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President's Address

2010 has been a very busy year at 22 Merrion Square. It was a year of great celebration and many difficult challenges.

The highlight of our year of celebration was the official visit of President McAleese on 7th October. She gave a wonderful address and unveiled a plaque in the Lecture Theatre commemorating the occasion. I was delighted to have so many former Deans of the Faculty and past Presidents of the College in attendance, particularly Dr Ray Davys Former Dean and member of the Foundation Board of the Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI.

The work of Council and in particular the Chair's of Committees continues to increase. The College has far more links with diverse agencies and stakeholders. With regulation increasing there is additional work for all of us to ensure compliance. Of note the implementation of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 has greatly increased our workload because of much more regulation by the Irish Medical Council and changes in the relationships with Government agencies. Nowhere has this been more evident than in the area of training.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2010

Dr Sean McDevitt (2005–2010) and Dr Jeremy Smith (2005–2010) completed their terms. I thank them both for their work on Council and Dr Smith for his contribution to developments in training and the development of the Simulator based Training Programme.

Drs Kevin Bailey (Letterkenny) and Liam Conroy (Cork) were elected to Council. Drs Ellen O'Sullivan (Dublin) and John Loughrey (Dublin) were re-elected for a second term.

Drs David Hill and William Blunnie tendered their resignations from Council in 2010. Dr Hill was the Chair of Pain Medicine and first Dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine and latterly Chair of Hospital Inspections. I wish to acknowledge his significant contribution to the new Faculty.

Dr Blunnie served as the last Dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI and the first President of the College of Anaesthetists. He was the lead in both the purchase and development of 22 Merrion Square. The College, Fellows and trainees, now have a first class facility for training and education. I thank him for his persistence, enthusiasm and tireless work on this project and for his contribution to College business during his time on Council. We wish him well in his retirement.

Dr John McAdoo remained as a co-opted member to chair the Professional Competence Committee.

Ms Anne Maher was co-opted as a lay representative to Council. Dr Joe Tracey was appointed Vice President for a second term.

COUNCIL MET ON FIVE OCCASIONS IN 2010

EDUCATION

THE DELANEY MEDAL

The Medal was awarded to Dr Tadgh Lynch. This event was sponsored by Fannins and the College wishes to thank them for encouraging young researchers in the field of anaesthesia.

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

The Abbott Scholarship was awarded to Dr Stephen Frolich. As the standard of presentations was judged to be of an exceptionally high standard, a second bursary of €5000 was awarded to Dr Mairead Hayes. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the continuing support from Abbott Laboratories

ANNUAL CONGRESS

Dr Ellen O’Sullivan, Chair of Education, organised a very successful Annual Congress which was held in the newly opened Aviva Stadium on 21st and 22nd May. It was an extremely successful meeting. Professor Mark Warner was conferred with an Honorary Fellowship. Dr Seamus Harte received the President’s Medal

THE GILMARTIN LECTURE

Mr Mark Coleman gave the Gilmartin Lecture. His subject was most topical and generated huge interest. The Gilmartin Lecture was preceded by Dr Richard Clarke’s erudite account of the history of our College “50 Years En Route to the Square”.

The 50th Anniversary dinner, which was preceded by a tour of the stadium, had the highest attendance ever. Dr Ray Davys, former Dean (1967-70) and member of the first Council was presented with the College Medal. Dr Davys spoke eloquently about the life and work of an anaesthetist 50 years ago and the importance of the development of the Faculty in establishing the profession on an equal basis with other specialties.

AUTUMN COLLEGE LECTURE AND CORE TOPICS DAY

This joint meeting with the Royal College of Anaesthetists was run for the first time in Dublin. It was followed by the Autumn College Lecture, “From poisoned arrows to safe sugars”, given by Professor Rajinder Mirakhur.

WINTER COLLEGE LECTURE

Professor Daniel Nyhan, known to many Fellows of our College, gave the Winter College Lecture, “The Vascular

Biology of Ageing”. Professor Nyhan has been a great mentor to many Irish Anaesthesia Fellows.

TRAINING

Dr Katrina O’Sullivan, Chair of Training, has overseen one of the most difficult periods in training since the foundation of the Faculty. There have been many significant changes, mostly brought about by external forces, beyond our control.

As we celebrated 50 years of delivering of training and education to anaesthetists in Ireland, the country was beset by economic implosion. As the single highest spend area in public services the health sector felt the impact of reductions in spend. The combination of a reduction in funded training posts proposed to the Irish Medical Council by HSEMETR, and the subsequent withdrawal of training recognition for non-rotational posts by the IMC has had a devastating effect on recruitment nationally in anaesthesia. This was most evident in the regional centres. Despite united opposition of the individual Post Graduate Training bodies and the Forum of Post Graduate Training Bodies, this change was introduced without forewarning, with no lead-in time and with the inevitable disastrous consequences for some regional hospitals. Virtually every hospital in the country has been affected, some more than others. Since July 2010 many units have been dependent on extremely costly locum cover to provide basic anaesthesia and Critical Care services. Not only is the cost prohibitive, but locum cover in anaesthesia is notoriously difficult to find. Recruiting abroad in anaesthesia for the period July to December 2010 did not meet service needs. The putative savings have not been realised and anaesthesia services around the country have been under severe strain.

Led by Dr Katrina O’Sullivan and Dr Ian Surgeon, Dean, negotiations continued throughout the year with HSEMETR. As a result of their cogent arguments and efforts the Registrar Training Programme was introduced. This resulted in an additional 50 recognised posts. Regrettably these were not all filled. However more than 50% of RTP registrars have progressed to the National Specialist Registrar Programme. The College continues to lobby for increased Specialist Registrar posts in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care. We await the outcome of the joint proposal to the HSE by the College and HSEMETR to convert 30 RTP posts to SpR posts.

Other changes in 2010 include the introduction of a centralised application process for the new National Basic Specialist Training rotation. Applicants will be able to state their preference for one of the regional schemes, which remain the Eastern, the Southern and the Western. The North-Western Training Scheme has been incorporated into the Western (Sligo) and the Eastern (Letterkenny).

The Clinical Skills Centre is developing courses for all anaesthetists. I thank Dr Crina Burlacu and all her colleagues who have contributed to the development and provision of courses in simulator based education.

ACCREDITATION

The College of Anaesthetists will be the first post-graduate training body to undergo accreditation by the Irish Medical Council. This process will commence in the first quarter of 2011.

EXAMINATIONS

The long-standing reciprocal recognition of the FRCA and the FCAI came under threat in 2010, due to changes in accreditation of training bodies in the UK by the GMC. This particularly affects our trainees in Northern Ireland who have always had the option of taking the examinations of either College. Trainees undertaking the new UK curriculum which commenced in August 2010 cannot take the CAI examinations if they wish to be eligible for a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training towards inclusion on the Specialist Register. They would only receive a Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration, which is restrictive.

Following discussions with the RCOA and the GMC in the UK, the College decided to apply for accreditation of our examinations by the GMC. This is an arduous process, but Council believes it is incumbent upon the College to remain an all Ireland College as it has been since its inception. The Chair of Examinations, Dr Kevin Carson is leading this process, assisted by Drs McCoy and Hawthorne and the RCOA.

MSC

Dr Deirdre McCoy completed her term as Chair of the Masters programme. Dr Joe Tracey is assuming this position.

Seven doctors were conferred with a Master's degree in 2010. I would like to thank Dr McCoy for her contribution to the ongoing development of this programme. The Module in Medical Professionalism run by the College is now compulsory for SpR 4/5s.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE

Professor John McAdoo has brought the Competence Assurance and Professional Development project to completion. It is now designated the Professional Competence Scheme (PCS). All doctors will have to align with an appropriate PCS. For trainees their training scheme is their PCS. Other categories will have to register with the PCS. Ten percent of registrants will be audited annually.

The College has had a lead role in this in both the Forum and the Medical Council, under Professor McAdoo's chairmanship of the PCS committee in the Forum of Post-Graduate Training Bodies. I also wish to acknowledge the input of Dr Ron Kirkham who was responsible for the CAPRI project from which this developed.

I would also like to congratulate Professor McAdoo on being appointed a Professor and wish him well in this role. He is now leaving Council, but I have no doubt that he will maintain his links with the College through his role of Director of Simulation in the ASSET centre in UCC.

On behalf of Council I wish to thank him for his many years of work on Council and as immediate past President. I am grateful to him for remaining on as a co-opted member of Council and thank him for his great personal support.

PROJECT COMMITTEE / HOUSE COMMITTEE

The work of the Project Committee, chaired by Dr W P Blunnie, is coming to an end. Those of you who have been in Merrion Square in the last year have seen the enormous benefits accruing to the College as a result of our refurbishment and development project. Dr Blunnie was tireless in realising this vision and all Fellows and trainees of the College are indebted to him. The College is now a place Fellows can visit any time, can participate either as registrants or faculty in diverse educational activities in a facility in which we can take pride.

As the Project Committee disbands on completion of the works, the House Committee has taken over responsibility for the running of the building under the Chairmanship of Dr John Loughrey. This committee is charged with developing the commercial potential of the facility in addition to the day to day management. I would like to take the opportunity to remind individual Departments who might be holding educational events to consider using the facilities at the College.

Professor Anthony Cunningham initiated the College's Film Club in October with a showing of "In the Heat of the Night" All proceeds raised went to the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund. This is becoming a regular event for film buffs and provides a pleasant distraction from our current woes.

The Annual Golf Classic organised by Drs Gardiner and Loughrey and Ms Mary Malone was held in Milltown on 16th September. This raised €6500 for de Paul, a local charity assisting homeless persons re-integrate into society. Our thanks to all who supported this event.

Dr Catherine Nix ,Specialist Registrar, organised a concert in St Patrick's Cathedral with the Degani Sinfonia, The Seaford Singers and the Choir of St Patrick's on 6th March 2010. The proceeds went to the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital to purchase a thromboelastograph and to the College to purchase an epidural simulator model. The College is most grateful to Dr Nix, Dr Michael Carey, the performers and all who supported this exceptional event. I would also like to thank Dean Robert McCarthy for allowing the use of St Patrick's Cathedral and to the Friends of St Patrick's.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr John Loughrey also chairs the Credential Committee, which continues to have a significant number of referrals from the IMC for advice on equivalence of training and / or qualifications.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Professor Anthony Cunningham has done significant work to ensure the continuation of the Joint Project with Irish Aid in Malawi. The model used for this project is now being used as a template for other projects. Professor Cunningham, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan and I travelled to Zimbabwe and Zambia

in for the COSECA conference at which a resolution was passed to establish a College of Anaesthetists in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa. A working party is to be established to further this development.

