May 2010.

Dr Jeremy Smith continues as Chair of the CAST committee, which deals with simulator based training. With the advent of the 48 hour week for trainees, simulator based training will be increasingly important as an adjunct to on the ground experiential learning. Dr Crina Burlacu has been extremely active in developing the simulator programme in Anaesthesia and the opening of the new Clinical Skills Building in Denzille Lane will be of great benefit to Trainees and Fellows. She has been assisted by Dr Ian Surgeon and Dr Ellie O'Leary in developing competence based training scenarios.

Hospital Inspections is chaired by Dr David Hill. A generic training inspection is being piloted by the Forum of Post-Graduate Training Bodies. This will focus on areas which are germane to all trainees, such as access to learning materials, on call facilities etc, allowing individual training bodies focus on areas specific to their specialty. The first inspection was of St Vincent's University Hospital and there was favourable feedback from the inspectors and the hospital.

Dr John Loughrey chairs the Credentials Committee and liaises with the Medical Council in the accreditation of training towards Specialist Registration. The changes

in the registration process as a result of the MPA 2007 have impacted on the workload of this committee, which continues to increase. The MSc in Anaesthesia has now evolved into a Master's of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia), under the expert guidance of the course directors, Professor Anthony Cunningham and Dr Deirdre McCoy. There were 5 graduates in 2009, with 16 trainees currently undertaking the course at present. Dr McCoy also ran the very successful Final Fellowship course.

The Training Committee is now chaired by Dr Katrina O'Sullivan. The competencies for SpRs are under review at present by Dr Ellie O'Leary. Trainees are facing significant changes in work practice at present with the attempted implementation of the 48 hour week and a new trainee contract. The Training Committee is committed to maintaining and developing the standards of training in the face of these changes. In the light of the changes in the Medical Council registration process and their plan to re-designate all non-rotational post as non-training posts, Dr Ian Surgeon developed a Registrar Training Programme to assist those trainees who had applied for the national SpR programme and were unsuccessful. This will ensure that trainees who had achieved the requirements to progress to SpR training but were unable to do so due to the discrepancy between BST and SpR posts (approximately two BSTs to one SpR), can continue in training for a specified period in recognised rotational training posts. As evidenced by the requirement to create an additional national rotation the work of the training committee is constantly increasing and I thank all members and Dr O'Sullivan for undertaking this very time consuming position.

The Gilmartin Lecturer 2009 was Professor Paul Muldoon, who gave a much appreciated reading of his works.

The ICA 2009 was held in the O'Reilly Hall and was very successful. Dr Angela Enright received the College Gold Medal for services to Anaesthesia. An Honorary Pain Fellowship was awarded to Dr John Cooper and Dr. Vincent Hannon was the recipient of the President's Medal in 2009.

The Autumn College Lecture was delivered by Professor Brendan Madden in Belfast as part of the Core Topics Day.

The Winter College Meeting and the GSK medal were held in the Westin Hotel and incorporated a conferring ceremony where 13 were conferred with CST, 5 with the MSc in Medical Professionalism and 67 as Foundation Fellows of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland. Professor Scott Beattie gave the Winter College Lecture. This was followed, as is now the tradition, by the AAGBI annual meeting on the Saturday morning.

The College hosted the launch of Medcap, an international project led by Professor George Shorten in this country. This is a project on simulated training for spinal anaesthesia. The Launch coincided with the date of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI on 15th December 1959. The event was the first run in the new lecture theatre and attracted a lot of media interest. Congratulations to Professor Shorten.

EXAMINATIONS

Dr Kevin Carson is the Chair of Examinations, with Dr Philip Hawthorne Chair of the Final Examination and Dr Ken Lowry Chair of the Primary. The exams continue to evolve. Dr Hawthorne introduced the use of digital radiology and computerised data for the first time in the Final Examination in the autumn. This was a success and further assists in standardisation and marking.

OVERSEAS AID

The Malawi Project in conjunction with Irish Aid is now at its mid-point. There are two doctors in the MMed programme at the University Hospital in Blantyre. The project manager, Dr Paul Downie is coming to the end of his term and will be taking up a consultant post in the UK. The College wishes him well in this and I would like to acknowledge his contribution in getting this project up and running in such a short time frame. Dr Gregor Pollach is the academic lead in Blantyre. We appreciate his input into the training of these young doctors. They will spend next year in the University of Capetown under the tutelage of Professor Mike James, with whom this College has strong links.

Part of the Malawi Project inevitably involves fundraising and Fellows and our colleagues in industry continue to support this, despite the recession. There were two major

events in 2009. The Golf Classic and Tennis tournament held in Elm Park Golf Club was organised by Dr James Gardiner, Dr Deirdre McCoy and Ms Mary Malone. This was an excellent day out for the participants, followed by a seminar on aid for developing countries. It is gratifying to see the support from all disciplines of medicine in Ireland who are committed to many diverse projects in several developing countries in Africa. Thank you to both the organisers and participants.

The second event was a piano recital by Dr Jenny Porter held in the Aula Maxima in UCC and was a wonderful evening. Jenny is a superb professional concert pianist and the programme was exquisite. This is the second occasion on which Jenny has given her talent and time to the College. As a colleague I can vouch for the fact that the recital only represented a fraction of the time that went into her meticulous preparation for this event. I thank Jenny and hope that we will see her perform again in the future.



*Piano Recital 2009
(left to right:) Dr John McAdoo, Dr Jeanne Moriarty,
Dr Jennifer Porter, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan & Prof. Anthony
Cunningham*

DATA PROTECTION

Following a breach of the Data Protection Act in December 2009 an immediate full internal review, with advice from the Data Protection agency was undertaken. A programme of training in Data Management and Protection for staff was instituted. I envisage extending this programme for all Fellows of the College. We all easily access an increasing amount of sensitive data on patients and colleagues on a daily basis. I feel this is an area in which there is no formal training at present. Having learned from our mistake I

believe that Fellows and trainees will benefit from formal training. I plan to run a seminar in Merrion Square in 2010. Once again I apologise to the Fellows and trainees affected and can assure them that our processes in this area have been greatly improved as a result of this error and are compliant with the Data Protection Act.

I would like to thank Council for its support during the year and in particular the Committee Chairs. Every Council member is fully engaged from their first Council meeting as the work of postgraduate education, maintenance of professional competence and interaction with an increasing number of statutory bodies is continually expanding and becoming more complex. A special thanks for the members of the Executive Management Committee, Drs Joe Treacy, David Mannion, John Loughrey and Harry Frizelle and our CEO, Dr Orlaith McCaul for their work and support during 2009. I am particularly indebted to Dr David Mannion, Honorary Secretary and Ms Mary Malone for their hard work and enthusiasm. I would like to thank all staff for their dedication and professionalism during the past year.

I believe the profession is indebted to the founding Fellows of the Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI, listed below. The developments at 22 Merrion Square in 2009 are a fitting tribute to their vision of an independent and strong specialty 50 years later.

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Dr T.J. Gilmartin, Dean

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Dr S. Kenny

Dr H. Love

Dr P. Murray

Dr P. Nagle

Dr J. Woodcock

Jeanne Moriarty

President



CEO's Report

2009 was a challenging and exciting year for the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

As this report demonstrates, we have made significant progress across a number of areas. Demands on the College both externally and internally continue to increase. New structures within the HSE are being developed to replace the work of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board. The Medical Education Training and Research group is now responsible for the facilitating postgraduate medical education and training.

EXAMINATIONS

Demand for training continues with consistent numbers of trainees and candidates presenting for the Primary and Final Examinations. Congratulations are due to the Chairs of the Primary and Final Examinations, and the Fellows sitting on the panel of Examiners for all their hard work in ensuring that the Examinations were conducted to the highest level of quality and consistency. A great deal of work has also been done by the Examinations Committee this year to develop the IT aspect of the examinations. The new electronic system aims to bring a new level of functionality and operational integrity to our examination process.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

This year the College conducted more than 17 medical education and training events. The College's Annual Congress in O'Reilly Hall was an outstanding success with a record number of registrants (300) and exceptional speakers, including distinguished international visitors.

Congratulations to the Education Committee on delivering such a high quality event. The attendance at Congress, together with events and courses shows there is a commitment to ongoing learning, sharing of clinical information, and improving key areas of the profession.

Educationally, we have been very active, the Vice Dean has commenced a comprehensive review of the curriculum to ensure that it remains at the forefront of high quality, innovative and best practice. Many Fellows and trainees are involved in this work and I am very grateful to them. We also ran a number of outstanding courses and workshops. Much effort has also been put into developing a range of online and distance educational activities.

IMPROVING QUALITY AND SAFETY

Efforts to improve anaesthesia quality and safety remained a strong focus of the College in 2009. The College established a Quality and Safety Advisory Committee which has made significant progress. It is envisaged that this committee will act on behalf of the College in providing advice to individual doctors, hospitals and to other stakeholder institutions on matters of quality and safety.

JOINT FACULTY OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE

In June 2009 the College became part of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine along with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and the Intensive Care Society of Ireland. This was a significant achievement for Intensive Care Medicine in Ireland. The joint faculty is now seeking recognition as a specialty on the Register of Medical Specialists.

THE MOVE

We were delighted to move back to the newly refurbished College in Merrion Square in September. The work of the project group and its Chairman enabled the renovation project to be completed on schedule. We are very much looking forward to conducting workshops and courses and examinations on the premises and warmly welcome any fellow or trainee who wishes to visit Merrion Square and the Educational Building on Denzille Lane.

CONCLUSION

2009 was a busy and active year for the College. While economic developments globally are challenging, the College is adapting to changing financial circumstances to ensure we remain in a strong financial position. I thank all Fellows for their input and expertise, without which we would simply not be able to offer the level and quality of services to ensure that the College remains at the forefront of medical education in Ireland.

I would particularly like to thank our committees, tutors, examiners, and Council for their commitment and enthusiasm. Finally, the College is well served by a committed group of talented staff at the College's newly refurbished offices in Merrion Square. I acknowledge their efforts and greatly appreciate the contribution of each member of staff.

Dr Orlaith McCaul
CEO



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 and those reports will not be duplicated here.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ACT

2009 saw more detail on the implementation of this act and we are beginning to get a better picture of its full impact on College business. In the field of trainee registration, it is becoming clear that only trainees who are registered on College-administered rotational programmes will be eligible for Trainee Specialist Registration. Doctors in "stand-alone" registrar posts, which the College currently recognizes as training posts, may find that these posts no longer attract training recognition and that they must be registered on the General Register. It seems likely also, that stand-alone posts will be designated non-training posts in the NCHD's contract of employment, since the newly introduced contract allows for both training and non-training designations. These changes obviously have major implications for how the College conducts its training business.

