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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



It is with great pleasure I give my Annual Report to Fellows for the year 2007. The year has been an exciting and challenging one for the College. Despite the climate generated by the uncertainty of contract changes, the passing by the Oireachtas of a new Medical Practitioners Act and the formation by the HSE of a Medical Education Training and Research Committee the College maintains its focus on its core objectives of education and training for Anaesthetists and the maintenance of standards of anaesthesia in Ireland. For this I thank all Council Officers and Council Members, Fellows and College staff who continue to work so hard to support the College to achieve its objectives.

In my report for 2007 I referred to our ambitions for 22 Merrion Square. I am delighted to confirm that planning approval has been granted to develop the site as a modern education and training facility that reflects the new demands and expectations of the 21st century. The College has taken over 22 Merrion Square and in 2008 expect to begin building a new educational facility at the back of the premises with additional facilities in Denzille Lane. We look to our Fellows and all anaesthetists to support this project.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

This is the core business of the College. In 2007, we have revamped the MSc. and added to the number and variety of modules thus widening the appeal and relevance of our MSc. programme. In the new climate of CME and CPD as reflected in the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, we feel this is an additional resource for our Fellows to develop and maintain their professional practice. Our website www.anaesthesia.ie enables Fellows to maintain their CME record on-line and the additional feature of access to journals both on-line and in hard copy is an expansion of our service to Fellows in 2008 and beyond.

The education and training equipment purchased by the College for running courses relevant to Anaesthesia and other specialties has been used to good effect in the Difficult Airways and Vascular Access workshops. These courses have proved useful and very popular indeed. The proposed development of simulator centers on two sites, UCC and St. James's Hospital offers the College partnership opportunities to develop courses relevant to Anaesthesia.

The Autumn College Lecture was delivered by Prof Pierre Coriat in conjunction with the Core Topics day in Belfast and our Winter College Lecturer was Dr Beverly Orser. Our Gilmartin Lecture was delivered by Prof Garret Fitzgerald. All were outstanding choices and contributed considerably to the educational meetings held in association with the lectures. My thanks to Dr Joe Tracey and to those who put so much time and effort into the educational meetings.





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

EXAMINATIONS

The examinations continue to develop and evolve. A special thanks to the Chair of our Exams Committee Dr Ellen O'Sullivan for managing these changes. We also thank Dr Harry Frizelle and Dr Julian Johnston, Chairs of the Primary and Final FCA Exams respectively who have been pro-active in achieving change. Thanks also to our examiners who contribute so much. It is with regret that Dr Johnston, due to work commitments, has relinquished the Chair of the Final FCA Exam but we welcome and congratulate Dr Kevin Carson as the new Chair of our Final FCA Exam.

DEAN'S OFFICE

Our Dean Dr Ian Surgeon has been, and continues to be, a stalwart in the College since its inception. His vision, attention to detail and communication skills have been a major contribution to the success of the College. The challenges posed in 2007 were met with professional efficiency and good humour. Anaesthesia in Ireland is fortunate to have Dr Surgeon as its Dean.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

In 2007 the College welcomed the appointment of Ms Margaret Jenkinson as the new Finance Officer. We also welcome Ms Nicola Byrne and Ms Ruth Flaherty to our staff. Our management and administration team in the College have met with good humour and professionalism the many challenges posed during the year. We sincerely thank them and look forward to their continued involvement in and contribution to the future development of the College.

PROJECTS

The College has progressed significantly many of the aims and objectives of Council in 2007. I have already described the building developments. We expect that 2008 will see the implementation of these plans. The MSc was revamped in light of experience and new modules were added to reflect the new demands and expectations of our Fellows and trainees. We are indebted to Dr Ellie O'Leary and her team for this achievement.

Our educational project in Malawi for anaesthetic officers, focusing on obstetrics and trauma continues and our fourth education programme for Malawi was conducted in Blantyre. The College expects in 2008 to engage in partnership with Irish Aid to put in place a long term programme of education and training in anaesthesia and resuscitation in co-operation and partnership with the Ministry of Health in Malawi, the University Medical School in Blantyre and The College.





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

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

A notable achievement for our College this year was the formation of the Faculty of Pain Medicine within the College. The inaugural Dean is Dr David Hill and I congratulate and thank him and the members of the faculty for the hard work they put in to achieving this milestone. We look forward to housing the joint faculty of Intensive Care Medicine in the College in the near future. The reports of the various Committees of the College will give much greater detail on individual College committee activities and their achievements. On behalf of Fellows and on my own behalf I acknowledge with gratitude the major contribution that each and every chair individually and collectively has made to the development of the College in 2007.

AWARDS

The President's award 2007 went to Dr Mary Frances Lehane, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cork University Hospital. Anaesthesia in Ireland has reason to be grateful to Dr Lehane for her dedicated lifetime's work in researching and diagnosing Malignant Hyperthermia in our patients. Our honorary conferees brought together the Presidents of Anaesthesia in Europe, Prof Hans Knape, President of the UEMS, Dr David Whitaker, President of the AAGBI and Dr Judith Hulf, President of the RCA.

My sincerest thanks to Council Officers and Council Members, Committee Chairs, Members of Committees and all who have contributed to the educational courses, examinations and all the other important activities and events undertaken by the College. Your contributions are acknowledged, greatly valued and very much appreciated. I also thank our friends in industry who continue to support anaesthesia education in Ireland. The challenges posed to anaesthesia in 2007 will continue in 2008. However I am confident that with vision and collective action the College will achieve its objectives. Your continued support and the support of all the Fellows of the College will be crucial. I look forward to serving you in 2008.