Dr Orlaith McCaul CEO resigned her position in July 2010. The College wishes her well in her new post and would like to thank her for her contribution to our overseas project. Ms Aoife Stokes joined the College as interim CEO in August 2010.

I would like to thank Ms Stokes and the administrative staff, Ms Maria Golden (Training and JFICMI), Ms Orla Doran (Education and Credentials), Ms Marguerite Harvey (Examinations and Faculty of Pain Medicine), Ms Ruth Flaherty (Examinations), Ms Mary Malone (PA to President and CEO), Ms Margaret Jenkinson (Finance Officer), Ms Sharon Murray (Finance) and Ms Sinead Byrne (Reception) for their contribution to the activities and development of the College in 2010.

The work of the College continues to expand. Without the support of our Fellows who have engaged in active participation in all activities in the last 50 years, the tutors, examiners, trainers and Council members, we could not have reached the position we are in today. The fact that the College of Anaesthetists is in a leader in post-graduate training, despite the current economic situation, is a tribute to the spirit of volunteerism which prevails and which will be needed to maintain our position as a training body producing an excellent cadre of doctors for the future.

Finally my thanks to Council, the Dean, Vice Dean, Director of Simulation and CEO for their unstinting work and support in 2010.

Jeanne Moriarty

President



Acting CEO's Report

2010 was a challenging and exciting year for the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

Joining in August in an interim capacity, following Orlaith Mc Caul's resignation, I was immediately struck by the enthusiasm and dedication of staff, Committee and Council members in addressing the many and varied training and educational challenges they face.

PAST AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

2010 was a year of change in postgraduate training structures, driven by the Irish Medical Council and the HSE with the new NCHD, Training and Scope of Services contracts. Further challenge lies ahead with the roll-out of the IMC process of accreditation.

The National Database of Training Posts is currently being populated with details of all trainees who will be in post as at July 2011. This system will track all trainees and training posts and will provide a common information sharing interface between all the relevant stakeholders.

The interpretation and implementation of the Medical Practitioners Act will undoubtedly pose key challenges into 2011 and beyond. A looming deadline is the requirement to have in place processes and mechanisms to operate Professional Competence Schemes (for both General and Specialist Registers) by May 2011. There is no doubt that the need to provide CPD courses for both the General and Specialist PCS programmes will further increase the level of activity at the College's Clinical Skills Centre.

Both the Clinical Skills Centre and the Lecture Theatre are in regular use as a result of the many courses, workshops and lectures which are organised by the Education Department, some in response to the requirement in the HSE Training Agreement to provide various mandatory courses.

A marketing brochure is currently being prepared to assist the College to exploit the commercial potential of its training and lecture facilities and the College website will also be adapted to assist in this task.

Members of the Examinations Committee had another busy year. The impetus of accreditation, both at home and potentially in the UK by the GMC, resulted in a major revision of the 'Regulations for Examinations'; development of separate 'Regulations for Examiners'; and the publication of a 'Syllabus for Examinations'.

Work continued on the improvement of the processes associated with the standardisation of question setting and evaluation processes and an external audit took place on the OSCE and SOE examinations. The role of IT within the examinations process is increasingly being explored, in particular the development of in house software packages.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Following the move to the newly refurbished College in late 2009, the business of completing the fit-out continued into 2010, and the work was completed in time for President Mary Mc Aleese's visit on 7th October. All staff members met the President and had the opportunity to hear her inspirational address in the tightly packed lecture theatre. It was an important and historic day for the College, one that will be warmly remembered for a long time to come.

THE STAFF

The College is well served by a committed group of talented staff whose contribution is very much appreciated. Initiatives have been implemented to improve staff communication and engagement, and a Staff Education Policy has been launched to encourage staff to invest in their personal development, in keeping with the College ethos.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Council and Committee members for their role in ensuring the continued provision of high quality anaesthesia services in Ireland. Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all the staff at 22 Merrion Square for their hard work and dedication in supporting the business of the College.

Ms Aoife Stokes

CEO



Postgraduate Dean's Report

Two thousand and ten was an eventful year as the implications and ramifications of the Medical Practitioners Act and its interpretation and implementation by the Medical Council and the HSE have begun to impact on the College. This process is ongoing and incomplete, and by this yardstick, 2011 promises to be an even busier year, with significant changes being instituted as a result of the accreditation of training programmes and CPD programmes.

The report of the Chair of the Training Committee details the changes that occurred during 2010. The Dean's Office was intimately involved in the groundwork and planning for these changes, a process that was particularly difficult since in some instances there was not clarity as to how these processes should be implemented. As well as instituting the new Registrar Training Programme, it was necessary to re-evaluate and reconfigure the structures of the existing BST and SpR programmes in an attempt to produce a fairer distribution of posts, and a management structure more directly controlled by the College. This process is ongoing. The College and the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies negotiated agreements with the HSE for the provision of training programmes for specific numbers of trainees at specific grades, which the HSE would fund on a per-capita basis. Doctors in what were "stand-alone" registrar posts were not included in these arrangements, and these posts became a non-training grade. The HSE has now specified that these posts be designated as "Professional Development" posts, and is in the process of negotiating a funding agreement with the Training Bodies, similar to that for trainees. The non-training grade has not proved attractive, and it seems likely that its unpopularity is one of the factors that have contributed to the NCHD manpower shortage currently being experienced in Ireland. The College has responded

to this crisis and along with the other stakeholders, has been exploring ways of making anaesthesia in Ireland a more attractive proposition for doctors from Ireland and from overseas.

Preparations have been ongoing during 2010 for the legal requirement for doctors to enter Professional Competence Schemes in May 2011. Again, this has been a difficult process, since while the broad structure of these programmes is known, the precise mechanisms by which they will operate have not been defined. The College will have a registration and points recording system in place for May 2011, but the details of timing of 5-year cycles, and the mechanisms of issuing reports and certificates to individual practitioners and to the Medical Council have yet to be confirmed. There will be two separate Professional Competence Schemes for doctors registered on the General and Specialist Registers respectively. Doctors in approved training programmes occupying numbered training posts will not be subject to these schemes as their training programme is deemed a scheme in itself.

The College was fortunate to receive HSE development funding for two projects during 2010; the development of an Electronic Logbook and support for a pilot project evaluating the UK NHS e-Learning in Anaesthesia programme. The e-Learning project is currently under way and will be fully evaluated in July 2011. Licences to access it have been given to all BSTs, to SpRs and RTPs who are pre-Fellowship, and to all College Tutors. The Electronic Logbook is at an advanced stage of development and

at time of writing is about to go live on the web. Initially it will allow trainees to log activity in anaesthesia and intensive care medicine. The Pain Medicine section is still under development. This logbook will not be limited to trainees, and could for example form a useful platform for practice audit for CPD for College Fellows and members.

Activity at the College's Clinical Skills Centre has ramped up dramatically during 2010, driven by the Training Agreement with the HSE which has specified various mandatory training courses. This activity will continue to increase as the number and level of complexity of courses is increased. A major driver here will be the need to provide CPD approved courses for the General and Specialist PCS programmes, and a recognition and desire that multidisciplinary training will at some point commence. The limiting factor at present is the number of trained faculty available. Some of the courses have been or will be devolved on a regional basis to other clinical skills centres reaching the required standard, and the College continues to run training courses for much needed faculty. The logistics of assigning trainees to clinical skills courses is difficult, since they are assigned geographically and in a spread which removes the minimum number of trainees from a given department at any one time. Dr Crina Burlacu, Director of Simulation Training, has done a superb job in getting these programmes off the ground, with Ms Maria Golden and her staff in the Training Department doing great work with the difficult logistics.

Development of the National Database of Training Posts has been ongoing for the past two years and we are informed the software is now complete and ready for commissioning. The database is currently being populated with details of all trainees who will be in post as at July 2011. This system is necessary to support the common information sharing interface between the HSE administration, The Medical Council, the Postgraduate Training Bodies and the Clinical Sites. It will track all trainees and training posts and in addition should provide useful demographic data on the training systems. It is likely that this system will be extended in the future to include all medical posts.

Finally, there has been a significant development in training in Intensive Care Medicine in 2010, as described in the report of the Training Committee. The Dean's Office was closely involved with the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine in developing the structure and pathway proposed for this training, and with the HSE in negotiating the first dedicated ICM training posts in Ireland. There will be eight of these instituted at SpR 4/5 level from within the (newly expanded) complement of Anaesthesia training posts, with the first two likely to come on stream in July 2011. They will provide ICM training to the level required for a Consultant with a special interest in ICM.

Dr. Ian Surgeon PhD FFARCSI

Postgraduate Dean



Examinations Committee Report

INTRODUCTION

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Examinations Committee for 2010. This has been a particularly busy year for members of the Committee. The Examinations Committee met a total of 4 times during the year in February, May, September and December, however many hours have been spent working outside of formal meetings by Committee members.

This year the impetus of accreditation both at home and potentially in the UK by the GMC, has resulted in a major revision of the 'Regulations for Examination', development of separate 'Regulations for Examiners' for examiners and visitors to the examinations as well as publication of a 'Syllabus for Examinations', all of which are available from the College website.

We strive to attain the highest professional and academic standards for the examinations. To this end the Primary Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and Structured Oral Examination (SOE) have been audited by an external agency to good acclaim. We are also continuing to improve the standardisation of question setting and evaluation which will be unified across all parts of the examination in so far as is possible. Questions will be blue-printed to the 'Syllabus of Examinations'. We have also broadened the data and statistical analysis of each examination.

I would like to highlight and gratefully thank the various examination sub-groups, particularly the Primary OSCE group, for their continued commitment and hard work.

We are increasingly developing the role of IT within the examinations process e.g. data bases for clinical artefacts and questions as well as statistical analyses. The College

is now in a position to use software developed in house for recording and processing results thus reducing transcription errors. I am particularly indebted to Dr Phillip Hawthorne, Chairman of the Final Fellowship Examination, for his time and expertise in this area.

The examiners are key to the examinations process. Examiner recruitment and their roles are governed by the new 'Regulations for Examiners'. In accordance with these regulations all examiners must be in good standing with the College to participate in any part of the examinations process. Training days for examiners will also be mandatory as part of on going Continuing Professional Competence.