CPD processes for those on the Specialist Register have also developed further, with a slightly modified points system and the inclusion of points for audit. Multi Source Feedback and Peer Review processes are still under consideration but no precise mechanism has emerged. CPD processes must now also be instituted for non-specialists, ie those on the general register practicing anaesthesia. This will be a relatively difficult task considering the wide range of skill and experience within this group. The College has all these processes under active consideration and planning.

The Medical Council now has a more precisely defined role in the regulation of Postgraduate training. It will be responsible for the approval and accreditation of training programmes, and preliminary meetings have been held to scope out how this might be achieved. What is certain is that in order to comply with Medical Council accreditation processes, the College must engage in more detailed curriculum development, competency requirements, and training and outcome assessments.

The HSE has a defined role in the Act in facilitating Postgraduate training, by providing facilities, manpower and funding for training, and providing workforce planning. It is seeking to conclude Service Level Agreements with training bodies where funding will support targeted outcomes in terms of numbers of trainees progressing through defined grades and achieving defined standards. The disbandment of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board and the inclusion of its functions within the HSE has heralded a marked change of approach in these areas. The whole area of Postgraduate funding, including the now abandoned trainee grant system, is under active discussion between the HSE and the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies. Structural funding for training bodies is currently suspended, and the project funding which had previously supported the posts of Vice-Dean and Director of Simulation no longer exists.

NATIONAL AUDIT OF NCHD POSTS

As reported last year, the National Audit of NCHD posts pointed to the need for a National Database to keep track of doctors and posts. A lot of work has gone into this in the past year in determining the system specifications and business requirements. It has been complex, in terms of the number of stakeholders involved with

different expectations of the system inputs and outputs and different degrees of preparedness of their in-house systems, and the potential interfacing problems between a wide variety of systems within the HSE, Training Bodies, Medical Council and Clinical Sites. The system has now gone out to tender, and it is hoped to have it functioning during 2010.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

As I have previously mentioned, the area of curriculum development and the institution of competence-based training has to be examined closely to bring it to a level compatible with the Medical Council's accreditation procedures. In addition, the pressures of the European Working Time Directive in reducing trainee clinical contact time with patients and with consultant teachers has made an efficient curriculum, a robust competence acquisition system and a workable assessment system imperative. We are fortunate to have our Vice-Dean, Dr Ellie O'Leary involved in these processes and she has been busy in the past year defining content and assessment methods for competencies. I believe we will see the results of these efforts in the near future and that they will be integral in our interaction with the Medical Council.

CLINICAL SKILLS TRAINING

I am certain that the new and exciting developments in Merrion Square have been described extensively elsewhere in this annual report. Significant among these is the new Simulator/Clinical Skills Unit, and the planning and implementation of this in conjunction with the IT and AV systems necessary to run it, as well as the IT and AV systems needed for the new Lecture Theatre and for the College in general, have taken up quite a lot of my time in the past year. The Simulator Centre is now ready to go and courses are scheduled for February and March. The planning of these courses and the startup of the College centre has been the responsibility of Dr Crina Burlacu, our Director of Simulation, who has worked very hard over the past year to produce an agreed business plan and a curriculum for simulator training which will be delivered on a National basis, utilising the new College centre as well as new facilities at St James Hospital and the ASSET Centre Cork, and existing facilities at Beaumont and Galway University Hospital. The first courses are to commence in early 2010. Dr Burlacu has already defined the content and implementation process for a range of

courses from anaesthesia beginner upwards, and it is envisaged that these courses will eventually target the whole range of anaesthesia training as well as extending into CPD activity.



Simulator/Clinical Skills Centre

NEW ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

The College's new administration system was completed on time in 2008 and came into use in July 08. HSE funding for this project was not granted in 2008, however we reapplied to the HSE for retrospective funding support for this system as well as prospective funding for further development in 2009. I am now pleased to relate that the HSE granted this funding, based on the value for money and efficient implementation that they observed, as well as noting that the system was pretty comprehensive and flexible. These virtues were not lost on the College of Psychiatrists either, who adopted the system themselves in 2009. This represented good value for the HSE's investment, since the system was delivered to the Psychiatrists at very low cost, and good value for us also, since ongoing development costs are now shared between the two Colleges. The system is now the backbone of the College's business activity, and its features are being increasingly utilized as the weeks pass. Significant developments commenced in late 2009 are mainly web-based and include improved online access to personal training details (rotations, assessments, training waypoints) for trainees and online completion of In-Training Assessments and Competency Assessments for tutors, as well as allowing tutors to view the list of trainees scheduled to rotate to them in the upcoming six months and to view their assessments from the previous six months. Developments planned for 2010 will include a new multiplatform web-accessible trainee logbook and an improved web-accessible CPD points recorder. We are

gradually reducing the amount of paper that has to be passed to and fro between the College, its trainees, Fellows and tutors.

NEW TRAINING CATEGORY

During 2009 the College came to the view that the combined effects of the 2007 Medical Practitioners Act (categories of registration with the Medical Council, specifically General Registration) and the talks on the new NCHD contract (new non-training designation) would combine to create a non-training NCHD who would be defined by being neither a specialist nor an SpR nor a BST in a College administered rotational scheme. The so-called “stand alone” registrar posts seemed under threat to lose training status. Many of the doctors in these posts were just out of basic training and would be faced with consignment to a non-structured non-training CPD orientated system. The College therefore planned an intermediate programme incorporating some of the stand alone posts, where trainees who had just completed basic training but who had not gained a place on the SpR programme could continue as trainees in a structured programme operated in SpR accredited training hospitals, and still have the opportunity gain entry to SpR and to sit the Final FCAI exam. The College envisaged a three year programme called the Associate Specialist Training Programme. However recent developments between the Medical Council and the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies have given rise to a generic template for all training bodies comprising a two year programme known as the Registrar Training Programme, providing a degree of retrospective accreditation should the trainee succeed in gaining entry to the SpR programme. The College plans to implement this programme in July 2010 and estimates there will be around 45 eligible trainees to initially populate years one and two of the scheme. There would still remain around 120 stand alone posts currently recognized as training posts but whose future is unclear and may be outside the formal training arena.

Dr. Ian Surgeon PhD FFARCSI
Postgraduate Dean



Examinations Committee Report

EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr Deirdre McCoy, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Joseph Tracey, Dr David Mannion, Dr John Loughrey, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr David Hill, Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Dr Philip Hawthorne, Professor Denis Moriarty, Professor George Shorten, Dr Carlos McDowell, Dr Donal Harney, Dr Ian Surgeon, Dr Orlaith McCaul, Professor William Wallace, Dr Camillus Power, Dr Jeremy Smith, Dr George Ghaly, Dr Kenneth Lowry, Dr Brian Marsh

INTRODUCTION

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Examinations Committee for 2009. The Committee met four times during the year. I wish to thank all those that have contributed so much time and effort. I also in particular wish to thank Dr Ellen O'Sullivan out-going Chair of the Examinations Committee for the tremendous work achieved by the Committee over the last three years.

CHAIRS OF THE EXAMINATIONS

I would like to thank the following respective Chairs of the Examinations: Dr Ken Lowry, Chairman of the Primary Examination, Dr George Ghaly Vice Chairman Primary Examination, Dr Philip Hawthorne, Chairman of the Final FCA Examination, Dr David Hill out-going Dean of the Pain Faculty, Dr Camillus Power Dean Pain Faculty. Many thanks also to Dr Chris Rozario and Dr Deirdre McCoy Chairs of the OSCE section of the Primary FCAI Examination.

Professor William Wallace continues to Chair the Viva section of the Primary Examination and also monitors the processing of the Primary FCAI MCQ results.

EXAMINERSHIPS

I would like to thank all the Primary, Final and Pain Faculty Examiners for their hard work, commitment and support.

PRIMARY FCAI EXAMINATION

SPRING 2009

The examination was held at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

The Chairman was Dr Ken Lowry

The Exchange Examiner was Dr Patrick Alex from the RCOA (UK)

73 candidates attended Vivas/OSCEs

52 candidates passed

Overall pass rate of those that attended

OSCE/Vivas - 71 %

AUTUMN 2009

The examination was held at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

The Chairman was Dr Ken Lowry

The Exchange Examiner was Dr Campbell Edmondson from the RCOA (UK)

88 candidates attended Vivas/OSCEs

54 candidates passed

Overall pass rate of those that attended

OSCE/Vivas - 61.36%

THE FINAL FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION

SPRING 2009

The Chairman of the examination was Dr Kevin Carson.
The Exchange Examiner was Dr Jonathan Purday.

198 candidates registered for the Final Fellowship written Examination which took place on the 9th March at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. 195 attended and attempted both the MCQ and the EASAQ papers. Call-Over of results was on the 1st April. 90 candidates were called to attend Vivas on the 22nd and the 23rd April. 55 candidates attended on the 22nd April, and 35 attended on the 23rd April. 67 candidates passed the examination. 46.15% of candidates progressed through to Vivas. The overall pass rate - 34.35%

AUTUMN 2009

The Chairman of the examination was Dr Kevin Carson
The Vice-Chairman of the examination was Dr Philip Hawthorne
The Exchange Examiner from the RCOA (UK) was Dr Mike O'Connor.

68 candidates passed the examination. 54.94% of candidates progressed through to Vivas. The pass rate for those that presented for Vivas was 69%.
The overall pass rate -37%.

The Autumn examination saw the introduction of laptops to present the Clinical Artefacts for the Clinical and Viva 1 examinations. This proved to be very successful. The next development will be the use of computers to record individual candidates' results locally at the viva stations and to collate these onto a central database. This will ensure an efficient transfer of results and facilitate easy statistical analysis.

MEDAL WINNERS

The winner of the Primary FCAI Spring 2009 medal was Dr Jacques Diacono, who achieved an 'A' grade in all sections of the examination at his first attempt at the examination.

PAIN DIPLOMA EXAMINATION 2009

The Pain Diploma Examination was held in Dublin in June 2009.

The Chairman of the examination was Dr Donal Harney.
The Extern Examiners were Dr George Ghaly and Dr Gerry Browne.

12 candidates registered, 12 candidates attended.
6 candidates passed the examination, 6 failed.
Overall Pass rate - 50%

The examination was a great success. I would like to commend Dr David Hill, Dr Camillus Power, Dr Donal Harney and Dr George Ghaly and all the Examiners involved with the examination.