DR. JOHN McADOO

President



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

2007 was a significant year for the College of Anaesthetists as planning permission was granted to redevelop our training facilities at 22 Merrion Square North. The staff and I are delighted with the planned renovations and we look forward to offering excellent new education, training and exam facilities on site. We eagerly await the completion of the new lecture theatre within the offices which will enable us to hold many of the bigger meetings on site that have traditionally been held in venues outside the College. In addition to the renovation of the offices and meeting rooms in Merrion Square, the new Education Centre which is planned for Denzille Lane will undoubtedly provide us with many opportunities to expand the scope of our activities for the Specialty into the future.



2007 has been both active and eventful. The College Council met on six occasions, the Sub-Committees of Council met forty times. Six examinations were held for eight hundred and fifty candidates. We conducted four workshops, five courses and ran five meetings at which over one thousand people attended showing a twelve and a half percent rise in attendance on 2006. The College is actively reviewing our education and training activities and our overall educational direction. We are working with the National Awarding Bodies to ensure that we maintain our standards of excellence. Our education and training activities continue to be popular and successful both due to the diligence and industriousness of the administrative staff in the College but also due to the invaluable voluntary efforts of our fellows. The College most certainly owes its success in 2007 to the continued efforts of the College Tutors, speakers and course organisers who work tirelessly with us throughout the year. I wish to acknowledge most sincerely these invaluable efforts. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of Council and its Committees on which people act in a voluntary capacity.

In 2007, the MSc in Anaesthesia was restructured and renamed MSc in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia) and the first intake into this new course was in September. This postgraduate programme is open to all consultant and trainee anaesthetists. It may be taken on a part-time or on a modular basis. The MSc, which is awarded by the National University of Ireland, carries with it credits which are verified within the National Framework of Qualifications. These credits are recognised nationally and internationally. It is also accredited by the College of Anaesthetists for Continuing Medical Education points.

Financially, 2007 has been another healthy year for the College. It is our aim to provide education and training to our trainees within a financially efficient framework. In our prudent financial management we endeavour to ensure that we meet this objective. Through subscriptions, donations and with the support of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board, in 2007 we have been able to meet the revenue requirements to sustain current College activities.





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However, it is the College's position that:

- Training in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain medicine, in common with other interventional specialties, is a high-cost process.
- Funding for training must take into account that a considerable amount of this training into the future will take place in National Skills Centres or on simulators.
- Funding for training and administrative staff, within the College and within hospitals, must increase to accommodate increasing workloads in anaesthesia, intensive care and pain training, and training of other disciplines in core or specific skills.
- Funding for ICT infrastructure and staffing must increase in line with the increasing use made of, and demands made by this sector.

Anaesthesia training is a high-cost process. Funding of training will need to increase significantly to allow training to move from the 'apprenticeship' model (as a by-product of clinical activity by consultant trainers) towards formal training activities. The allocation of funding for anaesthesia training must take into account that whilst some training can take place in the clinical setting, the risk of patient harm requires that a considerable amount of training will take place in Skills Laboratories or on simulators. These technologies will also be used for assessment and accreditation.

At the moment, training in anaesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine for the most part follows the traditional Irish model of apprenticeship training supplemented with lectures, tutorials and courses, delivered both within hospitals and also at the College and other venues. Specialist training has been modularised for some years now. Along with the College's administrative staff who oversee and regulate this process the College works with forty-two hospital-based voluntary College Tutors whose role is to co-ordinate training and educational activity within their hospital, and to act as liaison with the College.

The vast majority of training, both vocational and didactic, is however delivered by consultant anaesthetists, along with significant input from 4/5 SpRs and other disciplines such as biomedical engineers. All of this work is also voluntary although the current consultant contract does identify teaching and training as duties of every consultant. Furthermore the College does not simply provide training in anaesthesia; we also provide training in Intensive Care Medicine and Pain Medicine, and those being trained are not just anaesthesia trainees; we teach vital core generic competencies to trainees from a variety of different disciplines such as internal medicine, surgery and emergency medicine, all of whom rotate into





anaesthesia or intensive care medicine. The College has introduced a programme of Competence-Based Training throughout the seven year training process to complement the existing six-monthly in-training assessments and the mainly knowledge-based FCARCSI examinations. The College has also taken ICT initiatives to provide a virtual learning platform, a library access portal and online facilities for its tutors, and has begun to use simulators in its courses and examinations.

In the immediate future there will be changes in the way training is delivered, caused by factors such as reduced clinical exposure brought about by the European Working Time Directive, and increased medical and public expectations regarding standards of treatment and patient safety. Many of these changes are underway. The introduction of competence assessment for clinical scenarios, and proficiency assessment for clinical procedures, involves a significantly increased workload for individual tutors and trainers within hospitals, and increased time and expense in the College devoted to the development and administration of these competency systems. The use of ICT by the College to administer its training system and to provide central educational resources for dissemination to trainers and trainees around the country will increase dramatically, as will its capital and revenue costs.

In 2007 Pain Medicine was established in its own right as a Faculty of the College and we anticipate that in the near future disciplines such as rheumatology, palliative care and rehabilitation medicine will take part in pain medicine modules. We are in the process of establishing training modules in Perioperative Medicine in the Intern year and planning similar modules for SHOs of all disciplines to acquire core “hospital at night” skills and knowledge. While our main focus has to be our own specialist registrars, these skills are now very much in demand from trainees in other specialities. The College is taking a broad view of what we have to offer to multi-disciplinary training in the spirit of the Buttimer report. We are aware however, that all of these activities will incur significant costs in the future.