CHAIRS OF THE EXAMINATIONS

I would like to thank the following respective Chairs of the Examinations: Dr Deirdre McCoy, Chair of the Primary FCAI Examination, Professor George Ghaly Vice Chairman Primary Examination, Dr Philip Hawthorne, Chairman of the Final FCAI Examination, Dr Camillus Power, Dean, Faculty of Pain Medicine CAI.

EXAMINERSHIPS

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

PRIMARY FCAI EXAMINATION

SPRING 2010

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

Dr Deirdre McCoy : Chair

The Exchange Examiner : Dr Chris Hawksworth from the RCOA (UK)

81 candidates attended OSCE/SOE (Vivas)
 51 candidates passed
 Overall pass rate of those that attended OSCE/SOE (Vivas) : 63 %

AUTUMN 2010

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

Dr Deirdre McCoy : Chair

The Exchange Examiner : Dr Gary Enever from the RCOA (UK)

76 candidates attended OSCEs/SOE (Vivas)
 50 candidates passed
 Overall pass rate of those that attended OSCE/SOE (Vivas) was: 65.78%

THE FINAL FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION

SPRING 2010

Dr Philip Hawthorne: Chairman

The Exchange Examiner : Dr Plat Razis (for the written exam – could not attend SOE's/Viva due to flight restrictions/volcanic eruption in Iceland).

185 candidates registered for the Final Fellowship written Examination which took place on the 15th March at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. 178 attended and attempted both the MCQ and the EASQAQ papers. Call-Over of results was on the 30th March. 70 candidates (plus 2 from Autumn 09) were called to attend SOE's (Vivas) on the 20th and the 21st April. 31 candidates attended on the 20th April, and 36 attended on the 21st April. 43 candidates passed the examination. 24.15% of candidates progressed through to SOE's (Vivas). The overall pass rate was : 59.72%

AUTUMN 2010

Dr Philip Hawthorne : Chairman

The Exchange Examiner from the RCOA (UK) was : Dr Mike Tremlett.

143 candidates registered for the Final Fellowship written Examination which took place on the 20th September at

the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. 133 attended and attempted the MCQ paper. 132 attempted both MCQ and the EASQAQ papers. 5 candidates were transferred from the Spring 2010 sitting to the SOE's (Vivas) as they were unable to attend due to the volcanic eruption in April 2010. Call-Over of results was on the 5th October at 22 Merrion Square North. 55 candidates plus 5 (transfers from Spring 2010) were called to attend SOE's (Vivas) on the 27th and 28th October. 31 candidates attended on the 27th. 14 candidates passed which represented a pass rate of 45.16%. 29 candidates passed on the 28th October which represented a pass rate of 79.31%. A total of 37 candidates passed the examination. 41.66% of candidates that attempted both the MCQ and the written paper progressed through to SOE's (Vivas). The pass rate for those that presented for SOE's (Vivas) was 61.66%.

MEDAL WINNERS

The winner of the Primary FCAI Spring 2010 medal was Dr Raymund B O'Connor who achieved an 'A' grade in all sections of the examination at his first attempt at the examination.

The winner of the Final Fellowship FCAI Autumn 2010 examination (The William and Jane Brophy Medal) was Dr Fiona Mairead Kiernan.

PAIN DIPLOMA EXAMINATION 2010

The Pain Diploma Examination was held in Belfast in June 2010.

The Chairman of the examination was Dr Donal Harney. The Extern Examiner: Dr Mick Serpell (Pain Research Unit Gartnavel General Hospital Glasgow Scotland)

The written examination took place on the 10th June at Queens University Medical Biology Centre, Belfast. There were 50 MCQ questions followed by 6 questions on the EASQAQ paper. Drs Harney and Ghaly were in attendance and also Marguerite Harvey Examinations Officer. Scripts were corrected by the following examiners, Drs D Harney, G Ghaly, C Power, D Hill, L Conroy, P Murphy, J Keaveny and the Extern Examiner Dr M Serpell.

17 candidates registered, 17 candidates attended.
6 candidates passed the examination, 11 failed.
Overall Pass rate was: 35.29%

There was one Medal winner: Dr Fiona Annette Desmond.
Dr Desmond had not attempted the examination before
and achieved 'A' grades in all sections of the examination.

GUIDANCE TO EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

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

The regulations for guidance, reviews and appeals have
been revised and are presented in the latest edition of the
Regulations for Examinations.

LOOKING FORWARD

2011 promises to be an exciting year as we continue to
develop and face the challenges ahead.

CONCLUSION

2010 has been a busy year for the Examinations
Committee. I wish to thank all the Committee Members
who have contributed so much of their valuable time and
expertise during the year.

Dr Kevin Carson

Chairman Examinations Committee

EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr Jeanne Moriarty (President, CAI), Dr Joseph Tracey (Vice-President, CAI), Dr Muhammed Khalid, Dr Deirdre McCoy (Chair Primary FCAI), Dr David Mannion (Hon. Secretary, CAI), Dr Harry Frizelle (Hon Treasurer, CAI), Dr Ellen O'Sullivan (Chair Education Committee, CAI), Dr Katrina O'Sullivan (Chair Training Committee, CAI), Dr Philip Hawthorne (Chair Final FCAI), Professor Denis Moriarty, Professor George Ghaly (Vice-Chair Primary FCAI), Dr Carlos McDowell, Dr Donal Harney, Dr Ian Surgeon (Dean, CAI), Dr Orlaith McCaul (Past CEO, CAI), Aoife Stokes (Interim CEO, CAI), Professor William Wallace, Dr Camillus Power (Dean, Faculty Pain Medicine, CAI), Dr Brian Marsh (Dean, Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine)

Examination Details and Results

APPENDIX 1.

EXAMINATION PASS RESULTS.

PRIMARY FCAI EXAMINATION

SPRING 2010

Tarig M Osman Abdelrahman
Muzackir Abubaker
Muhammad Ajmal
Kamal Hunsraj Bhagwan
Ruth Blackett
Jenny Elizabeth Brooke
Laura Carrick
Roseita Carroll
Argeros Andreas Constantinov
Hayat Osama Elseed Elfil
Kerry Featherstone
Llewellyn Thomas Fenton-May
Karina Una Fitzgibbon
Heather Catherine Gillespie
Denver Glasgow
Geetha Gunaratnam
Mohammad Taskinur Rehman Hazarika
Madhu Sudhana Bengaluru Honnaiah
Lalani Kusum Deepika Induruwage
Vrushali Prafullachandra Kanade
Priyesh Mohan Kassiram
Barry Kelly
Kavitha Kuntumalla
Anne-Marie Leo
Thomas William Angus Mackie
Caroline Martin
Cathal McCabe
Grace Helen McClune
Martinus Meela
Martin Minich
Solmaz Nakhjavani
Zehrin Nassa
Marwan Obeid
Raymund Bernard O'Connor
Maria Maeve O'Connor
Alena Panicova

Anil Kumar Patel
Vijai Paulsen Pauliah
Sesha Smitha Polimetla
Liam Daniel Quinn
Shaheedur Rahman
Binu Raj
Austin Rattray
Rita Saha
Ahmed Mustafa Ahmed Salim
John Thompson
Paul Tierney
Lloyd Turbitt
Bettina Wagner
Kavita Wankhade
Mamoon Yusaf

PRIMARY FCAI EXAMINATION

AUTUMN 2010

Osman Mohamed Ali Ahmed
Natalia Arapova
Earlene Armstrong
Madeleine Beach
Rhodri Glyn Birtchnell
Janette Brohan
Felicity Suzanne Burnham
Louise Anne Carter
Lisa Diane Clarke
Marouf Mudasir Dhar
Nessa Dooley
Bartłomiej Andrezej Fiszer
Ateeq-Ur-Rehman Ghafoor
Bhavesh Gohil
Lawrence Hindley
Elwaleed Humaida
Michael Hurley
Naomi Hyndman
Wan Khean Khoo
Ilma Kulbokaite
Conor Lamb
Evan Lambe

Wei Lan
 Lyn Li Lean
 Katarina Lenartova
 John Paul Lomas
 Elena Alexandrovna Lynes
 Bridget Jean Magni
 Valerie Marshall
 Declan Eamon McCawley
 Barry Declan McConville
 Paul McMackin
 Zulfiqar Memon
 David Michael Moore
 Tara Nejm
 Bahadur Khan Niazi
 Cara Dannielle O'Leary
 Rosalind Frances O'Reilly
 Idowu Osuntola Osunfisan
 David Rees Price
 James Quinn
 Vijay Ragothaman
 Suresh Sanapala
 Aidan Sharkey
 Navneet Sinha
 Darryl George James Stewart
 Jaswant Singh Sumal
 Dhinesh Edward Sundaran
 Bindiya Varma
 Alison Elizabeth White

Karthikeyan Kallidaikurichi Srinivasan
 Sudhakaran Karriat Vadakkoot
 Kiran Kumar Koneti
 Olajide Olanrewaju Kowe
 Caroline Marie Larkin
 Alvina Lone
 Peter McGuigan
 Celia Jane Montgomery
 L.G. Nagaraju Mourbagal
 Noelle Murphy
 Su Cheen Ng
 Thomas Francis O'Neill
 Owen O'Sullivan
 Chetan Tirumala Parcha
 Rupesh Parimkayala
 Sarah Jane Rooney
 Kalyani Surya Dhani Lakshmi Sangineni
 Vinayakumar Valakatte Seetharam
 Deepali Shah
 Hilary Shanahan
 Kumaraswamy Sheshadri
 Vinod Sudhir
 Nina Alexandra Tatarkowska
 Gerrie Van Der Walt
 Saravanan Varadharajan Prakasam
 Ramesh Vedagiri Sai
 Akilan Velayudhan
 Gavin Weekes

FINAL FCAI EXAMINATION

SPRING 2010

Ahmed Ibrahim Ali Aglan
 Asis Kumar Behura
 Anurodh Bhawnani
 Katrina Ellen Bramley
 Biju Charles
 Julie Colgan
 Ian Conrick-Martin
 Shailendra Govindrao Daivajna
 Shaji Eduvayil Sankunny
 Ummara Farooq
 Marianne Fitzgerald
 Ruth Anne Ford
 Aditi Gupta
 Junus Thwahir Harris
 Vivekananda Prabhakar Joshi