OVERSEAS EXAMINATIONS

The College was represented at the Egyptian Final Fellowship Examinations in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in November 2009 by Dr Kevin Carson.

Frequently individuals attend examinations as External Examiners in a personal capacity. This is a tribute to their reputation and that of the College.

The possibility of holding a Primary FCAI MCQ examination in Cairo, Egypt is currently being explored.

GUIDANCE TO EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

Guidance interviews have been conducted during the year when requested by candidates who have been unsuccessful in their examinations.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

I would personally like to extend my thanks for all the administrative support that ensures the professional and smooth running of the examinations, as well as all the work that goes on behind the scenes as the examinations develop.

LOOKING FORWARD

The methodology of the examinations, question setting and assessment, are constantly under review as we strive to attain the highest professional/educational standards. We are also in the process of reviewing the examination syllabi and curricula.

There is a continuous stream of applications for examinerships. Examiners play a most important role in the critical assessment of our trainees knowledge and skill sets. We are reviewing the induction and ongoing education and updates for them. We plan to hold an Information/Update day for examiners in 2010.

The Spring Final Fellowship Clinical Viva, and also Viva 1 and 2 examinations will be the first examinations to be held on our own premises in the new Training and Research Building.

We look forward to maintaining and strengthening the links between the Examinations Committees of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and the Royal College of Anaesthetists (UK).

2010 promises to be an exciting year as we continue to develop and face the challenges ahead.

Dr Kevin Carson

Chairman Examinations Committee

Examination Details and Results

APPENDIX 1

EXAMINATION PASS RESULTS

PRIMARY FCAI EXAMINATION

SPRING 2009

Adel Abdul Mohsun
 Madhu Adala
 Paul Alexander
 Subha Bagchi
 Anita Bidwai
 Hannah Brown
 Alison Byard
 Felicity Clark
 Julia Csajkovszki
 Nikhil Desai
 Jacques Diacono
 Gemma Dignam
 Sonali Diwate
 Michael Egan
 Amin El Mowag
 Jacqueline Fox Murphy
 Mansur Halai
 Bethan Hale
 Caroline Harte
 Elisabeth Harvey
 Katarina Horna
 Viera Husarova
 Binoy Issac
 Stuart Jenkins
 Naomi Johnston
 Karthikeyan Kallidaikurichi Srinivasan
 Niall Kennedy
 Fiona Kiernan
 Rajesh Krishna Pillai Saradha Amma
 Csaba Kuki
 Yuvaraj Kummur
 Genevieve Lowe
 Irfan Mansur
 Azlina Masdar
 Mona Mubarak
 Biju Peringathara

Martina Prchalova
 Daniel Quemby
 Senbagam Rajamanickam
 Simon Richard
 John Riordan
 Rajiv Roolalsingh
 Helen Ryan
 Girisankar Saminathan
 Sumanna Sankaran
 Ian Scott
 Muralidharan Selvanambi
 Islam Shaban Mohamed
 Madan Thirugnanam
 Andrew Thuku
 Pandurangam Yadagiri
 Mohd Yusoff

PRIMARY FCAI EXAMINATION

AUTUMN 2009

Mohamed Abdalla
 Hassan Ahmad
 Niamat Aldamluji
 Muhamad Almousawi
 Umair Ansari
 Yassir Azzain
 Anand Bangalore Puttappa
 Nicholas Barrett
 Srinivas Bathula
 Harpreet Bhangoo
 Abhijit Biswas
 Floju Chin
 Sheila Clarke
 Cara Connolly
 Rachel Copeland
 Caroline Curry
 Veena Daga
 Michael Daley
 Ramkumar Dhanancheyan
 Katarina Dick
 Claire Halligan

Vincent Hamlyn
 Anna Heaney
 Maeve Henry
 Sudath Kumarasinghe
 Veerabhadra Mandava Venkata
 Claire Martin
 Karen McCluskey
 Andrew McKechnie
 Rachel McKendry
 Thomas Miller
 Ausama Mohammed
 Sriram Naithilath
 Satishkar Narayanaswamy
 Diarmuid O’Briain
 Stiofán Ó’Conghaile
 Clare O’Connor
 Mahesh Palanisamy
 Mansoor Patil
 Vidhi Patle
 Eleanor Plunkett
 Deirdre Rafferty
 Pradeep Rajashekar
 Manamohan Rangaiah
 Anand Sathiapillai
 Enda Shanahan
 Ranvir Singh
 Gerard Sinovich
 Jaspreet Somal
 Nadia Strock
 Daniel Turner
 Gyanendra Upmanyu
 Hemamangala Venkatesh
 Catrin Williams

FINAL FCAI EXAMINATION SPRING 2009

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 Adesanya Alugo
 Nouman Alvi
 Parvathprasad Annamalai
 Ali Askary
 Archana Awsare
 Venkata Balusu
 Andrew Bayliss
 Heramba Beeraka
 Ravi Bhaskar

Clare Bridgestock
 Yasser Butt
 Ryan Campbell
 Neil Crooks
 Aidan Cullen
 Brenda Daly
 Pravin Dandegaonkar
 Mairéad Deighan
 Fiona Desmond
 Mark Entwistle
 Vinita Felmine
 Rohit Garkoti
 Abhik Ghosh
 Deepak Hanumanthaiah
 Peter Harper
 Jennifer Hastings
 Mairéad Hayes
 Emil Hinov
 Hugo Hunton
 Unyime Ituk
 Wouter Jonker
 Trevor Kavanagh
 Najaf Khoja
 Rory Maguire
 Khalid Mahmood
 Jeena Mathew
 Timothy Mawhinney
 Alistair May
 Niamh McAuliffe
 Patrick McKendry
 Emma McQuillan
 Vidhi Misra
 Colin Morton
 Mruthunjaya Narayana Swamy
 Michael O Sullivan
 Katie Padfield
 Narayana Pemmaraju
 Kavita Poply
 Aoife Quinn
 Karthik Ramamoorthy
 Vaidyanathan Ramanathan
 Shanmuga Ramaswamy
 Harsha Reddy
 Raveendra Reddy
 Faisal Sattar
 Gavin Scott
 Hassan Shakeban
 Sheelaj Sharma
 Manoj Sharma

Amit Singh
 John Strange
 Angukumar Thangamuthu
 Andrew Topping
 Sabanayagam Vaidyanathan
 Denise White

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 MarkMoll
 Aliaksandr Mudrakouski
 Ciara Murphy
 Ritesh Murthy
 Ramesh Murugesan Sadasivan
 Singaraselvan Nagarajan
 Rory Naughton
 Ruth Neary
 Khurram Niazi
 Judit Orosz
 Ravindranath Parekodi
 Sameer Ranjan
 Faisal Rasool
 Rajneesh Sachdeva
 Suresh Selvaraj
 Aarti Shah
 Hannah Shiels
 Manish Singhal
 Kryspin Stepien
 Chandrasekaran Subramanian
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 Muhammad Anwar
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 Salim Bhayla
 Lucia Borovickova
 Alan Broderick
 Susan Calderbank
 Eva Campo - Garcia
 Praveen Chahar
 Shefali Chaudhari
 Nila Cota
 Biswajit Das
 Chameli Deb
 Shailendra Deep
 Anne Marie Dolan
 Karim Elkasrawy
 Kingsley Enohumah
 Ian Ewington
 Edward Foley
 Senthil Gopalakrishnan
 Kayode Johnson
 Zaiti Kamarzaman
 Mortimer Kelleher
 Ahsun Khan
 Jan-Peter Koch
 Eby Koonthalloor
 Deepak Kumar
 Muhammad Latif
 Amer Majeed
 Uma Manickavasagam
 Sarmad Masad
 Prakash Matreja

PAIN MEDICINE DIPLOMA EXAMINATION

JUNE 2009

Tacson Fernandez
 Martin Griger
 Muhammad Farooq
 Daniel Kirubakaran
 Roisin Ni Mhuircheartaigh
 Magesh Shanmugam



National Training Committee Report

The College of Anaesthetists is recognised by the Medical Council as the Medical postgraduate training body for training in anaesthesia in Ireland. The College awards a CST to trainees who complete the 5 year national SpR Training Programme following 2 years BST. Achievement of CST entitles the holder to apply for registration in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland.

THE FOLLOWING WERE AWARDED A CST IN 2008:

Sinead Ahern
 Ishtiaq Ahmad
 Aman Ahuja
 Aly Atef Karim Aly
 Sunil Kumar Chaurasia
 Enda Francis Connolly
 Dalia Essam Eissa
 Hari Gopal
 Dominic Hegarty
 Devendra Kumar
 Aoife Lane
 Peter John Lee
 Venkatesha Seegepalya Lingaiah
 Janet Ellen McCluskey
 Cathy Ann McMahan
 Frédérique Martin
 Gyanendra Mohan
 Daniel Olimpiusz
 Ramakrishnan Subramaniam
 Muhammad Tariq

ROLE OF TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Training Committee organises and supervises anaesthesia training. The Committee meets 5 times a year and reports to the College Council. The Committee includes members of College Council, the Dean and Vice Dean, Representatives from the Regional Training Committees, Anaesthetists in Training, Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine & Pain Faculty.

ROLE OF COLLEGE TUTORS

There are College Tutors in all hospitals accredited for anaesthesia training. The Tutors play a pivotal role in co-ordinating training activities including assessment and achievement of competencies. This task will expand as the College implements more competence based curricula & assessment. Dr. Surgeon has worked with the College IT providers to update the trainee administration system in order to facilitate transfer of training documentation on trainees to and from College Tutors.

BASIC SPECIALTY TRAINING

The College issues CCBST to trainees who complete 2 years satisfactory BST and achieve the Primary FCA as per Training regulations and guidelines for BST competency assessment.

The College recognises experience in accredited anaesthesia training hospitals for training at BST level. Approved posts include 80 posts on the four Regional BST programmes and some 170 stand alone non rotation scheme posts. BST posts held by holders of contracts of indefinite duration are not recognised for training. The Training Committee devolves the management of

the four 2 year Regional BST rotational programmes to the Regional Training Committees in the Western, North-western, Southern & Eastern regions. The TRAS exemption scheme closed in 2008 and the last TRASex trainees will complete 2 years BST in December 2010. The Training Committee thanks Dr. Carlos McDowell who administered this scheme.

SPR TRAINING

Entry to the National SpR Training Programme by holders of CCBST is very competitive. The number of SpR posts is fixed by the Medical Council at 18 for each year of the 5 year programme. Doctors who are unsuccessful at competing for a SpR post pursue self directed training which is not structured by the Training Committee.