To improve training, and support competence assessment, the College believes that investment in the development of Skills Laboratories or Simulator Centres is essential. The pressures of reduced clinical exposure and increased standards for patient treatment and safety will likely make this type of training mandatory. Technologies are now available for training in the practical skills necessary in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine. These technologies enable rapid acquisition of skills and experience which take a long time to encounter during routine clinical workload. They are expensive to buy but are much more expensive to run because of the major input required from trainers, their need to be housed in a specialized facility, the requirement for trained technical support, and the ongoing costs of maintenance and consumables. Nevertheless this type of training has been shown to decrease adverse outcomes in patients experienced as part of a ‘learning curve’.





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This is the future of training in Anaesthesia and these technologies are widely used in other countries.

The College is addressing this through the development of our Education Centre at Denzille lane and is in the process of exploring the possibility of working with other Centres regionally.

Measures of outcome in the training system beyond in-training assessments, formal examinations, competence assessments and simulator-based validations of procedures and scenarios, are difficult to determine. However the College and other stakeholders are involved with HIQA in setting up a benchmarked system of audit of outcomes in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine. Such audits can be compared to international benchmarks, and serial application can perhaps throw some light on training improvements or otherwise. The College believes that the developments outlined above are consistent with the standards and recommendations set out in the report “Preparing Ireland’s Doctors to meet the Health Needs of the 21st Century” (Buttimer Report).

I would like to express my extreme gratitude to the College Council and all the members of the College Committees who work tirelessly on a voluntary basis on behalf of the College. Finally I would like, in particular, to thank the Honorary Officers who have been most supportive throughout.

DR. ORLAITH MC CAUL

Registrar





POSTGRADUATE DEAN'S REPORT

As in previous years, much of the Postgraduate Dean's activity is referred to in the reports of the Training, Examination and Education Committees, and the core work of the office related to trainee rotations and assessments continues. There are however some other areas which have involved significant input and are worthy of some comment.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

During 2007 it became clear that the College's IT administrative system would be unlikely to meet the College's future needs. Following a tendering process, the College appointed a company to develop new software. Work began on this system in December 2007 and is progressing in a satisfactory manner. The target for implementation of the system is May 2008.



The College website has reached a sufficiently advanced stage of development that it has become a useful resource. On foot of HSE funding support, College fellows and trainees can access full text articles in six popular anaesthesia-related journals as well as abstracts in thousands more. Fellows and trainees can record CME and training activity and points using convenient calculators. There is detailed information on the College's training and examination processes including exam results, and the regulations pertaining to both these areas. Again facilitated by HSE funding, there is access to an e-learning portal which currently contains a significant amount of material for BST training, as well as some material for the Master's Degree course and teaching material on the use of the e-learning site and supportive software. There is an active news, events and calendar section, and details and advertisements for upcoming meetings and courses, including applications. The functionality of the website should increase even further in 2008, particularly in e-learning content and integration with the College's new administration system.

HSE PROJECT FUNDING

The HSE again provided project specific funding in 2007. The following projects received funding support:

- **MODULAR BASIC ANAESTHESIA TRAINING PROGRAMME:** This e-learning project received further support to complete more modules and also to provide each tutor with a software license and computer headset enabling the bundling of PowerPoint presentation slides, along with synchronised audio and video overlay, into a self-playing format suitable for accessing via the College e-learning platform.
- **TUTORS' EDUCATION DAYS:** A training session on the use of the software described in the paragraph above was held on 9th November with eighteen attendees. An information and update day on the College's procedures and changes in trainee assessment was held on 28th April, with eight attendees.





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- **ON-LINE JOURNALS:** Funding was provided to enable another year of on-line journal subscriptions as in 2006, with the addition of a further title. Trainees and Fellows can access these journals via the College website, as mentioned above.
- **SPR 4/5 POST FOR REGISTER OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS:** During 2006, the HSE had funded a Temporary SpR 4/5 post for a two-year rotation, which commenced January 2007. For 2007 the HSE agreed to fund a second such post, commencing July 2007. Both trainees appointed to these posts are currently working their way through their rotations.
- **TRAINEE PORTFOLIOS:** Funding to produce these portfolios was provided in 2006 and they came into use in January 2007. Their adoption appears to have been successful. They contain the training and examination regulations along with all the assessment forms a trainee will require during the seven year training process. The portfolio will thus build into a comprehensive and permanent record of training.

NATIONAL AUDIT OF BASIC TRAINING POSTS

This has been in progress since the summer of 2007 under the auspices of RCPI and funded by the HSE. The College of Anaesthetists is a stakeholder along with the other Training Bodies. It is a survey of all non-SpR NCHD posts in all disciplines in Ireland and is thus a very large undertaking. If it can be brought to a successful conclusion it will provide much information which is currently unavailable and which may allow a more structured approach to manpower planning and management and training requirements in the future.

PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES ACT 2003 AND NCHD CONTRACTS

The College has been involved, along with other stakeholders, in discussions arising out of the implications of the above act for current NCHD contracts and consequent effects on training posts and training rotations, including in relation to eligibility for contracts of indefinite duration. These discussions are ongoing but are scheduled to conclude in the first half of 2008.