FINAL FCAI EXAMINATION

AUTUMN 2010

David Gilhooly
 Alexandra Crean
 Mona Mohamed Ragab Mubarak
 Sheema Solanki
 Karl Michael Knapman
 Fiona Mairead Kiernan
 Catriona Josephine Kelly
 Anand Kumar Bangalore Puttappa
 Abhijit Biswas
 Paul Thomas Alexander
 Mohd Yusme Reza Mohd Yusoff
 Elisabeth Claire Harvey
 Senthil Narayanan Jayaseelan
 Vivekanand Eli
 Mohammad Khaja
 Kirankumar Bhagwatrao Sachane

Orsolya Solymos
 Ranvir Singh
 Olubukunola Ojo
 Basabjit Das
 Mark Anthony Catolico
 Mhamad Ghiyath Khalil Al Hashimi
 Adil Asghar Butt
 John Campbell
 Muhammad Rahim Mansha Kayani
 Elise Catherine Alexander
 Deepak Malik
 Stephen Desmond Millen
 Rajesh Chella Narendran
 Yassir Adam Azzain
 Parveez Ahmed Peer
 Vishal Handa
 Seelanere Thimmappa Gowda Nandini
 Jitin Sharma
 Philip Edward Johnson
 Babiker Hassan Babiker Elfahal
 Przemyslaw Bernard Walczuk

PAIN MEDICINE DIPLOMA EXAMINATION

JUNE 2010

Dr Fiona Annette Desmond
 Dr Conor Farrell
 Dr Anand Alister Joseph
 Dr Daniel Olimpiusz Oshodi
 Dr Nazar Salah
 R Muhammad Tariq

Dr Kevin Carson

Chairman Examinations Committee



National Training Committee Report

The College of Anaesthetists Ireland (CAI) is recognised by the Irish Medical Council (IMC) as the medical postgraduate training body for training in anaesthesia in Ireland. The College awards a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) to trainees who complete the national SpR programme following 2 years BST. Achievement of CCST entitles the holder to apply for registration in the Specialist division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the IMC.

CCST AWARDS 2010

Birgitt Straub
 Caitriona Murphy
 Cathy O'Donoghue
 Conor Hearty
 David Sommerfield
 Emer O'Mahoney-Imhoff
 Eoin Casey
 Ivan Hayes
 Joanne Perkins
 Karen Foley
 Li Huey Tan
 Nadeem Zaidi
 Nazar Salah
 Rajesh Kumar Jain
 Shahid Adeel
 Shane McGearry

ROLE OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Training committee organises and supervises anaesthesia training. The committee includes members of

Council, the Dean and Vice Dean, representatives of the Regional Training committees, Anaesthetists in training, Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine and Faculty of Pain Medicine.

CHANGES 2010

2010 was a year of change in postgraduate training structures. These changes were driven by the Irish Medical Council and HSE within the framework of the new Medical Practitioners Act and were affirmed with the new NCHD, Training and Scope of Services contracts. The changes will be consolidated by the IMC process of accreditation.

NEW FIXED NUMBER OF TRAINEES ON CAI ANAESTHESIA PROGRAMMES

The fundamental change is the new distinction between the fixed number of NCHDs on training programmes who are eligible for trainee registration by the IMC and all other NCHDs who are not. At a stroke over 200 NCHDs in anaesthesia who were not on the Regional Anaesthesia BST or the National SpR training programmes were deemed "non-trainees".

In order to allow some of these doctors to continue formal anaesthesia training and be eligible for trainee registration, the CAI proposed a new intermediate training programme for NCHDs with CCBST. Following a series of meetings, a new Registrar Training Programme (RTP) with 50 posts eligible for trainee registration was agreed with the IMC and HSE.

The IMC and HSE were very concerned that the creation of the new RTP would prolong anaesthesia training. Hence all posts on the RTP had to have approval for SpR training to allow retrospection of training towards SpR year 1 if subsequently appointed to the SpR programme.

In the new order the CAI is contracted by the HSE to provide standard BST, Registrar and SpR training programmes in anaesthesia from July 2010. The CAI has agreed resources and services, including mandatory courses, termed Scope of Services, to be provided to trainees. Dr Crina Burlacu, Director of Simulation training has established a curriculum of mandatory clinical skills training for all trainees.

The number of trainees has been fixed by the HSE and endorsed by the IMC at 100 BST, 50 RTP and 90 SpR posts. The CAI and its training programmes will undergo formal accreditation by the IMC in 2011.

NATIONAL BST TRAINING PROGRAMME

Following on from the CAI's new statutory, contractual and regulatory roles in delivering standard anaesthesia training, the administration of the BST programmes, traditionally managed by the Regional Anaesthesia Training Committees, will change. There have been a series of meetings with the RATP committees to discuss the issues of standardisation of training and allocation of trainees. A memorandum of agreement between the CAI and the RATPs has been drafted and revised during 2010. All BST trainees must have a standard minimum of 12 months training in a tertiary level university hospital.

Drs Michael Carey and Maire Doyle, Chairman and Secretary of the Eastern RATP have indicated their intention to retire from many years of hard work organising and supervising a high quality programme. Dr Pat Neligan has taken over from Dr Brian Kinirons as Chairman of the Western RATP while Dr Fergus Walsh continues as Chairman of the Southern RATP. The North Western RATP, with trainees in Sligo and Letterkenny Regional hospitals, will require linkage to tertiary level hospitals within a National BST programme.

Recruitment to a National BST programme will be centralised for the July 2011 intake. A standardised selection process and online application form has been agreed. Trainees appointed to the National Programme

will be allocated to the ERATP, WRATP and SRATP according to a CAO type system. The CAI recognises the contribution the RATPs have made to the anaesthesia training and is anxious to maintain their experience and expertise within a National Training programme.

NATIONAL RTP AND SPR PROGRAMMES

Entry to the SpR programme in July 2010 was very competitive with 79 applications for 6 posts. 52 doctors who failed to get a SpR place accepted posts on the new RTP. Entry to the SpR programme in January 2011 was again competitive with 48 applications for 18 posts. Nine of the successful doctors were on the RTP. Despite this positive transfer rate to the SpR programme and retrospection of training towards SpR year 1, the CAI was only able to fill 22 out of 50 RTP posts for January 2011. Doctors were especially reluctant to take RTP posts in hospitals outside of the major centres.

Throughout 2010 the CAI has lobbied for an expansion of the SpR programme as demand clearly exceeds available posts. Doctors who are not able to access SpR training in Ireland are leaving the country to complete anaesthesia training elsewhere. With the support of HSE METR the CAI has proposed an expansion of the SpR programme to 120 posts by converting 30 RTP posts to SpR posts on a phased basis over 3 years. This proposal also included the creation of new SpR training posts in Intensive Care Medicine during years 4/5. As HSE METR supported the detailed proposal, the CAI was confident that the HSE would approve funding to upgrade 30 RTP salaries to SpR salaries. This has not happened despite arguments of value for money i.e. comparing a stable high quality workforce of SpRs committed to a career in anaesthesia to an unreliable source of NCHDs with high costs of overseas recruitment and locum agencies.

ACADEMIC SPR TRAINING PROGRAMME

In 2010 Dr. Stephen Frohlich was awarded a HRB national SpR Academic Fellowship to pursue a PhD under the direction of Dr. John Boylan in SVH. He joins Dr Alan Gaffney in MMH on this prestigious HRB programme so that two of the four places are held by anaesthesia trainees.

In addition to this programme the Training Committee will be pleased to support, where possible, a personalised plan of combined academic and clinical SpR training for SpRs pursuing a PhD. Two SpRs have availed of this option to date.

FIXED TERM TRAINING PROGRAMME

The CAI has secured approval from the HSE to use SpR posts vacant due to leave for the purposes of achieving specialist registration in anaesthesia. Up to 5 posts will be available from July 2011 for doctors whose level V assessment by the IMC recommended additional training in order to be eligible for specialist registration.

INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Training Committee has proposed 8 new SpR 4/5 posts in ICM to HSE METR. These posts will offer 12 months training in ICM to the level of eligibility for a post of consultant with a special interest in ICM. The rollout of this programme will be done in consultation with the Joint Faculty of ICM. It is hoped that the first 2 of these posts will be available in July 2011. They will likely be filled initially by transfer from the anaesthesia SpR programme. Applications will open when the programme is confirmed.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND ACUTE MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The CAI is participating in discussions with HSE METR to provide modular training to trainees from Emergency Medicine and the proposed new specialty of Acute Medicine. There may be some placements for July 2011.

THE FUTURE

In a time of national shortages in NCHDs the CAI must strive to attract interns and young doctors to commence specialty training in anaesthesia. The successful anaesthesia

intern programmes in Beaumont and UCHG Hospitals suggest how to advertise the specialty and should be considered by other medical schools and hospitals.

Postgraduate training structures are rapidly changing and there will be new challenges in 2011 as the CAI submits to the accreditation processes of the IMC.

The CAI has been asked by HSE METR to provide on a contractual basis a professional development programme for all NCHDs in anaesthesia not on an anaesthesia training programme.

The CAI will continue to promote as a priority an expanded SpR programme as the best option to providing high quality anaesthesia services in Ireland.

On behalf of the Training Committee I thank all those who contribute to the training of the anaesthetists of the future especially the Dean, Dr Ian Surgeon, the College Tutors and Maria Golden.

Katrina O'Sullivan

Chairperson, National Training Committee

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Kevin Bailey, Dr Joseph Tracey, Dr David Mannion, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr Declan Power, Dr Kevin Carson, Dr Philip Hawthorne, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr Deirdre McCoy, Prof Anthony Cunningham, Dr Michael Carey, Dr Maire Doyle, Dr Brian Kinirons, Dr Fergus Walsh, Dr Robert Darling, Dr Carlos McDowell, Dr Martina Healy, Dr Connail McCrory, Dr Joe Fitzgerald, Dr Tadgh Lynch, Dr Gerard Curley, Dr Ian Surgeon, Ms Aoife Stokes, Dr Ellie O'Leary



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 four times during the year on the 3rd March, 12th May, 10th September, 8th 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 15th of February and was run by Dr Alan McShane and the Echocardiography Workshop run by Dr Michael Griffin was on 26th February. The Difficult Airways Workshop was held on the 12th of October, and was run by Dr Ellen O'Sullivan and Dr Mike Staunton. Ultrasound in Regional Anaesthesia was held on the 24th November in the Midland Regional Hospital, Limerick and was coordinated by Professor Dominic Harmon. The Professionalism in Practice Workshop was held on the 19th of November and was coordinated by Dr Deirdre McCoy.