REGISTRAR TRAINING

During 2009 the Training Committee proposed an intermediate training programme to provide structured training for doctors who have recently completed BST and wish to proceed to SpR training but were unsuccessful at competing for a SpR post. This programme initially called the Associate Specialist Training Programme was offered to suitable trainees. The programme has since been renamed the Registrar Training Programme (RTP) in line with a submission from the Forum of Postgraduate Training bodies to the Medical Council. The RTP is due to commence in July 2010. If a RTP trainee is successful in entering the SpR programme retrospective credit will be applied.

ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAMME

An academic training programme for SpRs was introduced in 2009. SpRs may now apply for combined academic & clinical training where time spent in research training to PhD level is recognised towards completion of SpR training.

INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Training Committee together with the new Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine is considering new training structures in Intensive Care Medicine with the

object of training doctors to two levels - eligibility for a post of consultant with a special interest in ICM and eligibility for a post of Consultant Intensivist.

EWTD WORKING

The National Implementation Group reported in December 2008 that no hospital in Ireland was fully compliant with the provisions of the EWTD. This is now more evident as the 48 hour week came into effect in August 2009. To achieve full compliance there needs to be a significant re-organisation of the existing acute hospital system and the way these services are provided. The College has informed the HSE of its concerns re patient safety, training time and service provision.

NCHD CONTRACT 2010

The introduction of the new contract for NCHDs was delayed until January 2010. Under the new contract the trainee will not be required to make a financial contribution towards the cost of delivery of training from July 2010. The College of Anaesthetists trainee administration fee applies to end of June 2010 and will continue to be refunded by the HSE until 30 June 2010 subject to the same controls as currently in operation.

THE FUTURE

Changes in the relationships between the Medical Council, HSE & College of Anaesthetists are expected. The Medical Council under the new Medical Practitioners Act has a statutory role in the determination and monitoring of standards as they relate to education and training for specialist qualifications. The College of Anaesthetists and its training programmes must thus be accredited by the Medical Council. The HSE METR has proposed a Service level agreement with all accredited Postgraduate Training Bodies to train a fixed number of specialist trainees and fund accordingly. Postgraduate training is at a transition phase. The Training Committee members face new challenges in 2010 to manage and implement change in postgraduate training structures. The Training Committee thanks all who contribute to the training process especially Dr Ian Surgeon, Maria Golden and the College Tutors.

Katrina O'Sullivan

Chairperson, National Training Committee



Education Committee Report

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 six times during the year on the 18th February, 21st April, 10th June, 14th September, 19th October and 7th December and reported back to the Council and the President.

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

This year all of the workshops were very popular and most were oversubscribed. Vascular Access was held on the 9th of February and was run by Dr Alan McShane and the Echocardiography Workshop run by Dr Michael Griffin was on 27th February. The Difficult Airways Workshop was held on the 14th 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 25th November in the Clarion Hotel in the IFSC, Dublin and was coordinated by Professor Dominic Harmon. The Ethics & Legal Workshop now entitled Professionalism in Practice Workshop was held on the 20th of November and was coordinated by Professor Anthony Cunningham.

DELANEY MEDAL PRESENTATION

The Delaney Medal presentation took place in the Radisson Hotel on Thursday 12th March. The adjudicators were Dr Aiden Synott (Beaumont) and Dr Harry Frizelle (Mater). Fannin sponsored the reception which was held afterwards in the Radisson Hotel. The winning presentations was Dr Eoin Casey with a presentation entitled "Bolus Remifentanyl for Chest drain removal in the Intensive Care unit: A comparison of two doses versus

placebo" and Dr Tanya O'Neill with a presentation entitled "Post-Operative Cognitive Dysfunction: the contribution of general anaesthetic agents to its aetiology".

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

The Abbott Scholarship in Anaesthetic Research was held on Friday 13th March. Abbott Laboratories once again provided €10,000 for a scholarship to support original research by an Irish anaesthetist. The judges Dr Ellen O'Sullivan (Dublin), Prof Fee (Belfast) and Prof Anthony Cunningham (Dublin). The winners were Dr Ivan Hayes with a presentation entitled "Intralipid in Asphyxial Cardiac Arrest- A Laboratory Study" and Dr Criona Walshe with a presentation entitled "Volatile Anaesthetics and Cardioprotection: The Role of Redox – Sensitive Inducible Modulators of Mitochondrial Energetics"

College of Anaesthetists of Ireland Research Award; Dr Maya Contreas also won a College scholarship as the standard of the research presented for the Abbott Scholarship was very high. The presentation was entitled – "The role of the NF- B pathway in mediating the protective effects of hypercapnic acidosis and stem cell strategies in ventilation induced lung injury.

IRISH CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIA (ICA)

This was held on the 14th & 15th 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 echocardiography, regional anaesthesia and pain therapy. The faculty included speakers from across Europe, Australia and the United Kingdom as well as a number from Ireland. This year's congress included the inaugural meeting of the Irish Society of Regional Anaesthesia

(ISRA) which held the first Advanced Ultrasound in Regional Anaesthesia Workshop. The Gilmartin Lecture was held on the Thursday evening in the RCPI, Dublin and was given by Professor Paul Muldoon, Professor of English, Princeton University, who read a selection of his poems.

The Annual Dinner of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland was held in the Mansion House.

CORE TOPICS DAY

The Core Topics Day meeting was held in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast on 7th October. This meeting is a joint collaboration between the RCA and the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland. It was organized by Professor Howard Fee.

The Autumn College Lecture was given as part of the Core Topics Day on the 7th October in Waterfront Hall in Belfast. This lecture was given by Professor Brendan Madden, London.

WINTER COLLEGE LECTURE

The GSK Medal Presentations and the Winter College Lecture were held on the 20th of November in the Westin Hotel. The Winter College Lecture was given by Professor Scott Beattie University of Toronto and was entitled "A Framework for Making Evidence Based Decisions in Anaesthesia"

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 Tim Cooke (UK), Dr Eleanor O'Leary (Galway), Dr Joe Tracey (Dublin) and the ATI representative Dr Michael Callaghan. The winner of the GSK Medal Presentation was Dr Alexandra Crean and her presentation was entitled "Severe rhabdomyolysis due to a drug interaction". Dr Martinus Meela was also recognized for his presentation entitled "Ultrasound Guided Rectus Sheath Block in the Management of Abdominal Cutaneous Nerve Entrapment Syndrome (ACNES) in a Teenage Girl"

COLLEGE COURSES

This year the college held two Introduction to Anaesthesia courses. Both courses were held in the Clarion Hotel in the IFSC on the 22nd and 23rd January and the 18th and 19th of June. The course was run by the Postgraduate Dean, Dr Ian Surgeon.

The Final Revision Course was run by Dr. Deirdre McCoy from the 2nd – 6th February. The course was held in the Clarion Hotel IFSC and proved very successful. A Pain Revision course was held on the 18th and 19th of May in St Vincent's Hospital this was organized by Dr Paul Murphy. The Primary Revision Course was scheduled to run on the 21st and 22nd October in the Clarion Hotel IFSC.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their advice and support during the year. I would also like to thank the office staff and in particular Ms. Maria Golden for all her help in helping to deliver the ever-expanding Educational Programme.

Dr Ellen O'Sullivan
Chairman



Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia)

The Degree of Master in Science (Anaesthesia) established in 2002 and restructured as Degree of Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia) in 2007, is approved by The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and by the Senate of the National University of Ireland. All anaesthetists are eligible for enrolment (July of each year). The objectives of the MSc course are to enhance continuing education and professional development of anaesthetists (consultants and SpRs) in information technology and applied basic medical sciences and to enhance the quality of patient care by providing specific knowledge and skills relating to ethical and legal aspects of medical practice and appropriate risk management strategies.

The MSc course which runs over 2 years comprises compulsory modules; Professionalism in Practice (College of Anaesthetists of Ireland), Medical Education (Queen's University Belfast and University College Galway) and Legal Medicine and Risk Management (University College Dublin) and two elective modules chosen from Clinical Research (University College Cork), Strategic Health Management (Institute of Public Administration), Biostatistics (University College Cork) and Health Systems Development (Institute of Public Administration). A further elective module; Leadership in Health Services (Institute of Public Administration), will be offered in 2010. These modules are also offered as credit or interest only courses to all anaesthetists (consultants and SpRs). During the next academic year Professionalism in Practice will become an integral part of the core curriculum for Anaesthesia Specialist Registrar Training and will be mandatory for all SpRs during years 4 and 5 of training. Modules are provided by e-learning, didactic lectures and self-directed learning.

To date seventeen candidates have been conferred – most recently five in November 2009. Currently sixteen students are undertaking the MSc course of whom five commenced in 2009. It is expected that eight students will complete the MSc course in 2010.

*Professor Anthony J Cunningham &
Dr Deirdre McCoy*

Course Directors Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia)



Hospital Inspections Report

Every hospital with recognised training posts is required to be inspected once every five years. An additional inspection to gain recognition for more training posts or to assess the suitability of the training for more advanced trainees can sometimes be accommodated but is best planned and applied for as part of the five-yearly review.

The inspection has a number of components and detailed guidance on the process and documentation required is available on the College website. It is important that any hospital seeking approval for training read these documents. This will ensure that the correct information is forwarded to the College and that the hospital uses the guidance to prepare for the visit, thus helping to make the inspection a success.

The College continually aims to improve its processes and this year we will be reviewing the documentation to streamline it.

The Forum of Irish Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies (Forum) is in the process of developing a generic inspection process to review “core” education facilities on behalf of all the training bodies. The purpose of this is to reduce duplicate inspections of core facilities by all specialties. The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland has been asked to pilot this and we will be incorporating their requirements into our inspection process.

The inspection process is one of the cornerstones of the College’s role in regulation of training in Ireland and we are grateful for the cooperation of all members of the departments inspected, both consultants and trainees, in this important area of the work of the College.

In the last year 13 Hospitals were inspected and are tabled below:

HOSPITALS	DATES	REPORT
Beaumont, Dublin	15th April 2009	Complete
Bon Secours, Cork	17 th June 2009	Complete
Crumlin	3 rd Mar 2009	Complete
Castlebar	18 th Dec 2009	Pending
Portlaoise	20 th Mar 2009	Complete
Portiuncula, Galway	12 th June 2009	Complete
Rotunda	17 th April 2009	Complete
Temple Street, Dublin	Postponed till 2010	Pending
Wexford General	21 st May 2009	Complete
University College		
Hospital, Galway	1 st May 2009	Complete
National Maternity Hospital	11 th Mar 2009	Complete
Limerick Hospital	4 th Nov 2009	Pending
St. Vincent’s University Hospital	16 th Apr 2009	Complete
OLOLH Drogheda	16 th Mar 2009	Complete

My thanks to the Postgraduate Dean, the CEO, Maria Golden and Orla Doran for their diligence and finally to Council members for their time devoted to inspections and thanks to Jeremy Smith the outgoing Chair.