DR. IAN SURGEON PHD FFARCSI

Postgraduate Dean





EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

MEMBERS:

Dr John McAdoo, Dr David Hill, Dr Harry Frizelle, Dr Brian Marsh, Dr John Loughrey, Dr Joe Tracey, Dr Ken Lowry, Dr Philip Hawthorne, Dr Julian Johnston, Dr Ellie O'Leary, Prof Denis Moriarty, Prof George Shorten, Dr Carlos McDowell, Dr Liam Conroy, Dr Ian Surgeon, Dr Orlaith Mc Caul, Dr Seán McDevitt, Dr Kevin Carson, Prof William Wallace and Dr Jeanne Moriarty.



I am delighted to present the Annual Report of the Examinations Committee for 2007. The year was again an extremely busy one and we held six Examination Committee meetings in the past twelve months. It was also a very successful year for the Examinations Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the members of the Committee for their support, hard work and dedication throughout the year.

EXAMINERSHIPS

I wish to thank our Examiners for their continued diligence, interest and support for all of the College of Anaesthetists' Examinations. Their unfailing enthusiasm and continuing commitment helps to maintain the highest standards and fairness in the examinations. It is very encouraging to see an increasing and record number of applications from consultants wishing to become examiners in the past year. I would like to welcome the newly approved Primary Examiners Drs Dara Breslin, Ron Charles, Michelle Duggan, Carl Fagan, Mohammad Faheem, John Loughrey, William McBride, John MacHale, Abraham Mathew, Geraldine O'Leary and Chris Rosario. The Final FCA Examination continues to experience an enormous demand from candidates for places on each respective examination. We managed to create additional places for this exam in 2007.

REGULATIONS

New examination regulations were published this year and have been widely circulated to all college tutors and posted on the website.

OVERSEAS EXAMINATIONS

The College continues to run the Overseas Qualifying Examination (OQE) in Oman each year. This is a very successful examination and runs very well with the assistance of the staff at the Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat. The relationship is helping them improve their standards of teaching and training and to develop the speciality of anaesthesia in that part of the world.





PAIN EXAMINATION

The Pain Examination was run in Cork in June. This was another great success and I would like to extend our thanks to Dr Liam Conroy and the staff at the Mercy University Hospital, Cork. We will be running the Pain Examination in June 2008 in Dublin under the new Chairmanship of Dr Camillus Power.

CHAIRS OF THE EXAMINATIONS

I would like to thank Dr Harry Frizelle, Chairman of the Primary Examination; Dr Julian Johnston, Chairman of the Final FCA Examination and I would like to welcome Dr Kevin Carson the in-coming Chairman of the Final FCA examination. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the out-going Chairman Dr Julian Johnston, for his hard work and dedication over the last number of years.

EXCHANGE EXAMINERS

Our Primary and Final examinations have reciprocity with the equivalent examinations of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, London. We send exchange examiners to each of their examinations and they send their senior examiners to ours. Each makes a written report which is presented at our committee meetings. This usually highlights the similarities in both exams and also leads to very useful exchanges. As Chairman of the Examinations I have attended their committee meeting and we have welcomed their Chairman, Dr Chris Dodds to ours in the past year.

In conclusion, it has been another busy year for the Committee. Examinations take a huge amount of organisation behind the scenes. We are indebted to Marguerite Harvey and her assistant, Ruth Flaherty whose hard work and commitment ensure the highest of standards are maintained in all aspects of the examinations.

DR. ELLEN O'SULLIVAN

Chairperson, Examinations Committee





RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS

OVERSEAS QUALIFYING EXAM (OQE RCSI) JANUARY 2007 PASS LIST

This examination was held at the Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, Muscat, Oman. The total number of Examiners was 14. Of these 10 were from the Dublin panel of Examiners. In addition 4 Senior Consultants based in Oman/ Middle East observed and also took part in examining.

30 Candidates presented for all stages
14 Candidates passed all stages
47% = Overall pass rate

PASS LIST

Dr Ahmed Aglan
Dr Abdul Alkhadimi
Dr Adil Butt
Dr Partha Chatterjee
Dr Basabjit Das
Dr Junus Harris
Dr Aleem Khan
Dr Kalyani Sangineni
Dr Vinayakumar Seetharam
Dr Kumaraswamy Sheshadri
Dr Manish Singhal
Dr Sheema Solanki
Dr Vinod Sudhir
Dr Manju Verghese





PRIMARY FCARCSI EXAM SPRING 2007 PASS LIST

Total number of Examiners was 38. The Exchange Examiner was Dr Liam Brennan.