DELANEY MEDAL PRESENTATION

The Delaney Medal presentation took place in the College on Thursday 11th March. The adjudicators were Dr Harry Frizelle (Mater), Professor John Laffey (Galway), Dr Joe Tracey (Beaumont) and Dr Dara Breslin (St Vincent's). Fannin sponsored the reception which was held afterwards in the Westbury Hotel, Dublin. The winning presentation was delivered by Dr Tadhg Lynch whose talk was entitled 'Hospital anxiety depression scale (HADS) questionnaire predicts response to ketamine infusion therapy in patients with chronic pain'.

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

The Abbott Scholarship in Anaesthetic Research was held on Friday 12th March. Abbott Laboratories once again provided €10,000 for a scholarship to support original research by an Irish anaesthetist. The judges were Dr Ellen O'Sullivan (Dublin) and Professor Fee (Belfast). The presentations were held in the boardroom of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland. The winner was Dr Stephen Frohlich with a presentation entitled "Signaling Pathways that Protect against lung damage in the acute respiratory distress syndrome: Creb Responsive Genes in the Lung". Dr Mairead Hayes also won a College scholarship as the standard of the research was very high. The presentation was entitled 'Determination of the potential for mesenchymal stem cells to reduce injury and enhance repair following sepsis induced Acute Lung Injury'.

IRISH CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIA (ICA)

This was held on the 20th & 21st May in the new Aviva Stadium, Dublin 4. The meeting covered a broad range of topics and also included sessions devoted to toxicology, regional anaesthesia and critical care medicine. The faculty included speakers from Australia, USA and the United Kingdom as well as a number from Ireland. Dr Crina Burlacu, Director of Simulation at the College ran a Simulator Workshop. The Irish Society of Regional Anaesthesia (ISRA) held their second Advanced Ultrasound in Regional Anaesthesia Workshop. The meeting had a record number of attendees and feedback was excellent. In addition the number of trade stands attending was the highest ever.

The Gilmartin Lecture was on the Thursday evening held in the College and was given by Mark Coleman, Economics

Editor of NewsTalk radio. The Annual Dinner was held in the Aviva Stadium. The dinner was attended by 250 people and was a highly successful event.

CORE TOPICS DAY AND AUTUMN COLLEGE LECTURE

The Core Topics Day meeting was held for the first time in Dublin in the College on the 6th October. This meeting is a joint event between the RCA and the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and was the first time this event was held in Dublin.

The Autumn College Lecture was delivered by Professor Rajinder Mirakhur, Belfast which and was entitled "From poisoned arrows to safe sugars".

GREAT IRISH FLUID DEBATE

This event was held in the College on Saturday, 6th November and was sponsored by Fannin. Professor Monty Mythen and Professor Mike James debated 'Hydroxyethyl starches - neither economic nor effective'. The event received great feedback.

WINTER COLLEGE LECTURE

The GSK Medal Presentations and the Winter College Lecture were held on the 19th of November in the College. The Winter College Lecture was given by Professor Donal Nyhan of The John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and was entitled "Vascular Biology of Ageing".

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 Noreen Dowd (St James's), Dr Joe Tracey (Dublin) and the ATI representative Dr Tadhg Lynch. A record number of applications (26) were received. The winner of the GSK Medal Presentation was Dr Kingsley Enohumah. His presentation was entitled 'Acquisition of intubation skill with difficult airway devices. A comparison of Airtraq and Levitan scopes in a Manikin'. Drs Barry Kelly and Janette Brohan were recognized for their poster presentations and were awarded joint 1st place. Their presentations were entitled 'Bacterial Meningitis Complicating Epidural

Analgesia: Case Report' and 'Spinal Anaesthesia for C-section in a patient with Dural Ectasia-A Case Report' respectively. Dr Anne Marie Dolan also received a runner up prize for her presentation entitled 'An Audit of the PAC at Beaumont Hospital'

COLLEGE COURSES

The Introduction to Anaesthesia course is now mandatory for all NCHDs new to Anaesthesia who are in recognized training posts. This year's courses were held in the College on the 11th & 12th February and the 3rd & 4th of June. The course was coordinated by the Postgraduate Dean, Dr Ian Surgeon. The course programme has been redesigned to include more Simulation sessions.

The Final Revision Course was run by Dr. Deirdre McCoy from the 1st – 5th February. The course was held in the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin 2 and proved very successful and received very positive feedback from the participants. The Pain Revision course was held on the 17th & 18th of May in College and was organized by Dr Paul Murphy. The Primary Revision Course also took place in the College on the 29th and 30th September and was coordinated by Drs Ian Surgeon, Ken Lowry and Liam Conroy.

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

Dr Ellen O'Sullivan

Chairman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Joseph Tracey, Dr David Mannion, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Dr Ken Lowry, Dr Kevin Carson, Dr John McAadoo, Professor Anthony Cunningham, Dr Deirdre McCoy, Dr Declan O'Keefe, Dr Brian Marsh, Dr Ian Orr, Dr Paul Murphy, Ms Aoife Stokes, Dr Ian Surgeon, Dr Ellie O'Leary



Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia)

The Degree of Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia) established in 2007 (previously Master of Science (Anaesthesia)), is approved by The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and by the Senate of the National University of Ireland.

The MSc course runs over 2 years and 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) Health Systems Development (Institute of Public Administration) and Leadership in Health Services (Institute of Public Administration). Modules are also offered as credit or interest only courses.

Professionalism in Practice (College of Anaesthetists Module) is integral to specialist registrar training (year 4/5) and is mandatory for Certification of Specialist Training (2010). This module is offered annually.

To date 32 candidates have been conferred – most recently seven students were awarded MSc Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia) on November 19th 2010 (CAI Winter Meeting). Currently 19 students are undertaking the MSc course of whom nine commenced in 2010.

Professor AJ Cunningham and Dr D McCoy retire in May 2011. Dr F Lyons commences as director of the Professionalism in Practice Module (CAI) and Dr J Tracey will take over as co-ordinator of the MSc programme at the beginning of the new academic year, Autumn 2011

*Professor Anthony J Cunningham &
Dr Deirdre McCoy*

MSc Programme Co-ordinators,
Master of Science in
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Credentials Committee Report

This is my second report as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. The Committee reports to Council via a report at each meeting and any Council member may attend the Credentials Committee meetings. The Credentials Committee of the College met five times during 2010. The College also has representation on the Registration Working Group of the Irish Medical Council.

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 and the assessment process is detailed and comprehensive. The Committee must identify where deficits in training or experience may exist and advise the Medical Council accordingly. Non-clinical competencies encompassing higher specialist professional activity are also addressed.

The mechanism for doctors based in Ireland to remedy clinical training deficiencies within College Training programmes is limited by funding and number of these posts. The number of Training posts is controlled by the HSE METR and the Irish Medical Council. Occasionally, where vacancies arise on the Specialist Training Programme, a doctor may be allocated to that post for a fixed term of Training to address clinical or professional competency issues.

22 new applicants were referred to the Committee by the Medical Council in 2010. Of those 17 applicants that agreed to progress their submissions, 4 were recommended for inclusion on the Specialist Register, and 13 are on file pending further evidence requested. Three further applicants were recommended for inclusion from applications prior to January 2010. The role of the College is advisory and the Medical Council makes the final decision on eligibility. The Medical Council runs an appeals process for doctors whose applications are refused. The Committee also assists College Council with applications for ad eundem fellowship of the College. I am very grateful to Orla Doran from the College staff, who supports the work of the Committee.

Dr John Loughrey

Chairperson, Credentials Committee

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2010

John Loughrey, Jeanne Moriarty, Joseph Tracey, David Mannion, Harry Frizelle, William P. Blunnie, Kevin Carson, Ellen O'Sullivan, Brian Marsh (JFICMI), Katrina O'Sullivan, Connail McCrory (Pain Faculty), Ian Surgeon, Ellie O'Leary (Co-opted), John McAdoo, Rory Dwyer and Muhammed Khalid.



Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland

Last year's report emphasised a number of key issues for the Joint Faculty – the establishment of a body of members, specialty recognition, the development of dedicated training posts, and examinations.

BODY OF MEMBERS

There are now over 120 Fellows of the Joint Faculty. The ad eundem process is complete and all new Fellows shall primarily enter through a training and examination pathway, as per the regulations. We can anticipate a more gradual increase in numbers perhaps 10-20 per annum, which therefore gives a stable body of specialists delivering intensive care in Ireland.

SPECIALTY RECOGNITION

In January 2011, the JFICMI was invited to submit for specialty recognition with the Medical Council. This is a two-phase process, with phase one likely to take up to six months, prior to engagement with phase 2. I would hope by this time in 2012 to be able to report completion of both phases.

DEDICATED TRAINING POSTS

Negotiations are on-going, with HSE-METR seeking substantive investment in dedicated intensive care training positions. Engagement with the constituent colleges has also helped define the training needs for anaesthetists with an interest in intensive care, career intensivists, physicians with an interest in intensive care, acute medicine physicians, emergency medicine trainees, and surgical trainees. It is proposed that trainees may achieve up to one year of dedicated intensive care medicine (ICM) training within their SpR programme. Those seeking a career

with a dominant commitment to ICM shall require a further year after SpR training, consistent with recognised international models. There is a substantive consultant manpower deficit in ICM in Ireland, and a robust training scheme is required to underpin such future and on-going appointments. Specialty recognition will be very helpful promoting this training requirement.

EXAMINATIONS

The Diploma of the Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine shall continue to be the exit examination after training in intensive care. In due course, but governed as much by the required investment in dedicated training posts (above), Fellowship of the JFICMI is the desired training outcome, but recognising the different career aspirations of those with a career in intensive care – be that whole time or as part of a dual specialty commitment.

The JFICMI in collaboration with the ICSI has held the first European Diploma in Intensive Care (EDIC) Part 1 examination in Ireland on 10th February 2011, one of only 8 centres to do so. We continue to host EDIC Part 2 in conjunction with the DIBICM Clinics and Viva examination.

ELECTIONS

The first elections to the Board of the JFICMI were held in January, with the election of two new members – Dr Maria Donnelly and Dr John Bates. A similar process for two new elected members continues annually such that the ultimate composition of the board shall be a balance of elected members from the Fellows, and nominated members of the constituent bodies of the CAI, ICSI, RCPI and RCSI. The regulations governing this can be viewed on www.icmed.com.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE ASSURANCE SCHEME

The exact pathway for competence assurance, CME, and CPD is still evolving across all the post-graduate training bodies and the Medical Council. The board of the JFICMI needs to establish the most suitable mechanism(s) for its Fellows, in keeping with their various professional roles – be that monospecialty primary intensive care practice, or dual specialty practice.