Dr David Hill

Hospital Inspections Coordinator



Credentials Committee Report

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Drs John Loughrey, Jeanne Moriarty, Joe Tracey, David Mannion, Harry Frizelle, Brian Marsh, Ellen O'Sullivan, Katrina O'Sullivan, Jeremy Smith, Kevin Carson, Rory Dwyer, John McAdoo, Ian Surgeon, Ellie O'Leary, Connail McCrory (Alternate Pain Faculty), Joseph Fitzgerald (Alternate Pain Faculty), Orlaith McCaul and Prof. Anthony Cunningham.

This is my first report as Chairman of The Credentials Committee, having assumed the Chair in the autumn of 2009. The Committee reports to Council via a report at each Council meeting and any Council member may attend the Credentials Committee meetings. The Credentials Committee of the College met five times during 2009.

A significant part of the brief of the Committee is to advise the Medical Council of Ireland regarding eligibility for inclusion on the Specialist Division of The Register of Medical Practitioners. Individual applicants referred by The Medical Council have their training and experience compared with doctors completing the National Specialist Training Programmes in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine. The Specialist Training Programme competencies are used as a basis for assessing applicants and documentary evidence is sought for validation purposes. The assessment process is detailed and comprehensive.

The Committee must identify where deficits in training or experience exist and advise the Medical Council accordingly. The mechanism for doctors based in Ireland to remedy these deficiencies within College Training programmes is limited by funding for these posts.

Twenty new applicants were referred to the Committee by The Medical Council in 2009. Of those fourteen applicants that agreed to progress their submissions; nine were recommended for inclusion on the Specialist Register, and five are on file pending further evidence requested. Six further applicants were recommended for inclusion for applications prior to 2009. The role of The College is advisory and the Medical Council makes the final decision on eligibility. The College also has representation on the Registration Working Group of the Medical Council along with the other Postgraduate Training Bodies.

I am very grateful to Ms. Orla Doran from the College staff, who supports the work of the Committee and look forward to what promises to be a busy year in 2010.

Dr John Loughrey

Chairperson, Credentials Committee



Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland

It is now just over one year since the inaugural meeting of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland (JFICMI) – representing a collaboration of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Intensive Care Society of Ireland. The remit of the JFICMI is broad, but condensed to a few main points; I would place the emphasis on training and education, and the development of the specialty of intensive care medicine (ICM) in Ireland. Training and education is established in many ways, particularly through the Diploma of the Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine. This shall continue, with an aspiration to progress this to a fellowship level credentialing through the JFICMI. However, access to dedicated training posts in intensive care is difficult and this needs to be corrected to foster a programme towards completion of specialist training in ICM for those who wish a long term career in this specialty. Access to such training needs to be from all base specialties – anaesthesia, medicine, and surgery – consistent with international models of such training.

The JFICMI is engaging with the post graduate training bodies to establish a model of intensive care training to ensure that training in intensive care medicine in Ireland can be completed to a specialist level. There needs to be a greater number of intensive care training posts, with defined modular and rotational components, accessible in a predictable and competitive manner to those doctors wishing a career either as Intensivists or as Consultants with an Interest in Intensive Care Medicine. This will further require the support and investment of HSE-METR in such a program. Although it is a challenging time to try an push forward such a program, it is essential to do so to ensure Ireland has sufficient intensive care specialists to meet the needs of the health care system, as previously identified in the manpower components of Hanley and

FAS reports, and as evident to all those working in the specialty.

In terms of the examination process and the Diploma of the Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine, this examination and Diploma shall continue as the route to accreditation in ICM for probably a few more years pending development and recognition of a Fellowship program. There are to date in excess of 120 holders of the DIBICM, and this year's examination has again a good body of applicants. Hopefully success shall come their way, and indeed the pass rate for the DIBICM has been traditionally quite high, consistent with the seniority of the candidates.

The process towards recognition of Intensive Care Medicine as a specialty on the Register of Medical Specialists is also a slow but on-going process. The submission has been tabled with the Irish Medical Council and all the supporting requirements are in place. One particular component is the establishment of a body of members to that specialty activity. I am delighted with the initial response from those either accredited in ICM or with an established consultant practice in ICM who have applied through the Credentials Committee of JFICMI for foundation ad eundem fellowships with the Joint Faculty. This is an extremely potent statement of the commitment to intensive care medicine of so many of our colleagues.

Please be aware that later in 2010 there will be an election process for a number of JFICMI board positions. This is part of the process of achieving a broad representation and pushing forward the work and goals of the Joint Faculty. I will circulate all Fellows of JFICMI nearer the time.

Brian Marsh, FJFICMI

Dean



Faculty of Pain Medicine Report

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

During the course of 2009 the faculty board met on four occasions. The faculty chairs of Exams (Dr Harney), Education (Dr O'Keeffe), Training (Dr McCrory), Finance (Dr Victory), Credentials (Dr MacSullivan) and Competence Assurance (Dr Power) worked within the respective College Committees.

The Pain Medicine diploma clinical exam took place on June 9th & 10th in the post graduate centre Beaumont Hospital (Dr Keaveny). The written component, supervised (Drs George Galley/ Donal Harney) and the viva took place in the Alexandra Hotel, Dublin. Six out of 12 candidates were successful. The role of external examiner was carried out by Dr Gerry Browne, Belfast, following cancellation at short notice by the agreed Extern. The examination was organised by Dr Donal Harney with expert administration by Ms Marguerite Harvey.

Two educational events were organised during the year, the Pain Revision Course prior to the Diploma exam in May, organised by Drs Paul Murphy and Dr O'Keeffe, and the Inaugural Annual Scientific Meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine. The ASM took place in February in Dublin Castle with 172 delegates in attendance. Clinicians in the pain medicine faculty were joined by a team of international speakers including Professor Michael Nicholas (pain rehabilitation), Dr Fiona Blythe (epidemiology), Professor Stevan Schug (acute pain) from Australia and Dr Nadine Natal (neurology) from France. As the IASP theme for the year was cancer pain management, Dr Dermot Fitzgibbon from Seattle was the chief guest and delivered an excellent lecture on diagnosis and assessment in cancer pain.



*Pain in 21st Century Conference
Prof Michael Nicholas, Royal North Shore Sydney*

The Education committee of the faculty was invited to provide a session at the Annual Scientific Congress of the College in May 2009. The theme chosen was chronic post surgical pain and the programme was put together by Dr O'Keeffe.



Pain in 21st Century Conference

The session was led by Dr Bill Macrae from Dundee with the latest insights from Professor Kehlet's group in Denmark and Professor Breviks group in Norway. These three groups have been the leading contributors in the study of the evolution of acute pain into chronic pain postoperatively over the last 10 – 20 years.

In July, the new Faculty met Minister Mary Harney, TD by invitation. At the meeting the Minister agreed to appoint the Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Philip Crowley as the pain policy liaison point of contact between the department and the faculty. Current communication has started to look at pain as a 5th vital sign, and chronic pain as a disease in its own right.

At the October meeting of the Board Dr David Hill stood down as Dean of the Interim Faculty after two years. Let me take this opportunity to formally thank him for his contribution to Pain Medicine as Foundation Dean.

As a measure of the success of his tenure since 2007 the Council of the College has now removed the "interim status" of the faculty. So we begin 2010 as the Faculty of Pain Medicine, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland. The Faculty has endorsed the second edition of "Acute Pain; the Scientific evidence" by the Faculty of Pain Medicine and College of Anaesthetists of Australia and New Zealand. This publication will be launched at the World Pain Congress in Montreal, in August, 2010

Dr Camillus Power

Dean, Faculty of Pain Medicine



Academic Anaesthesia Committee Report

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 on 28th January, 3rd June, 2nd September and 2nd December 2009.

The Agenda for the Academic Committee included: -

INPUT INTO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (NCMET)

The Department of Health and Children and the Department of Education and Science established the National Committee on Medical Education and Training 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. Eilis McGovern

(C) POSTGRADUATE –

Chairman: Prof. Dermot Kelleher, Trinity College.

Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan represents the College on the Committee.

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.

- Topics considered included
- Student Intake Strategy
- FAS Study Relating to Workforce Planning
- Forum of Irish Postgraduate Training Bodies BST Audit
- HEA National Office for Equality of Access to Higher Education

(A) 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 28 academic clinician posts were proposed. The HSE Medical Education Training and Research (METR) Unit and the Higher Education Authority (HEA) jointly funded these posts.

**(B) DR. RICHARD STEEVENS
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The HSE METR group awarded scholarships and 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 12 months training abroad.

The training programme is aimed at novel areas of medicine and patient care.

**(C) HRB/ HSE NATIONAL SPR/
SR ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAMME 2009:**

Dr Alan Gaffney was one of four trainees nationally appointed to this combined CCST / Phd programme. His training will include research (TCD), clinical Mater Misericordia Hospital Dublin, and research in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**(D) HSE METR - COLLEGE'S 2009
FUNDING SUBMISSION**

The HSE METR unit allocated 1.8M in revenue grants to recognized training bodies in 2008 for projects relating to

- E-logbooks
- Online education
- Clinical governance
- Clinical skills development
- Careers seminars
- Teaching and mentoring skills for trainers
- Generic skill courses for trainees.

College specific applications for 2009 include Trainee Administration System €82,909K, on-line journals two applications totalling €33,180K, and individual SpR 4/5 post funding €105k.

The Postgraduate training Bodies forwarded submissions totalling €3.5m for the €1.8m funding available in 2009.

(E) 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.

**COMPETENCY-BASED TRAINING AND
ASSESSMENT UNITS**

Dr Crina Burlacu, on behalf of the College established the inaugural "Training the Trainers Course" – Beaumont Hospital 16th&17thOctober 2009.

Follow-up Anaesthesia Emergencies for Basic Specialist Trainees (Parts 1 and 2) are scheduled for the ASSET Centre in Cork and St James's Hospital, Dublin

JOINT COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS IRISH AID PROJECT IN MALAWI.