224 Candidates presented for MCQs
142 Candidates progressed to the Vivas and OSCEs
73 Candidates passed the total exam

56% = MCQ pass rate
32.59% = Overall pass rate

PASS LIST

Dr Hossam Abou el Khair	Dr Rahul Guru
Dr Adriana Ahmad Nizam	Dr Sujaja Handa
Dr Khalid Ahmed	Dr Vishal Handa
Dr Sohel Ahmed	Dr Suresh Horanallibheeman
Dr Farah Alani	Dr Reena Jacob
Dr Waqas Asghar	Dr Om Shankar Janapareddy
Dr Graham Barsey	Dr Senthil Jayaseelan
Dr Sivakumar Belu Sunderson	Dr Wouter Jonker
Dr Ramu Bhandari	Dr Rahul Karve
Dr Uttam Bhandari	Dr Shivanandaswamy Kashimuttnarayanawamy
Dr Ravish Bhandigadi Chandrappa Shetty	Dr Rashmi Khirwadkar
Dr Sukhpal Bijral	Dr Naatarajan Kumar
Dr Praveen Chahar	Dr Deirdre Lynch
Dr Udaya Chakka	Dr Deepak Mane
Dr Rony Cherian	Dr Savita Marathe
Dr Michal Czernicki	Dr Vageshwary Mikkere
Dr Kiran Dasari	Dr Eusebius Nworah
Dr Gillian Davies	Dr Michael O'Sullivan
Dr Pallavbhai Desai	Dr Mamta Pandya
Dr Ramu Dhulipala	Dr Manoj Parikh
Dr Frederick Donaldson	Dr Venkata Pasupuleti
Dr Craig Dunlop	Dr Rashmi Patel
Dr Shafiu Durojaiye	Dr Shaileshkumar Patel
Dr Ashok Elayaperumal	Dr Rama Pothireddy
Dr Anna Golec	Dr Sandhya Prayaga
Dr Jasdeep Gupta	Dr Usman Puar





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

Dr Kapila Pussella	Dr Dharmendra Solanki
Dr Faisal Rasool	Dr Diwakar Subramani
Dr Jaideep Ravi	Dr Reshma Suwalrai
Dr Sarah Jane Rooney	Dr Anaghe Tambe
Dr Walid Samarah	Dr Errol Taylor
Dr Srivatsa Sambamurthy	Dr Louise Terry
Dr Sheelaj Sharma	Dr Vishal Thanawala
Dr Swapna Sharma	Dr Richard Thomas
Dr Mohideen Sheikfareed	Dr Srinivasan Vallinayagamkrishnan
Dr Sudesh Shenoy	Dr Narasimha Varanasi
Dr Amit Singh	

PRIMARY FCARCSI EXAM AUTUMN 2007 PASS LIST

Total number of Examiners was 38.
The Exchange Examiner was Dr Donna Greenhalgh.

153 presented for the MCQs
105 candidates attended for the Vivas and OSCEs
65 candidates passed

62% = MCQ pass rate
43% = Overall pass rate

Dr Jennifer Hastings qualified for the Primary FCA Medal having achieved a grade A in all sections of the examination.

PASS LIST

Dr Khalid Alaib	Dr Shang Cheng
Dr Adesanya Alugo	Dr Eleanor Cleary
Dr Ashish Alurwar	Dr Oksana Coates
Dr Shashi Bangalore Chandrashekariah	Dr Aidan Cullen
Dr Rajneesh Bankenahally	Dr Fiona Desmond
Dr Suzanne Bell	Dr Margaret Doherty
Dr Lucia Borovickova	Dr Anne Dolan
Dr Muiris Buckley	Dr Osagie Enohumah
Dr Keshava Burijinti Chenna	Dr Marianne Fitzgerald





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

Dr Stephen Frohlich	Dr Rory Maguire
Dr Shane Gardiner	Dr Khalid Mahmood
Dr Chitra Garg	Dr Niamh McAuliffe
Dr David Gilhooley	Dr Patrick McKendry
Dr Satish Gopa Narasimhula	Dr Vijay Mishra
Dr Catherine Graham	Dr Rameshkumar Murugesan Sadasivan
Dr Peter Harper	Dr Rory Naughton
Dr Jennifer Hastings	Dr Alan Ochana
Dr Mairead Hayes	Dr Rafiu Ojo
Dr Himayat Huma	Dr Rubesh Parimkayala
Dr Sonal Jain	Dr Parveez Peer
Dr Sheshank Jajur	Dr Narasimhamurthy Pissay
Dr Rajinish Jesudoss	Dr Linga Prasad
Dr Sumit Jha	Dr Dinesh Raju
Dr Anand Joseph Ramachandran	Dr Papanna Ramakrishnan
Dr Jaspreet Kaur	Dr Hannah Shiels
Dr Trevor Kavanagh	Dr Chetan Srinath
Dr Mortimer Kelleher	Dr Kyrspin Stepien
Dr Mohammad Khaja	Dr John Strange
Dr Sohail Khan	Dr Syed Sultan
Dr Praveen Kondapalli	Dr Angukumar Thangamuthu
Dr Olajide Kowe	Dr Thavaratnam Thirumaran
Dr Deepak Kumar	Dr Andrew Topping
Dr Muhammad Latif	





FINAL FCARCSI EXAM SPRING 2007 PASS LIST

The Exchange Examiner was Dr Mark Heining.

71% = MCQ pass rate

48% = E&SAQs pass rate

60% = Written section pass rate

32% = Overall pass rate

The William and Jane Brophy Medal winner was Dr Denise McCarthy

PASS LIST

Dr Hesham Ahmed	Dr Tadhg Lynch
Dr Aly Aly	Dr Rachel Mathers
Dr Jane Bruton	Dr Catherina Mattheus
Dr John Chandler	Dr Denise McCarthy
Dr Enda Connolly	Dr Gráinne McDermott
Dr Alison Cooke	Dr Michael McKenny
Dr Suzanne Cronly	Dr Louise McWhirter
Dr Edward Curtis	Dr Madan Narayanan
Dr Mahesh Doddi	Dr Suresh Raghavan
Dr Adrian Donnelly	Dr Avinash Ratnaparkhi
Dr Karen Foley	Dr Nagaraja Ravishankar
Dr Praveen Ganty	Dr Syed Razvi
Dr Anil Gopalil Sivadas	Dr Akshaya Saggar
Dr Alka Grover	Dr Shitalkum Shah
Dr Sanjukta Gupta	Dr Rachna Shankar
Dr Mohamed Hani	Dr Andrew Shannon
Dr Andrew Hastie	Dr Rajesh Sharma
Dr David Hendron	Dr Anil Soni
Dr Anil Hormis	Dr Ravi Srinivasagapalan
Dr Cecilia Jose	Dr Gautham Srinivasan
Dr Antony Joseph	Dr Asquid Sultan
Dr Arumuga Kannan	Dr Li Huey Tan
Dr Sher Khan	Dr Vandana Vaishnav
Dr Shabana Khan	Dr Benjamin Vasanthakumar
Dr Sreekumar Kunnumpurath	Dr Sethu Veerabadran





FINAL FCARCSI EXAM AUTUMN 2007 PASS LIST

The Exchange Examiner was Dr David Goldhill.