Many aspects of the current direction of Irish acute hospital development clearly require a robust national critical care service, underpinned by a high quality training programme interfaced across many specialties. The board faces a significant challenge to capture the resource and recognition to ensure these goals are achieved.

Brian Marsh, FJFICMI

Dean

JOINT FACULTY OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF IRELAND COMMITTEE

Dr Brian Marsh, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Michael Power, Dr Dermot Phelan, Dr Kenneth Mealy, Dr Ted Keelan, Dr Lars Nolke, Dr Ken Lowry, Dr Brendan O'Hare, Dr Patrick Seigne, Dr Maria Donnelly, Dr John Bates



Faculty of Pain Medicine Report

The faculty board met 5 times during 2010 – a business meeting within the ASM in February, a full College meeting in the College in March, July and November and an away day in May.

In February 2010 the ASM joined with the Annual Charter day lecture of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street. The overall theme of the meeting was “Pain in Women”. The Conference was a great success and the board congratulated the College staff on their support for such a large and complex meeting in the new College facility - 125 delegates attended on the Friday and 140 attended on the Saturday (66% doctors, 22% nurses and midwives and 12% physiotherapists attended). The meeting opened with a well attended masterclass/interactive workshop on the Friday in the College given by Professor Eisenach, editor in chief of Anaesthesia, on how to get published. This was followed by a session on pain management in pregnancy with key international speakers – Professor Denis Walsh, Dr Anita Holdcroft and Dr Kenneth Cummings. The Friday afternoon programme finished with a superb Charter day lecture by Professor Eisenach introduced by Dr Michael Robson (Master NMH). This was the first occasion the Charter Day lecture was given on a pain medicine topic. The concept for the meeting was conceived by Dr Kevin Mc Keating and the project was delivered by midwifery expertise of Dr O’Keefe and the Dean and M&C. The Saturday meeting took place in the RCPI and the programme covered a range of topics at the interface between gynaecology and pain medicine including CRPS Dr Anne Loise Oaklander (Harvard), Dr Bob van Hilten (Leiden) and Dr David Abejon (Madrid), Pelvic Pain – Dr Beverly Collet (Leicester) and Dr Wendy Reid (London), Dr Adnan Al Kaisy (London), Musculoskeletal pain – Dr Boomershine (Vanderbilt) and Dr Petra Schweinhardt (Magill). The state of the art lecture series were delivered

by Dr Ed Keogh (Bath), Dr Marie Besson (Geneva) and Dr Nagy Mekhail (Cleveland)

In May 2010 the faculty held an away day seminar with Professor Rollin Gallagher. He is Director of Pain Management, Philadelphia Veteran Affairs Medical Centre. He is also Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Anaesthesiology and Critical Care and Director for Pain Policy Research and Primary Care, Penn Pain Medicine Centre, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was a guest speaker at the College ASM also. The theme of the seminar was disease and specialty recognition. Professor Gallagher has some expertise in setting up a broad based coalition of stakeholders to increase public awareness around these topics. This impetus led to the first meeting of the IPCN (Irish Pain Clinicians Network) on the 24th August. The concept of a network came from a separate meeting in July with Mr Dave Shanahan (IDA).

Dr Anne Keane from the Irish Medical Council delivered an interactive lecture on specialty recognition in Ireland.

In October we joined all the candidate subspecialties at the official launch by the IMC of the specialty application process. The completed initial assessment document was sent to the IMC by the closing date of 28th Jan 2011. The outcome of this process should be known in 6 months.

PAIN DIPLOMA EXAMINATION JUNE 2010

The written examination took place on the 10th June at Queens University Medical Biology Centre. There were 50 MCQ questions followed by 6 questions on the EASAQ paper. 17 candidates attended. Drs Harney and Ghaly were in attendance together with Marguerite Harvey Examinations Officer. Scripts were corrected by



Drs D Harney, G Ghaly, C Power, D Hill, L Conroy, P Murphy, J Keaveny and the Extern Examiner Dr M Serpell (Glasgow). The MCQ's were sent to the CAI for scanning by Ruth Flaherty. The MCQ results were processed and results issued to Dr Harney on the 10th June.

The Hospital Clinical Examinations took place at Belfast City Hospital. Clinical Vivas took place in the morning. There were 5 teams of Examiners. There were 3 groups of 4 candidates each with the last group consisting of 5 candidates.

17 candidates registered, 17 candidates attended.
6 candidates passed the examination, 11 failed. The pass rate was 35.29%

Thanks to Belfast City Hospital and to Dr Gerry Browne for co-ordinating/arranging the facilities. Dr Browne also arranged/selected 10 patients and cases for the Clinical Viva. The cases were excellent. We appreciate all the hard work and support. The facilities at the Pain Unit were very good indeed. Candidate number 14010, Dr Fiona Desmond achieved A's in all sections of the examination. Dr Desmond had not attempted the examination previously and was awarded the new Faculty medal.

At the Faculty board meeting in May Drs Declan O'Keeffe and Connail McCrory were charged with producing a document on a proposed National Training Scheme. This document was subsequently accepted at our November meeting. We also updated standing orders and finalised our pathway to Fellowship. The existing pathway i.e. the submission of a 15000 word thesis in addition to possession of the Diploma in Pain Medicine will close on the 31st December 2012. The new pathway will be by examination, currently proposed as a two stage process

incorporating the diploma after 6 months of training and an exit exam.

We have had our first Faculty elections in the autumn of 2010. The vacancies were created by the Dr David Hill (immediate past Dean) and Dr Roisin MacSullivan. The election attracted four candidates of whom the two successful candidates were Drs Brendan Conroy (Limerick) and Dr Gerry Browne (Belfast).

I have previously paid tribute to Dr Hill's excellent work as Foundation Dean (Report 2009). The Board also wishes to acknowledge the fine work of Dr Roisin Mac Sullivan on the Foundation board.

We held a winter seminar on the theme of radiofrequency ablation, in the College on the 22 Nov 2010 organised by Dr Josh Keaveny - Vice Dean and Chair of Education. The speakers were Drs Mc Crory, Harney, O'Keeffe and Professor Harmon

Dr Camillus Power

Dean, Faculty of Pain Medicine

FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

Dr Camillus Power, Dr. Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Josh Keaveny, Dr Liam Conroy, Dr Ray Victor, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr. Kevin Carson, Dr Joseph Tracey, David Mannion, Dr Declan O'Keeffe, Dr Roisin MacSullivan, Prof Dominic Harmon, Dr Donal Harney, Dr Paul Murphy, Dr. John Brown, Dr. Frank Chambers, Dr. Joe Fitzgerald, Dr. Hugh Gallagher, Dr. David Hill, Dr. Connail McCrory, Dr. David O'Gorman, Dr. Ken Patterson, Dr. Valerie Pollard



Honorary Treasurer's Report

This is my second report to the members in my role as Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. I am delighted to be able to report a continuing positive trend in these challenging times. During the Financial Year 2010 the Committee, whose members are listed at the end of this report, have met on a monthly basis. Ormsby & Rhodes continued to serve as our outside financial auditors, and we experienced a very smooth and successful audit. Once again, the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland received a clean audit opinion, which means that the financial statements were presented fairly in all material aspects and no serious concerns, nor comments, were expressed. I am pleased to present herewith the Financial Statements of the College for the year ended 31st December 2010 which are set out on pages 29 to 32 of this annual report.

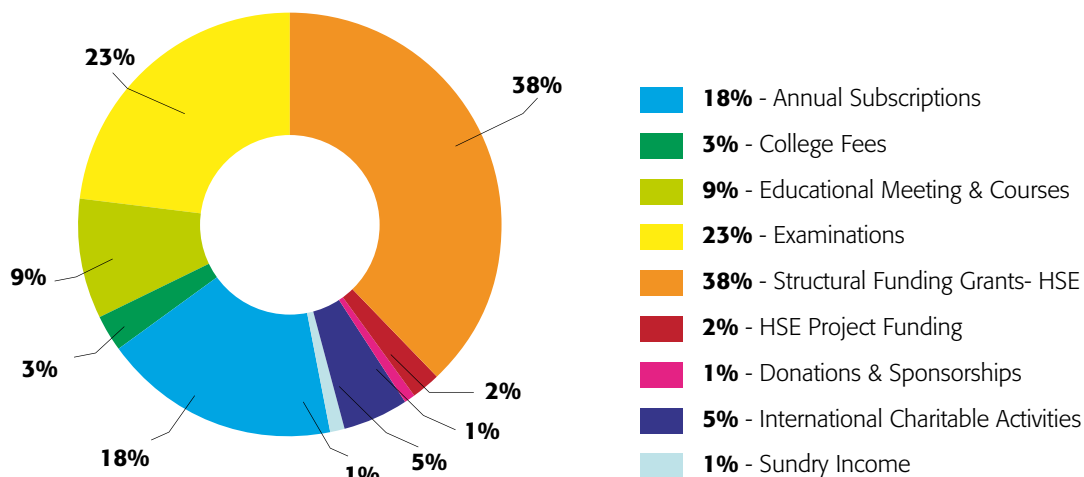
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The College has positive financial results for 2010. The college had a total turnover of €2,867,439. This is an

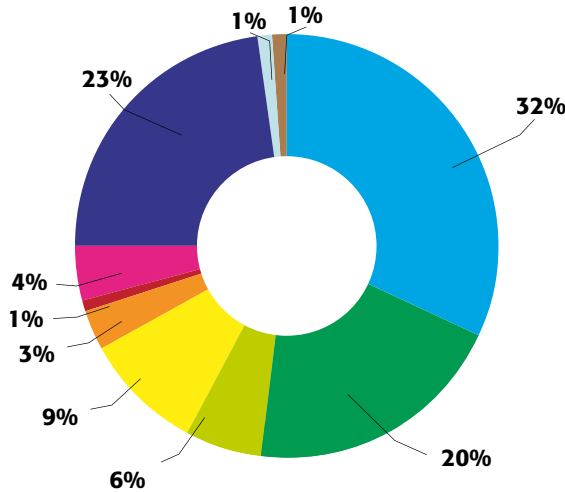
increase of 9% on 2009's results. HSE/METR funding structure changed during the financial year 2010. HSE/METR implemented their integrated strategy to enhance and modernise medical education and training across the continuum of undergraduate education to specialist training. These changes require formal collaboration between the multiple inter-dependent stakeholders involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education and training. The change in funding has affected our financial reporting. On submission of our second years report to Irish AID the college received its third, and final, year's funding from Irish Aid for the overseas education in anaesthesia in Malawi.