The Committee received regular updates on:

- Memorandum of Understanding - College of Medicine Blantyre College of Anaesthetists
- Launch of 3 year education and training programme in Malawi
- Appointment of Project Managers Dr Paul Downie and Dr Tom Schnittger
- 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.
- Undergraduate 2 week teaching programme – Drs Moyna Bill and David O’ Toole – March - April 2009
- Care of Obstetric Emergency and Trauma Courses provided by Drs Tom Schnittger and Patricija Ecimovic September – October 2009

Prof Anthony J Cunningham

Chairman, Academic Anaesthesia Committee



Malawi Group Visit May 2009



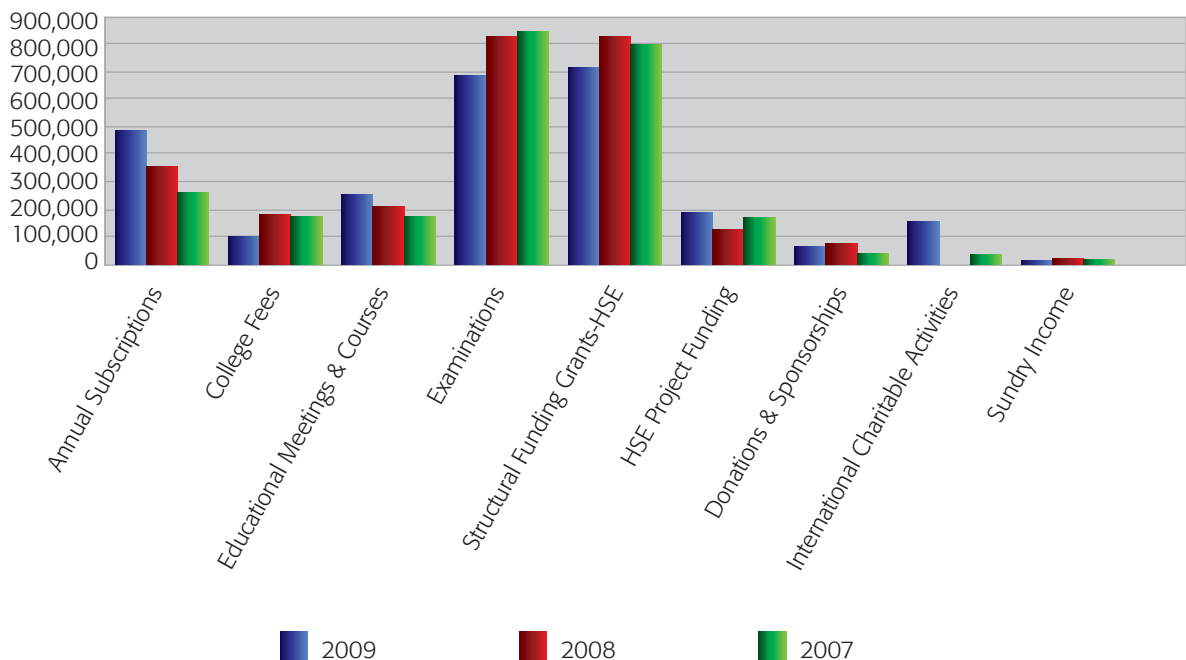
Honorary Treasurer's Report

This is my first report to the members in my role as Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. My term started in January 2010; although I began sitting in on finance committee meetings during 2009. Let me begin by acknowledging the tremendous work by Dr John Loughrey who guided the Committee over the past three and a half years. The Committee, whose members are listed on page 32, meet on a quarterly basis and reports to Council. I am pleased to present herewith the audited financial statements of the College for the year ended 31st December 2009 which are set out on pages 33 to 36 of this annual report. The financial statements have been audited by Ormsby and Rhodes, a firm of Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors. They have opined that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Colleges affairs.

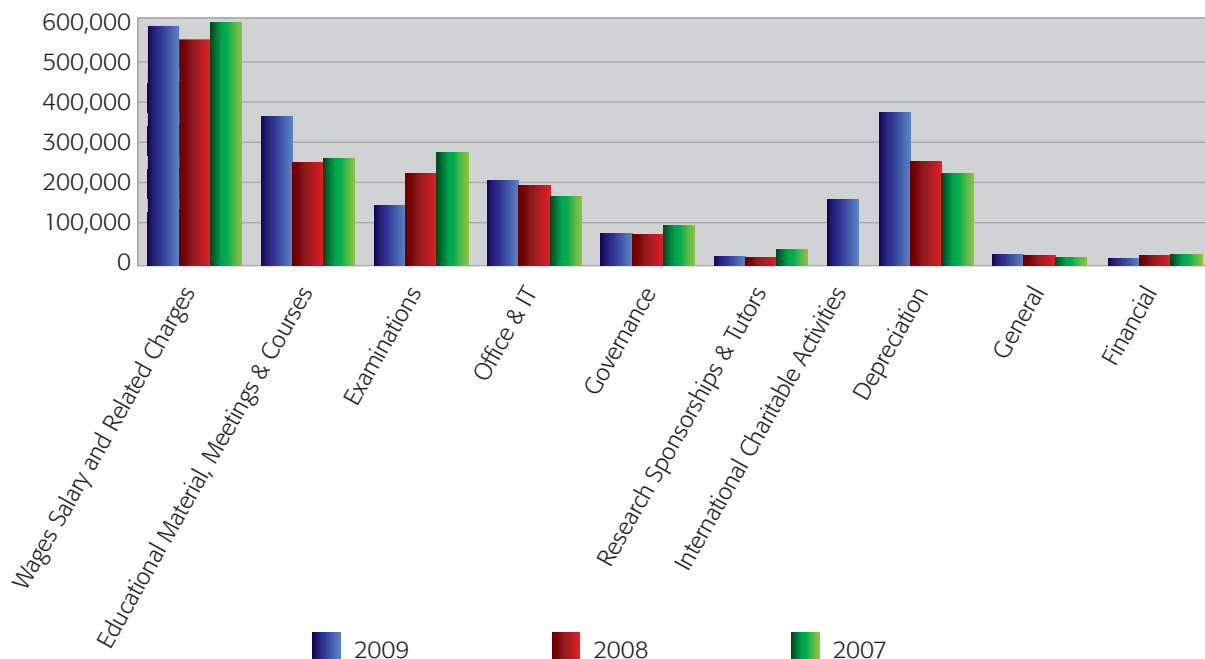
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

During 2009 the college remained in a sound financial position. This is a significant achievement in the current financial climate. The turnover in 2009 was €2,634,317, up 1.6% on 2008 levels. Again, College income from Fellows subscriptions has increased by over 36% on the 2008 figure. This income category is of vital importance as other categories decline. In 2009 the College received its funding from HSE Medical Education and Training division. This funding was administered by the PGMDB until December 2008, when it transferred to the HSE/METR. The HSE continues to provide funding for defined projects through 2009. The college received its second year's funding from Irish Aid for the three year project for the overseas education in anaesthesia in Malawi.

3 Year (2007 - 2009) Income Comparison Graph



3 Year (2007 - 2009) Expenditure Comparison Graph



Several decisions were made in 2008 that have had an impact on the financial statements. The first was the Council's decision to proceed with the redevelopment of 22 Merrion Square. Secondly, the decision was taken to move to Duke Lane for the duration of renovations. Also we have commenced a major project which will improve the infrastructure and functionality of the college's IT system. This is required to support current and future activities. This will be business resilient. As predicted, the operating costs for this year have increased by 22%. Total expenditure for 2009 was 1,919,811. Overall a healthy surplus remains.

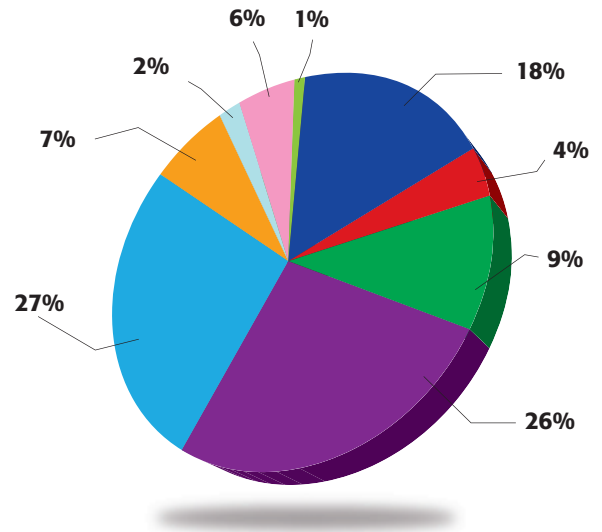
Whilst we are mindful of the current economic challenges and the increasing costs for businesses, we are confident that we will be able to manage our growth and our costs as we have done in the past. Financial checks and balances have been strengthened this year. The College's increased debt consequent on the building redevelopment coupled with ongoing change in training and funding structures will be challenging, but I believe the organisation's clear focus and cognisance of the financial boundaries that exist, will allow the current strong financial position to be maintained.

A number of staff and professional changes, pertinent to Finance, occurred in 2009. These included the adoption of new College Auditors, Ormsby & Rhodes, following the Annual General Meeting, the introduction of Management Accounts and the departure of Niamh O'Connor. We wish Niamh best wishes in her future career and thank her for her work for the college. We are delighted to welcome Sharon Murray as an assistant to the Finance Office and welcome her to the staff.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the committee and all college staff for their work and support, but in particular Margaret Jenkinson, Finance Officer, whose organisational skills and unstinting attention to detail ensure the job of Treasurer is both pleasant and manageable.

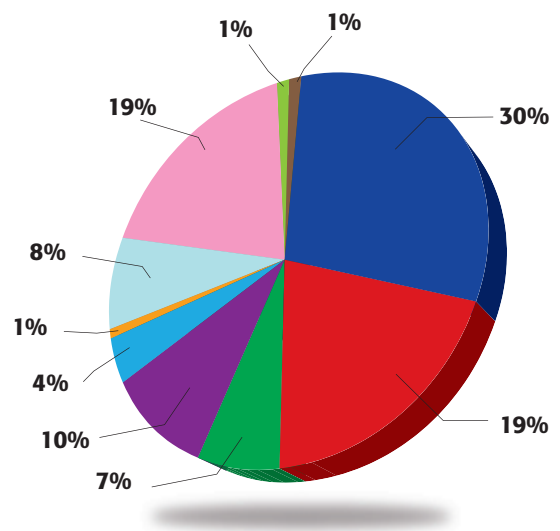
Income 2009

- **18%** - Annual Subscriptions
- **4%** - College Fees
- **9%** - Educational Meeting & Courses
- **26%** - Examinations
- **27%** - Structural Funding Grants- HSE
- **7%** - HSE Project Funding
- **2%** - Donations & Sponsorships
- **6%** - International Charitable Activities
- **1%** - Sundry Income



Expenditure 2009

- **30%** - Wages, Salaries, Related Charges & Training
- **19%** - Educational Material, Meetings & Courses
- **7%** - Examinations
- **10%** - Office & IT
- **4%** - Governance
- **1%** - Research Sponsorship & Tutors
- **8%** - International Charitable Events
- **19%** - Depreciation
- **1%** - Financial
- **1%** - General



Dr Harry Frizelle

Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance & General Purpose Committee

Finance Committee; Harry Frizelle, Jeanne Moriarty, Joseph Tracey, David Mannion, Katrina O’Sullivan, Ellen O’Sullivan, Kevin Carson, Philip Hawthorne, John Loughrey, John McAdoo, Kenneth Lowry, William P. Blunnie, Anthony Cunningham, David Hill, Jeremy Smith, Brian Marsh, Ray Victory (Pain Faculty), Ian Surgeon, Ellie O’Leary and Orlaith McCaul.