159 presented for the written section.

66 passed the written section

44 candidates passed the overall exam

70% = MCQ pass rate

40% = E&SAQ pass rate

66% = Written section pass rate

28% = Overall pass rate

PASS LIST

Dr Olayinka Agbejule	Dr Mustafa Kamil Mohamed
Dr Huda Alfoudri	Dr Husam Kaskos
Dr Xavier Arcadius	Dr Jameel Khan
Dr Muhammad Aslam	Dr Muhammad Khan
Dr Clara Barreto	Dr Venkata Konda Gunta
Dr Nicholas Brown	Dr Dinesh Kuriakose
Dr Kathryn Byrne	Dr Bradley Lawther
Dr Eoin Casey	Dr Leena Madhavan
Dr Siobhain Cavanagh	Dr Loggama Manel
Dr Arindam De	Dr Sudhakar Marri
Dr Karthikeyan Dhandapani	Dr Thabaret Martin Laure
Dr John Edwin	Dr Andrea Morris
Dr Elnazeer Elfaki	Dr Sandur Naresh
Dr Marcus Fletcher	Dr James O'Leary
Dr Alan Gaffney	Dr Selvaman I Ramasamy
Dr Rekha Gupta	Dr Sabir Saeed
Dr Nyaradzo Gwavava	Dr Mohammad Shaikh
Dr Gillian Hilton	Dr Suchinderjit Singh
Dr John Hinds	Dr Muthukrishnan Thirukkamu
Dr Ashfaq Hussain	Dr Patrick Thornton
Dr Amar Jawad	Dr Anwar Ul Haq
Dr Raja Jayaram Ramachandran	Dr Sandeep Verma





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

PAIN MEDICINE DIPLOMA JUNE 2007 PASS LIST

12 Candidates presented at the examination

9 Candidates passed the examination

75% = Overall pass rate

PASS LIST

Dr Mujeebullah Arain
Dr Maheshwar Chaudhari
Dr Conor Hearty
Dr Ahsan Idress
Dr Ehtesham Izhar Khan
Dr Aboul Ghaaliq Lalkhen
Dr Sonny Mano
Dr Kanthimathinathan Muthusamy
Dr Oleg Ilyinski

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Dr Catherine Deegan
Dr Noelle Frier
Dr Alan Gaffney
Dr Sinead Galvin
Dr Martina Ní Chonghaile
Dr Tanya O'Neill
Dr Andrew Tierney
Dr Criona Maria Walshe





NATIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT



MEMBERS:

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

The Training Committee meets annually on five occasions and reports subsequently to the College Council. The committee is comprised of members of the College Council, the Regional Training Programs, the Royal College of Anaesthetists and the Association of Anaesthetists in Training. The activities of the Committee are of vital importance to training in Ireland and the College is extremely grateful to all those who attend the Committee meetings.

Also SpR and Temporary SpR 4/5 interviews are held bi-annually, and there are many additional subcommittee meetings throughout the year.

SPR PROGRAM

Twenty trainees completed their training in 2007:

Dr Mohammad Attia	Dr Dermot O'Donnell
Dr Louise Brennan	Dr James O'Driscoll
Dr Elma Buckley	Dr Michael O'Dwyer
Dr Martina Ni Chonghaile	Dr Tanya O'Neill
Dr Niamh Conlon	Dr Brian Pickering
Dr Catherine Deegan	Dr Dónal Ryan
Dr Vida Hamilton	Dr Mansour Siddiqui
Dr Sean Nadaraja	Dr Terry Tan
Dr Nageswaran Narayanan	Dr Andrew Tierney
Dr Brian O'Donnell	Dr Alan Woolhead

We would like to wish them continued success in their future careers.

Currently there are 95 SpR training posts in Ireland – two SpRs are undertaking part time training funded by the flexible training program of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board. During 2007 18 new SpRs were appointed to the substantive programme. A number of SpRs are on leave at any one time and are working either abroad in clinical/ research posts but increasingly in fellowship/ research posts here in Ireland. During Years 1-3 an SpR may take time out after obtaining the final Fellowship. A maximum of one year's accredited leave is available during the entire SpR programme.



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Currently eighteen months of the final 2 years SpR4/5 must be completed in clinical posts in Ireland. Progression interviews are held in the College for each SpR before entering SpR Year 4. Any modular training requirements are identified which are necessary to complete training. Again exit interviews are held near completion of SpR 5 to approve their accreditation.

Seven temporary SpR4/5s were appointed during 2007 - the Temporary SpR4/5 Scheme allows trainees to complete training and gain entry to the Register of Medical Specialists. Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean coordinates the national SpR rotations and continues to develop our structures to enhance training in anaesthesia.