The operating costs for the financial year have increased by 12%; contributing factors to the increase were the redevelopment and refurbishing project at 22 Merrion Square which was successfully completed in 2010. The impact of the project can be seen in the expenditure reported. The IT development project was continued in 2010. The Fellows Database was expanded to include PCS functionality. This module is on target to go live in April 2011. Developments continue to pose a challenge to the college finances, not least because of the associated

Income 2010



Expenditure 2010



- 32% - Wages, Salaries, Related Charges & Training
- 20% - Educational Material, Meetings & Courses
- 6% - Examinations
- 9% - Office & IT
- 3% - Governance
- 1% - Research Sponsorship & Tutors
- 4% - International Charitable Events
- 23% - Depreciation
- 1% - Financial
- 1% - Sundry Expenditure

infrastructure and running costs. Total expenditure for 2010 was €2,158,246. Overall a healthy surplus remains. We are all aware that the college and its members face a particularly challenging time. Looking ahead, there will be much to learn from the testing experiences of the current crisis, and continued monitoring will be necessary to position the college to serve its members well. The college will work hard to fulfil its role in reflecting on experience, identifying how things can be improved, and helping position the college to be yet more effective in the future.

Finally, I would like to express personal thanks and appreciation to all the dedicated members of the Finance Committee for their ongoing support and input in assisting with the dynamic budgetary controls introduced in 2010 to ensure that the budgets set for each department not only provides parameters for operational controls but is a means of monitoring and influencing strategy.

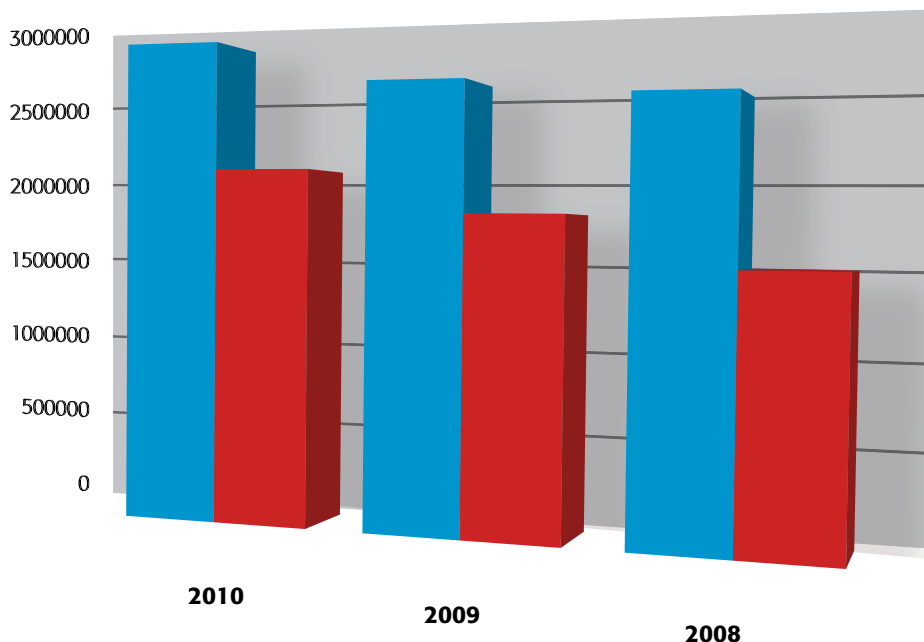
I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff in the Finance Office, in particular Margaret Jenkinson for her effort, dedication and innovation throughout the year.

Dr Harry Frizelle

Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance & General Purpose Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Joseph Tracey, Dr David Mannion, Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr Kevin Carson, Dr Philip Hawthorne, J Dr ohn Loughrey, Dr John McAdoo, Dr Kenneth Lowry, Dr William Blunnie, Dr Anthony Cunningham, Dr Brian Marsh, Dr Ray Victory (Pain Faculty), Dr Ian Surgeon, Dr Ellie O'Leary and Ms Aoife Stokes



Income & Expenditure Comparison

- Income
- Expenditure

Auditor's Report

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

We have audited the financial statements of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise 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 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 also 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 2010 and of its income and expenditure 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

4th March 2011

Income and Expenditure

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

INCOME	2010	2009
Annual subscriptions	501,816	481,351
College fees	99,907	96,471
Educational meetings & courses	251,110	252,070
Examinations	666,321	682,461
Grants: Structural Funding Grants: HSE METR Funding	1,094,150	714,000
HSE project funding	59,910	187,280
Donations & sponsorships	32,552	60,616
International charitable activities	143,140	149,387
Sundry income	18,533	10,681
	<u>2,867,439</u>	<u>2,634,317</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages, salaries, related charges, staff training and recruitment	693,175	583,212
Educational material, meetings & courses	435,066	362,140
Examinations	124,572	140,363
Office & IT	192,517	201,279
Governance	72,516	68,495
Research sponsorships & tutors	10,000	15,000
International charitable activities	91,207	153,776
Depreciation	503,808	367,823
Financial	18,904	17,293
General	16,481	10,430
	<u>(2,158,246)</u>	<u>(1,919,811)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS	<u>709,193</u>	<u>714,506</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	46,474	24,672
Interest payable and similar charges	(64,467)	(16,495)
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>691,200</u>	<u>722,683</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 2010

	2010	2009
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	10,137,093	8,970,109
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	23,189	58,283
Cash at bank and in hand	2,389,429	2,346,510
	<u>2,412,618</u>	<u>2,404,793</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(936,047)	(708,345)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,476,571</u>	<u>1,696,448</u>
	<u>11,613,664</u>	<u>10,666,557</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due after more than one year	(2,620,516)	(2,364,609)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>8,993,148</u>	<u>8,301,948</u>
	<u><u>8,993,148</u></u>	<u><u>8,301,948</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Retained surplus	8,993,148	8,301,948
MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>8,993,148</u>	<u>8,301,948</u>
	<u><u>8,993,148</u></u>	<u><u>8,301,948</u></u>
On behalf of the Board of Directors		
<i>Dr. Jeanne Moriarty</i>		
<i>Dr. Harry Frizelle</i>		



International Relations Committee

The International Relations Committee met in January, February, September and December 2010 to coincide with the College's Education Committee meetings.

The Committee membership comprises representatives from the Academic Departments of Anaesthesia and those associated with the College's overseas education activities. The Committee is chaired by Prof. Anthony Cunningham and the following summarizes activities for the year 2010.

COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS OF IRELAND/ IRISH AID SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN MALAWI.

Project title "Education Assistance in the Management of Trauma related Obstetric Emergencies in Malawi with a focus on Thyolo and Chiradzulu District Hospitals".

Malawi has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world. Only 31% of children born to mothers who die in the peripartum period survive infancy. Malawi in common with much of Africa also has very significant high road traffic accident fatality rate – 26 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants per year. The comparable figure for Netherlands is 4.1.

The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, working in partnership with the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre and College of Medicine, Blantyre, developed an obstetric and trauma training programme, based in the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Blantyre with monitoring evaluation and audit to measure the impact of training activity in Thyolo and Chiradzulu District Hospitals.

The College of Anaesthetists High Dependency Obstetric and Trauma management (HOT) training programme evolved over a number of years to provide knowledge and skills to first responders at Health Centre and District Hospital level. The course focuses on effective management of women with obstetric emergency and also trauma patients especially road traffic accident victims. A total of 391 health care providers have successfully completed the three-day course since its inception in 2005.

Dr. Paul Downey (Cheltenham, UK) held the post of Project Manager from July 2009 to June 2010. He was succeeded by Dr. Tom Schnittiger (St. James's Hospital, Dublin) July 2010 – June 2011.

1 - VISITING PROFESSOR PROGRAMME JANUARY 2010

- (a) High Dependency Obstetrical and Trauma Course 4th – 11th January 2010.

VISITING PROFESSORS

Dr. William Blunnie,
(Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin)

Dr. Patricia Ecimovic
(Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin)

The visiting faculty, in addition to College of Medicine academic staff, provided three 3-day courses for anaesthetic clinical officers, physician assistants, nurse anaesthetists; ICU nurses and midwives in January 2010.

- (b) High Dependency Obstetrical and Trauma Course
October/November 2010

Dr. Tom Schnittger, Project Manager coordinated three 3-day courses involving a total of 63 delegates from Blantyre, Thyolo and Chiradzulu.

VISITING FACULTY FOR THIS COURSE INCLUDED

Dr. Niamh Hayes

(Rotunda Hospital, Dublin)

Dr. Mohammed Fadeem

(Mullingar)

HIGH DEPENDENCY OBSTETRICAL AND TRAUMA COURSE 21ST/30TH NOVEMBER 2010.

Dr. Tom Schnittger coordinated an additional three 3 day courses for 83 delegates with the visiting faculty:

Dr. Ian Surgeon,

Postgraduate Dean

Dr. Eleanor O'Leary,

Assistant Postgraduate Dean

In addition to local University College of Medicine Blantyre Faculty.

2 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING – UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL PROGRAMME - MARCH 2010

An intensive 2-week Anaesthesia and Critical Care Medicine programme was provided for 36 fourth year medical students.

VISITING FACULTY

Dr. Jeanne Moriarty

(St. James's Hospital, Dublin) President

Dr. Brian Kinirons

(University College Hospital, Galway)

Dr. Moyna Bill

(Queen's University Belfast)

3 - MASTERS IN MEDICINE PROGRAMME (MMED)

The College recruited three out of a potential four designated Malawi medical graduates to undertake a four year postgraduate education and training programme in the College of Medicine Blantyre and the Groote Schurr Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa to provide leadership for the specialty of anaesthesia. The following doctors have enrolled in the MMed programme.

Dr. Sampson Mndolo (2009)

Dr. Stella Chikumbanje (2009)

Dr. Delia Mabedi (2010)

Drs. Mndolo and Chikumbanje took part in the Primary Fellowship revision course in Cape Town, South Africa July 2010.

4 - EAST CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA HEALTH COMMUNITY (ECSA-HC)

College of Anaesthetists Council members

Dr. Jeanne Moriarty, President

Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan, Chairman, Education Committee

Prof. Anthony Cunningham, Irish Extern Director

participated in the 52nd ECSA-HC Health Minister Conference, Harare, 25th/26th October 2010. The Health Minister recommended that a College of Anaesthetists be established in addition to in addition to Surgery, Nursing, Obstetrics/Gynaecology and African Child Health.