Auditor's Report

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS OF IRELAND

We have audited the financial statements of College of Anaesthetists of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise of the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on therein.

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 Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

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.

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 2009. 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 financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

We report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not disclosed 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 misstatement within it.

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.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of the company's affairs as at the 31 December 2009 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts 1963 to 2009.

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.

Ormsby & Rhodes

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
REGISTERED AUDITORS**

Dublin

12th March 2010

Income and Expenditure

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

INCOME	2009	2008
Annual subscriptions	481,351	352,979
College fees	96,471	175,812
Educational meetings & courses	252,070	205,056
Examinations	682,461	824,280
Grants: Structural Funding Grants: HSE METR Funding	714,000	824,500
HSE project funding	187,280	124,515
Donations & sponsorships	60,616	69,283
International charitable activities	149,387	-
Sundry income	10,681	15,343
	<u>2,634,317</u>	<u>2,591,768</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages, salaries, related charges, staff training and recruitment	583,212	550,283
Educational material, meetings & courses	362,140	247,641
Examinations	140,363	220,054
Office & IT	201,279	188,512
Governance	68,495	70,355
Research sponsorships & tutors	15,000	10,076
International charitable activities	153,776	-
Depreciation	367,823	248,715
Financial	17,293	16,818
General	10,430	17,570
	<u>1,919,811</u>	<u>1,570,024</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS	714,506	1,021,744
Interest receivable and similar income	24,672	81,442
Interest payable and similar charges	<u>(16,495)</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	722,683	1,103,186
RETAINED SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>7,579,265</u>	<u>6,476,079</u>
RETAINED SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>8,301,948</u>	<u>7,579,265</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the results disclosed above and there have been no discontinued activities or acquisitions in the current or preceding year.

On behalf of the board of Directors
Dr Jeanne Moriarty & Dr. Harry Frizelle
 Directors

Balance Sheet

31 DECEMBER 2009

	2009 €	2008 €
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	8,970,109	5,358,156
	_____	_____
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	58,283	115,562
Cash at bank and in hand	2,346,510	2,555,428
	_____	_____
	2,404,793	2,670,990
	_____	_____
CREDITORS:		
amounts falling due within one year	(708,345)	(449,881)
	_____	_____
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1,696,448	2,221,109
	_____	_____
	10,666,557	7,579,265
CREDITORS:		
amounts falling due after more than one year	(2,364,609)	-
	_____	_____
TOTAL NET ASSETS	8,301,948	7,579,265
	=====	=====
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Retained surplus	8,301,948	7,579,265
	_____	_____
MEMBERS FUNDS	8,301,948	7,579,265
	=====	=====

On behalf of the board of Directors
Dr Jeanne Moriarty & Dr. Harry Frizelle
 Directors
 12th March 2010



International Relations Committee

The Inaugural meeting of the International Relations Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd September 2009 at 17.30pm in the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, 12, Duke Lane, Dublin 2. The 2nd meeting was held on 2nd December 2009.

CHAIRMAN Prof. Anthony Cunningham

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE:

PRESIDENT: Dr. Jeanne Moriarty

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dr. Joseph Tracey

HONORARY SECRETARY: Dr. David Mannion

HONORARY TREASURER: Dr. Harry Frizelle

MEMBERS:

CHAIRMAN, EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Dr. Kevin Carson

CHAIRMAN, EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan

IRISH ESA REPRESENTATIVE:

Prof. George Shorten

IRISH UEMS REPRESENTATIVE:

Dr. Sean McDevitt

IRISH AID REPRESENTATIVE:

Dr. Tom Schnittger

SOCIETY EDUCATION SUPPORT:

Dr. Gabrielle Iohom

TRAINING COMMITTEE:

Dr. Brian Kinirons

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Dr Muhammed Khalid

THE COLLEGE'S INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

The Chairman outlined how the President, Dr Jeanne Moriarty proposed that the Committee be established. He indicated that, based on discussions at the inaugural meeting, he will prepare an International Relations document.

REMIT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee set out its remit which included

- (1) European Anaesthesia Governance – UEMS
- (2) Training and Examination Reciprocity – CIREBA – Current Status
- (3) International Training Programmes and Examinations – Oman /Egypt
- (4) European Society of Anaesthesiologists - Preparation for Helsinki Congress 2010
- (5) Society Education Support
 - (a) Society Anestheziology Reanimatology of the Republic of Moldova:

Prof. Fee initiated the College's participation in the inaugural Congress in 2007. On that occasion the College provide a much appreciated Airway Management Workshop.

Prof. Cunningham, Drs Crina Burcau, Gabriella Iohom and Dara Breslin represented the College at the 2009 Congress.

Subsequent discussion featured the potential benefits of expanding the College's relationships to include Romania, with the ultimate intention of developing Memorandums of Understanding involving educational support and training exchanges.

(b) University of the West Indies

Previous associations between the College and the University of the West Indies including provision of exchange examiners and a joint meeting in Tobago in February 2003

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FUNDRAISING

The Committee considered the potential extension of fundraising activities to support international training and educational activities including

PIANO RECITAL -

Dr Jennifer Porter - University College Cork,
3rd September 2009

GOLF CLASSIC -

Dr James Gardiner - Elm Park, 28th September 2009

AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT -

Dr Deirdre McCoy - Elm Park, 28th September 2009.

JOINT IRISH AID / COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS PROJECTS



Winning Team 2009 - Crumlin Hospital

CARE OF OBSTETRIC EMERGENCIES AND TRAUMA – PLANNING FOR MALAWI

Management of Obstetric Emergencies and Trauma courses January 2010 – Drs William Blunnie and Patricija Ecimovic

Undergraduate March 2010 Programme (Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Brian Kinirons and Moyna Bill)

Mid-Project Review Monday 26th April – Sunday 2nd May 2010 (Prof Anthony Cunningham, Drs Ellen O'Sullivan & Orlaith McCaul)

Irish Aid Funding 2010/2011

Anthony J Cunningham
Chairman



Project Group Report

The “Imago” that is now contained within 22 Merrion Square has evolved from the “Pupa” purchased in 1998. The building has undergone a metamorphosis due to judicious investment by the College and input from the Project Group, which held in excess of thirty committee meetings over the past two years. The vision of the Board of Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI in the purchase of this building has now made available to the College, Faculties of Pain and Intensive Care Medicine, Fellows and Anaesthetists in Training a state of the art facility which all can be justly proud of.

Great credit for the metamorphosis is due to the appointment of a visionary architect Roisin Hanley who spearheaded a design concept which has afforded the College a unique number of zones to include a self contained catering, reception and lecture theatre, which can accommodate 110 seated attendees. The main building has had many of its Georgian features restored, its fabrication strengthened throughout to ensure its structural integrity for the next half century.



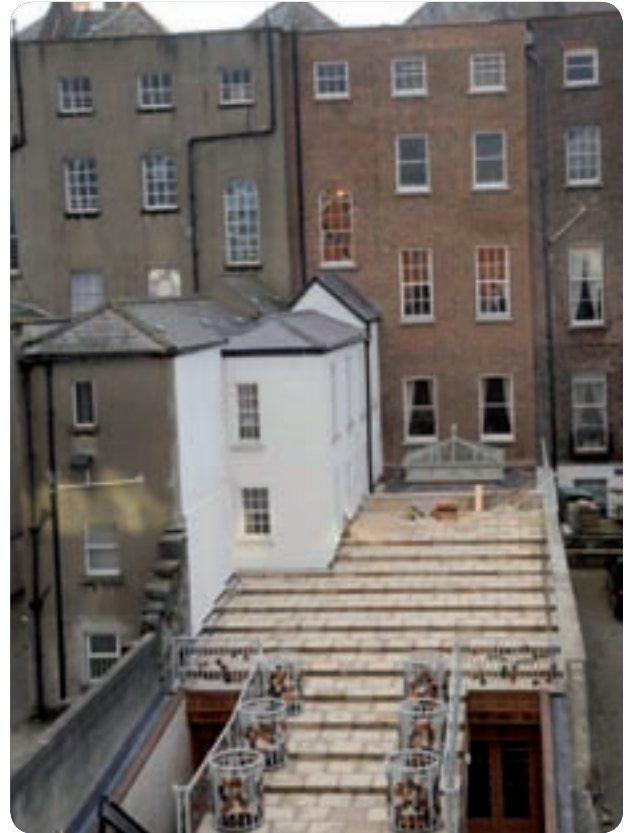
New Lecture Theatre

Externally extensive conservation works have been completed which enhance the visual and functional aspect of the building. Some car park spaces have been retained and 25 bicycle spaces added. The connection between the main building and the Denzille Lane component has retained a near seamless walkway over the Lecture Theatre roof, lined with copper rails and high quality boxes with shrubs and trees which set off a natural eye line and passage.



The Denzille Lane development extends to 400 sq metres with the Simulator Training Unit in the basement. The 3rd floor is virtually exteriorised thanks to large glazed openings and balconies. Both areas are connected with a 10-person lift, which passes through 2 additional floors of 98 sq metres each. Throughout both buildings the highest possible specifications were applied for the audio-visual and external transmission of lectures and or meetings via HEA broadband. Low energy lightening, passive air circulation, acoustic compliance and most up to date EU insulation standards result in as “green” an entity as was possible.

No 22 is now ready to go. The Project Group has completed its work and will shortly dis-band and hand over to the House Committee all on-going management.