Dr Carlos McDowell continues to coordinate the TRAS Exemption Scheme (previously Section 7.6) on behalf of the College. However this is currently under review by the Medical Council and changes are expected to this scheme in 2008.

The European Working Time Directive pilot programs are due to finish in June of this year. The anaesthesia pilot sites are complete and reports have been forwarded to the National Implementation Group (NIG). College continues to be represented on the NIG by Dr Catherine Motherway (past Chair of Training Committee) to ensure that any proposals arising out of these pilot programs are consistent with our training standards. The NIG will produce a report before the end of 2008 on the feasibility of these EWTD pilot schemes.

The College website (www.anaesthesia.ie) has much useful information with regard to the activities of the Committees of the College. Currently 6 journals are available online to all members in good standing - "British Journal of Anaesthesia"; "BJA CEAOCP"; "Anesthesiology, Anesthesia and Analgesia"; "Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine" and "Intensive Care Medicine". Also the MSc programme run by the College has a number of modules available to the candidates on the website.

The Training Committee would like to thank all those who have worked with such commitment over the past year to maintain the high standards of anaesthetic medical training in this country.

DR. ELLIE O'LEARY

Chairperson, National Training Committee





EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT



MEMBERS:

Drs Joseph Tracey, John McAdoo, Seán McDevitt, Brian Marsh, John Loughrey, William Blunnie, Philip Hawthorne, Ken Lowry, Ellie O'Leary, Kevin Carson, Harry Frizelle, Julian Johnston, Anthony Cunningham, Orlaith Mc Caul, Ian Surgeon, Gerard Curley, Ian Orr, Declan O'Keeffe, Paul Murphy, Jeanne Moriarty and Ellen O'Sullivan.

The past year has been a busy one for the Education Committee with a large number of courses, workshops, lectures, competitions and the Irish Congress of Anaesthesia. The Committee met five times during the year on 7th February, 18th April, 20th June, 5th September and 21st November 2007, and reported back to the Council and the President.

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

Again this year all of the workshops proved to be very popular and most were oversubscribed. The first one of the year was the Vascular Access Workshop run by Dr Alan McShane on 12th February and the Echocardiography Workshop run by Dr Michael Griffin was on 23rd February. A successful Paediatric Workshop was also held on 25th April. One successful Train the Trainers courses were run this year on 31st May and 1st June. A Difficult Airways Workshop was held on October 24th in the College and was organized by Dr Ellen O'Sullivan.

DELANEY MEDAL PRESENTATION

The Delaney Medal presentation took place in the Radisson Hotel on Thursday 1st March. The adjudicators were Dr Aiden Synott (Beaumont) and Dr Catherine Motherway (Limerick). Fannin sponsored the reception which was held afterwards in the Raddison Hotel. The winning presentation was Dr Brian Pickering with a presentation entitled "Anaesthetic agents differentially affect intracellular calcium homeostasis in both resting and stimulated neuronal cells".

ABBOT SCHOLARSHIP

The Abbot Scholarship in Anaesthetic Research was held on Friday 2nd March. Abbot Laboratories once again provided €10,000 for a scholarship to support original research by an Irish anaesthetist. The judges were Prof Howard Fee (Belfast) and Prof Anthony Cunningham (Dublin). The presentations were held in the Dr Wallace Abbott Seminar Room at the College of Anaesthetists. There were two winners, Dr Roger McMorrow and Dr Pádraig Mahon.





IRISH CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIA (ICA)

This was held on 10th and 11th May in the O'Reilly Hall, Belfield Campus, UCD, Dublin 4. The meeting covered a broad range of topics and also included sessions devoted to Education, the Elderly, Fluid Therapy and Pharmacology. The faculty included speakers from Holland, South Africa, Canada, USA, Zurich and the United Kingdom as well as a number from Ireland.

The Gilmartin Lecture on the Thursday evening was given by Prof Garret Fitzgerald, and was entitled "NSAIDS and Beyond: Cardiovascular Consequences of COX inhibition", this was followed by the Annual Dinner of the College of Anaesthetists, which was held in the Radisson Hotel.

AUTUMN COLLEGE LECTURE

This lecture was again integrated into the Core Topics Day meeting, which was held in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast on 3rd October. This meeting is a joint effort between the RCA and the College of Anaesthetists. It was organized by Prof Rajinder Mirakhur. The Autumn College Lecture was given by Prof Pierre Coriat of the Hopital Pitie-Salpetriere, Paris and was entitled "The Effects of Cardiovascular Treatment Regimens on Patient Outcome following major vascular surgery".

WINTER COLLEGE LECTURE

The GSK Medal Presentations and the Winter College Lecture were held on 9th November in the Gresham Hotel. The Winter College Lecture was given by Prof Beverley Orser from Toronto and was entitled "MAC, Memory and the Mechanisms of Anaesthesia".

GSK MEDAL PRESENTATION

This competition is organized by the Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland (ATI) group and is aimed at trainees in their first few years. The adjudicators were Prof Anthony Cunningham (Beaumont), Dr Eleanor O'Leary (Galway) and the ATI representative Dr Gerard Curley. The winner of the GSK Medal Presentation was Dr Catherine Nix and her presentation was entitled "Does unintentional dural puncture predispose to postpartum cerebral venous sinus thrombosis? Two case reports."





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

COLLEGE COURSES

The introduction to Anaesthesia course for new trainees was held in the college 30-31st August and was run by the Postgraduate Dean, Dr Ian Surgeon. He also organized a 'Beginners Welcome' course on 10th January. The Primary FCA Revision Course was cancelled this year due to low response. The College is looking into a more suitable time to run this course.