The COSECSA Annual Meeting Kampala, 1st/3rd December, 2010 provided the College with an opportunity to view first hand the surgical fellowship examination and to present an outline of the College's training and education activities, its support for the MMed anaesthesia programme in Malawi and its proposal for the establishment of a College of Anaesthesia within the ECSA College of Health Sciences.

The College will convene a Working Group under the aegis of ECSA College of Health Sciences, including

Irish Aid,
Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland,
COSECSA,
ECSA-HC,
National Anaesthesia Societies - East Central and Southern Africa.

This inaugural Working Group is scheduled to meet 21st/23rd March 2011 in Arusha, Tanzania, to explore the potential for a College of Anaesthetists within the new Health Science College based in Arusha, Tanzania.

Anthony J Cunningham
Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Prof. Anthony Cunningham, Dr. Jeanne Moriarty, Dr. Joseph Tracey, Dr. David Mannion, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr. Kevin Carson, Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr. Tom Schnittger, Dr. Gabrielle Iohom, Dr. Brian Kinirons, Dr. Ian Surgeon, Dr. Ellie O'Leary, Ms Aoife Stokes





House Committee

The House Committee is a new College Committee for 2010. It acts as a source of advice and support to internal departments relating to the facilities at Merrion Square. It is also tasked with enabling the new facility to operate at a fully functional level for all those utilizing it. The Committee also ensures that all service contracts are maintained at cost effective prices.

At the inaugural meeting in March 2010, the terms of reference were agreed:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1 To participate in the development of the College’s vision and objectives.
- 2 To actively ensure that the College’s educational and meeting facilities operate to a high standard for the benefit of Fellows and trainees.
- 3 To ensure that appropriate structures are in place for outside agencies to hire College Educational Facilities.
- 4 To provide a forum for College staff to bring decisions relating to educational and office facilities.
- 5 To ensure that appropriate use of the College facilities is encouraged.
- 6 To refer proposals which have financial implication to the Finance Committee.
- 7 To assist with the planning of fundraising and social activities where delegated by the Finance Committee

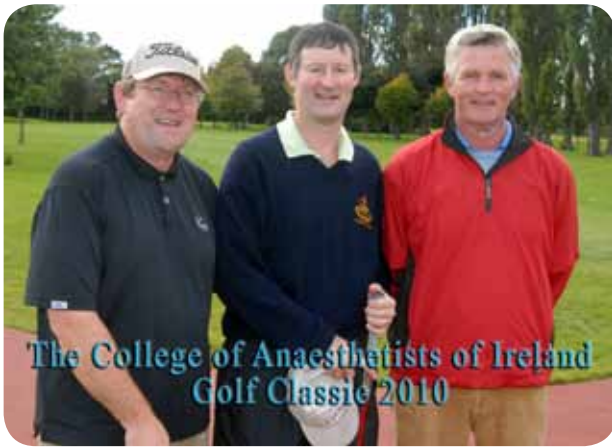
In addition, state of the art ICT, complementary furniture and fittings have been purchased to allow for maximum usage of the lecture theatre and Clinical Skills Centre (CSC) to derive income for the College. An advertising campaign to highlight rental facilities within the College will be rolled out in early 2011. Fellows and affiliated bodies will be able to avail of a discounted rate of 30% for facility rental.

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.

FACILITY RENTAL IN THE COLLEGE		
Facility	Cost per day	Cost per half day
Lecture Theatre	€1000	€750
Clinical Skills Centre (1st & 2nd Floors)	€500	
Boardroom	€500	
AUDIO VISUAL		
Hirer Uses	€150	
Engineer on Site	€600	
FOOD / BEVERAGES		
A list of approved caterers will be provided by the College		
NON OFFICE HOURS SURCHARGE		
To cover additional costs	€400	

Please Note: A 30% discount will apply to affiliated organisations/associations

The Committee organized the Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, 16th September 2010 in Milltown Golf Club. The proceeds which were in excess of €6.5k were donated to Depaul Ireland, a national homeless charity. The College would like to thank the individual and corporate sponsors whose generosity and continued support contributed to the success of the event.



I would like to thank Mary Malone for her excellent administrative support for the Committee and to Aoife Stokes along with the rest of the Committee for all their assistance.

COMMITTEE LISTING

Dr. John Loughrey, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Joseph Tracey, Dr David Mannion, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Dr Kevin Carson, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr Kevin Bailey, Dr Muhammed Khalid, Dr Ian Surgeon, Dr Ellie O'Leary, Ms Aoife Stokes.

In late 2010 a Movie Club initiative began which was hosted on four separate occasions by members of College Council. The proceeds from the screenings were donated to Concern, Suicidology, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Flood Relief and the Ethiopian Deaf Project.



New Lecture Theatre



Professional Competence Committee Report

This has been a busy year for the Professional Competence Committee. Section 11 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 was signed into law by the Minister for Health and Children and the 1st May 2011 is the date when Registered Medical Practitioners will have to be enrolled on an appropriate Professional Competence Scheme.

In preparation for May 2011 the College's Professional Competence Committee submitted a Professional Competence Scheme (PCS) to the Irish Medical Council (IMC). The submission met with the IMC's accreditation standards and the College was accredited as the PCS provider for anaesthesia.

The Committee through its members have actively participated in the Forum of Irish Training Body's Committee on Professional Competence Schemes and Medical Council's Professional Competence Steering Committee.

I would like to thank our committee members, our Dean, Dr Ian Surgeon and our management and administrative staff who worked so hard to meet the tight deadlines that were part of the PCS development process. I would like to pay a special thanks to Ian Surgeon for his expertise and major contribution to the development of the IT infrastructure required to support the PCS and Mary Malone for her administrative support throughout the development of the PCS. I also thank our President and Council for their advice and support.

Prof John McAdoo
Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Prof John McAdoo, Dr Brian Marsh, Dr. Gerard Browne, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr Joseph Tracey, Dr David Mannion, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr. Katrina O'Sullivan, Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr. Ian Surgeon, Dr Ellie O'Leary, Dr Josh Keaveny, Ms Aoife Stokes



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 will, on request from individual doctors, departments or institutions, coordinate and undertake 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 who will 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.

Dr Ken Lowry

Chair of Quality & Safety Advisory Committee

Photographs Presidential Visit



Dr Jeanne Moriarty welcomes President Mary McAleese, to the opening of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland, 22 Merrion Square



President Mary McAleese unveiling a plaque at the official opening of The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland Lecture Theatre October 2010

Photographs Presidential Visit



Dr Joe Tracey, President Mary McAleese, Dr. Jeanne Moriarty and Dr Harry Frizelle during the President visit to the College 2010



President McAleese visting Clinical Skills Facility at The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland accompanied by Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Dr. Crina Burlacu, Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Dr Katrina O'Sullivan and Louise Walsh



Gilmartin Lecture: Dr Ellen O Sullivan, Mr Marc Coleman who delivered The Gilmartin Lecture, Dr Jeanne Moriarty, and Prof RSJ Clarke

Elections to Council & Council members



Council of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland 2010

Elections to council of the college of anaesthetics of Ireland were held in May 2010 Drs Jon Loughrey and Ellen O'Sullivan were reelected for second term on council. Dr. Kevin Bailey and Dr Liam Controy were also elected.

The current Council of the College of Anaesthetists 2010-2011 is constituted as follows:

OFFICERS	ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr. Jeanne Moriarty President	5	1998-2009
Dr. Joseph Tracey Vice-President	3	2001-2011
Dr. David Mannion Honorary Secretary	5	2007-2012
Dr. Harry Frizelle Honorary Treasurer	4	2004-2014

ELECTED MEMBERS

	ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr Kevin Bailey Secretary Training Committee	2	2010-2015
Dr. William P. Blunnie Chair Project Development Group	4	2008-2013
Dr. Gerard Browne Secretary Competence Assurance Committee	4	2009-2014
Dr. Kevin Carson Chair Examinations Committee	5	2006-2011
Dr Liam Conroy Convener Hospital Accreditation	2	2010-2015
Prof. Anthony Cunningham Chair International Relations Committee	4	2007-2012
Dr. George Raouf Ghaly Vice-Chair Primary Examination	2	2009-2014
Dr. Philip Hawthorne Chair Final Examination	4	2008-2013
Dr. Muhammed Khalid Membership Secretary	3	2009-2014
Dr. John Loughrey Chair Credentials Committee / House Committee	2	2005-2015
Dr. Kenneth G. Lowry Chair Quality & Safety Advisory Committee	3	2007-2012
Dr. Brian Marsh Dean JFICMI/ Vice-Chair Competence Assurance Committee	3	2007-2012
Dr. Deirdre McCoy Chair Primary Examination/ MSc Director	4	2008-2013
Dr. Ellen O'Sullivan Chair Education Committee	4	2005-2015
Dr. Katrina O'Sullivan Chair Training Committee	5	2001-2011

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Dr. John McAdoo Chair Competence Assurance Committee
 Dr Gerard Curley Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland
 Dr Camillus Power Dean Faculty of Pain Medicine
 Ms. Anne Maher

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Aoife Stokes, Interim CEO
 Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean
 Dr Ellie O'Leary, Vice-Dean

COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD

12th March, 19th May, 24th June, 17th September and 10th December

Meetings in 2011

Introduction to Anaesthesia Course

13th & 14th January, CAI

Pain Faculty ASM

4th February, CAI & 5th February, RCPI

Final Revision Course

7th & 11th February, CAI

Vascular Access Workshop

14th February, CAI

Delaney Medal Competition

3rd March, CAI

Abbott Scholarship Presentations

9th March, CAI

Hot Topics in Airways

14th April, CAI

Pain Revision Course

9th & 10th May, CAI

Irish Congress of Anaesthesia

20th & 21st May, CCD

Introduction to Anaesthesia Course

22nd & 23rd June, CAI

Golf Classic

15th September, Milltown Golf Club

Local Anaesthesia for Ophthalmic Surgery Workshop

17th September, RVEEH

OSCE/VIVA Revision Course

for Primary FCARCSI Examination

CAI

Difficult Airways Workshop

28th September, CAI

Core Topics Day & Autumn College Lecture

5th October, CAI

Dingle/ICSI Meeting

19th & 20th October

Professionalism in Practice Workshop, GSK Medal

Presentations and Winter College Lecture

18th November, CAI

Irish Standing Committee Meeting and Seminar

19th November, Westbury Hotel