I would like to express grateful thanks to members of the Project Group and Ms Mary Malone for super administrative support, which made the work of the Project Group efficient, easy and effective.

Dr William P Blunnie
Chairman



Professional Competence Committee Report

CHAIR DR J MCADOO

Members: Dr J Moriarty President, Dr D Mannion, Dr H Frizelle, Dr J Tracey, Dr I Surgeon, Dr E O'Sullivan, Dr J Loughrey, Dr K O'Sullivan, Dr O McCaul, Dr G Browne, Dr B Marsh and Dr C Power.

It is with great pleasure I give the report for the Professional Competence Committee 2009. This has been a very busy year for the committee with the enactment of section 11 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 expected in 2010. Enactment of section 11 of the MPA 2007 has been timed to enable the Medical Council sufficient opportunity to have professional competence schemes (PCS) for Medical Practitioners in place. The College as the recognised training body for anaesthesia has been requested to develop the PCS for anaesthetists.

Over the past eighteen months the Professional Competence Committee of the College has met seven times and has worked in partnership with the Professional Competence Steering Committee, the Medical Council and the Forum of Irish Training Bodies to put in place a PCS for Anaesthesia, Intensive Care Medicine and Pain Medicine. I acknowledge the work of the CAPRI group who conducted a major pilot scheme for an Anaesthesia PCS. I also thank members of the Committee, College Council, and our College Deans Drs I Surgeon and E O'Leary for their hard work and expertise in bringing this task to fruition. I also thank our hard working secretariat for their dedication and commitment.

In addition to developing a PCS the Professional Competence Committee evaluates and advises College Council on the educational content of meetings for CPD purposes. The work of the Professional Competence Committee will expand as the PCS develops and is implemented in 2010-2011. The Committee invites, welcomes and values comments, contributions and suggestions from both Fellows and all anaesthetists on the committee's work. We hope this committee will continue to provide you with a PCS that is user friendly, meets the expectations of the MPA 2007 and which you as an anaesthetist finds of benefit to your practice.

Dr John McAdoo

Chairman Professional Competence Committee



Quality & Safety Advisory Committee Report

As part of the continuing development of the College and in recognition of, and response to, the recent changes in the regulation of medicine in Ireland the College has established a Quality and Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee provides advice and guidance, on behalf of the College, to individual doctors, hospital departments and institutions on quality and safety issues.

The Committee upon request from individual doctors, departments or institutions coordinates and undertakes the analysis of adverse events. In so doing the role of the Committee is primarily that of promoting safety and quality improvement by establishing the system failures that led to the adverse outcome, and the subsequent learning points, rather than solely concentrating on the actions of individual doctors.

For those doctors, departments or institutions seeking advice or review the committee provides access to independent, experienced, trained professionals to conduct the enquiry on the College's behalf. These individuals are supported with appropriate professional indemnity and appropriate secretarial resource.

Through the Committee the College has representation on the National Standards for Quality and Safety Advisory Group of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) and has supported training in closed claims analysis for college members.

The Committee is currently assisting two institutions with investigations into adverse outcomes and remains available to all the Fellows of the College for advice and assistance.

Dr Ken Lowry

Chair of Quality & Safety Advisory Committee



UEMS Section of Anaesthesiology / European Board of Anaesthesiology

The UEMS was founded in 1958 to set high standards of quality medical care in Europe. It is linked to the EU Commission and Parliament and its standards and recommendations are transmitted to the Authorities and Institutions of the EU. There are 38 Specialists Groups, each with a Section and European Board. In Anaesthesia Ireland is represented from the COA and the Irish Standing Committee of AAGBI.

Irish anaesthetists have played a major role in the European Board of Anaesthesiology. Dr Blunnie is a past President, Dr McDevitt has been Vice President and Prof Cunningham was Secretary. The present Secretary/Treasurer is Dr Ellen O'Sullivan.

The Anaesthesiology Section and Board has Standing Committees on CME/CPD, Education and Training, Quality and Safety, and Workforce, and also committees on Emergency Medicine and Hospital Accreditation/Visitation.

At present the Board is very active in the areas of Safety in Anaesthesiology, Postgraduate Education and an Education Portfolio. The Hospital Visitation and Accreditation for Training Program continues in conjunction with the ESA.

The Board will launch The Helsinki Declaration on Patient in Anaesthesiology, in conjunction with the ESA, at the ESA Congress in Helsinki in June.

Dr Sean McDevitt
UEMS Representative

Awards

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP 2009:

Dr Ivan Hayes & Dr Criona Walshe

DELANEY MEDAL 2009:

Dr Eoin Casey & Dr Tanya O'Neill



Dr Eoin Casey receives the Delaney Medal 2009 from Dr John McAdoo



Dr Tanya O'Neill receives the Delaney Medal 2009 from Dr John McAdoo

Photographs



Dr Criona Walshe joint-winner of the Abbott Scholarship 2009 receives her prize



(left to right): Dr Angela Enright, College Gold Medal recipient, Dr John Cooper, Honorary Pain Fellowship recipient & Dr Ellen O'Sullivan at the ICA 2009

Photographs



(left to right): Dr Josh Keaveny, Dr Jeanne Moriarty & Dr Gerard Browne at the ICA 2009



Tennis Tournament 2009

Photographs



Dr Jacques Diacono Primary FCAI Spring 2009 winner receives his medal from Dr John McAdoo



Dr. Vincent Hannon receiving the President's Award from Dr John McAdoo at the Annual Dinner 2009

Photographs



(left to right) Dr John McAdoo, Professor Paul Muldoon & Dr Joseph Tracey at the Gilmartin Lecture 2009



Mr Billy Porter, Dr Jennifer Porter and Mrs Maureen Porter at the Piano Recital 2009

Elections to Council & Council members



Council of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland May 2009

Nominations to Council for the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland occurred in 2009. As there were an equal number of candidates to seats, no vote was held. Drs David Hill and Harry Frizelle were re-elected; Drs Gerard Browne, George Raouf Ghaly and Muhammed Khalid were duly elected.

The current Council of the College of Anaesthetists 2009-2010 is constituted as follows:

OFFICERS	ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr Jeanne Moriarty, President	5	1998 - 2009
Dr Joseph Tracey, Vice President	2	2001 - 2011
Dr Henry Frizelle, Honorary Treasurer	2	2004 - 2014
Dr David Mannion, Honorary Secretary	4	2007 – 2012

ELECTED MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr William Blunnie, Chair Project Group	5	2008 - 2013
Dr Gerard Browne, Secretary Competence Assurance	2	2009 - 2014
Dr Kevin Carson, Chair Examinations Committee	4	2006 - 2011
Prof Anthony Cunningham, Chair Academic Anaesthesia/ International Relations Committee	4	2007 - 2012
Dr George Raouf Ghaly, Vice-Chair Primary Examination	1	2009 - 2014
Dr Philip Hawthorne, Chair Final Examination	3	2008 - 2013
Dr David Hill, Chair Hospital Inspections	3	2004 - 2014
Dr Muhammed Khalid, Membership Secretary	2	2009 - 2014
Dr John Loughrey, Chair Credentials & House Committees	4	2005 - 2010
Dr Kenneth Lowry, Chair Quality & Safety Advisory Committee/Primary Examination	5	2007 - 2012
Dr Sean McDevitt, UEMS Representative	4	2005 - 2010
Dr Deirdre McCoy, Director MSc. Programme & Secretary Training Committee	3	2008 - 2013
Dr Brian Marsh, JFICMI Representative	5	2007 - 2012
Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Chair Education Committee	5	2005 - 2010
Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Chair Training Committee	3	2001 - 2011
Dr Jeremy Smith, Chair CAST Group Simulation	3	2005 - 2010

EX-OFFICIO

Dr John McAdoo, Chair Competence Assurance Committee

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Dr Gerard Curley, Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland
Dr Deirdre Madden, Lecturer in Law, UCC (term ended May 2009)

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr Orlaith McCaul, CEO
Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean
Dr Ellie O'Leary, Vice-Dean

COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD:

13th March, 13th May, 24th June, 18th September and 11th December 2009.

Meetings in 2010

AAGBI Winter Scientific Meeting

20th – 22nd January 2010, London

Pain in Woman – Pain Faculty ASM

29th February 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Final FCA Revision Course

1st – 5th February 2010, College of Anaesthetist of Ireland, Dublin 2

Vascular Access Workshop

15th February 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Echocardiography Workshop

26th February 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Delaney Medal Presentations

11th March 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Abbott Scholarship Presentations

12th March 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Anaesthesia Emergencies Part 1 Simulator Course

26th March 2010, Clinical Skills Centre, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Western Anaesthesia Symposium

16th & 17th April 2010, Knockranny House Hotel, Westport

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, Annual Scientific Meeting

1st – 5th May 2010, Christchurch, New Zealand

Pain Revision Course

17th & 18th May 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Irish Congress of Anaesthesia

20th & 21st May 2010, Aviva Stadium, Dublin

Introduction to Anaesthesia

3rd & 4th June 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

European Association of Cardiothoracic

Anaesthesiology

9th – 11th June 2010, Edinburgh, Scotland

Joint ESICM/SCCM 9th Summer Conference -

Acute Brain Injury

10th -12th June 2010, Dublin Castle

Euroanaesthesia 2010

15th June 2010, Helsinki, Finland

ICSI Annual Scientific Meeting

11th & 12th June 2010, Dublin Castle.

Anaesthesia Emergencies Part 1 Simulator Course

25th June 2010, Clinical Skills Centre, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

World Congress Abdominal Compartment Syndrome

24th - 27th June 2010, Trinity College Dublin

Canadian Anaesthesiologists' Society 65th

Annual Meeting

25th – 29th June 2010, Montreal, Quebec

AAGBI Trainee Conference

30th June – 2nd July 2010 in Cardiff City Hall



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Anaesthesia Emergencies Simulator Course

10th September 2010, Clinical Skills Centre, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

South of Ireland Association of Anaesthetists**Autumn Meeting**

24th & 25th September 2010, Hotel Kilkenny

College of Anaesthetists of Ireland Golf Classic

16th September 2010, Milltown Park Golf Club

Core Topics Day

6th October 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

ESICM 22nd Annual Congress

10th – 13th October 2010, Barcelona, Spain

Anaesthesia Emergencies Simulator Course

22nd October 2010, Clinical Skills Centre, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

UEMS

12th & 13th November 2010, Malta

Winter College Lecture and GlaxoSmithKline**Medal Presentations**

19th November 2010, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2

Anaesthesia Emergencies Simulator Course

10th December 2010, Clinical Skills Centre, College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, Dublin 2