The Final FCA Revision Course was held 19-23rd February. This was organized by Dr Kevin Carson with a new format which proved very successful with the attendees.

A Pain Revision course was held 24-25th May. This was organized by Dr David Hill.

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

DR. JOSEPH A. TRACEY

Chairman, Education Committee





HOSPITAL INSPECTIONS

In 2007 in my role as Hospital Inspections Coordinator, three inspections were arranged on behalf of the College of Anaesthetists to assess and approve training in hospitals. At least eight inspections are planned in 2008. This presents quite an organisational challenge to the College and I want to once more express my gratitude to all the members of the College Council and Training Committee for assisting me in this work. The participation of either the Registrar or the Dean of the College in the inspections as well as the excellent administrative and secretarial support of College staff must also be acknowledged. Every hospital with recognised training posts is required to be inspected once every five years. An additional inspection to gain recognition for either more training posts or recognition of the suitability of the training to more advanced trainees can sometimes be accommodated but is best planned and applied for as part of the five-yearly review.

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

Last year we introduced a more structured data collection sheet. Meetings with the management of the hospital, the consultants and most importantly with the trainees in the department being inspected are minuted. Secretarial support from the college ensures this is done and the ensuing report and recommendations reflect as closely as possible the information collected on the day of the inspection. In this way, departments can see to it that issues they highlight are addressed in the recommendations and this support from the College is used for the development of the anaesthetic speciality in the hospital inspected. All inspections involve two consultant anaesthetists, the Postgraduate Dean or the Registrar plus a member of the College's administrative team. The report and recommendations are forwarded to the Training Committee and recommendations once agreed by the Training Committee are issued to the hospital at the earliest date. It is our intention that this will streamline the process and lead to a reduction in the time from application for inspection to issuing the recommendations.

The inspection process is one of the cornerstones of the College's role in regulation of training in Ireland and we are grateful for the cooperation of all members of the departments inspected, both consultants and trainees, in this important area of the work of the College. Hospitals inspected in 2007 were as follows:

James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown
Letterkenny General Hospital
Midwest Regional Hospital, Limerick

DR. JEREMY SMITH

Hospital Inspections Coordinator





CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT



MEMBERS:

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

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2007

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

The main work of the Credentials Committee relates to assessment of anaesthesia training and experience for the purposes of inclusion on the Register of Medical Specialist (RMS) – anaesthesia and advising on further training if required.

The Medical Council refers applications for inclusion on the RMS – Anaesthesia to the College of Anaesthetists for advice on eligibility. Inclusion on the RMS – Anaesthesia indicates a doctor is fully trained and accredited in the Speciality of Anaesthesia. If an applicant has travelled abroad and has not completed the SpR training programme in Ireland, the Credentials Committee seeks to establish whether the training and experience of the applicant are equivalent to the standard of a holder of a Certificate of Specialist Training issued by the College of Anaesthetist. This process requires detailed documentation and confirmation of all anaesthesia training and experience achieved by the applicant. The applicant's training and experience is evaluated with reference to the Specialist Registrar Completion Assessments contained in the College of Anaesthetists Training Portfolio 2006. Following this comprehensive process the College then advises the Medical Council as to the inclusion of the applicant on the RMS. The Medical Council may accept or reject this advice.

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

The Credentials Committee also assesses applicants for Full registration on the Medical Register. The Committee requires two years in recognised training posts with satisfactory ITA's and completion of the Initial Competence Test in Anaesthesia. The Committee then awards a Certificate of General Professional Experience which the applicant forwards to the Medical Council to achieve full registration.





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The Medical Council have now confirmed that non EU Doctors wishing to be admitted to temporary registration, must undergo TRAS (Temporary Registration Assessment Scheme) unless they are exempt from doing so, by possessing a recognised EU primary medical Qualification or higher qualification. Doctors can no longer be exempt from TRAS on the basis of entry onto a recognised postgraduate training programme. At the present time therefore the College of Anaesthetists cannot sponsor any new section 7.6 trainees after July 2008. A submission on International Collaborative Training programmes in anaesthesia has been submitted by the College of Anaesthetists and will be considered by the new Medical Council.

DR. KATRINA O'SULLIVAN

Chairperson, Credentials Committee





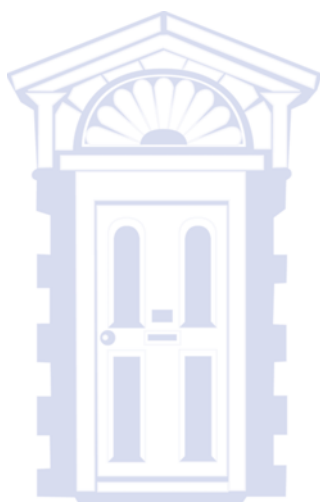
IRISH BOARD OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE

BOARD MEMBERS AND AFFILIATION:

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

The Board met on five occasions. The main focus of the Board in 2007/2008 is the establishment of the conjoined Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine under the aegis of the College of Anaesthetists (Ireland), the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The document has now been forwarded to all parent Colleges for signing with a deadline of April 2008 for completion.

A tandem application was made in 2007 to the Irish Medical Council for recognition of intensive care medicine as a specialty under the regulations of the Council. This process has been delayed by the implementation of the new Medical Practitioners Act and the establishment of a new Medical Council. However, the Board is confident that this issue will be addressed in the coming year. The examination for the Diploma of the Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine was held in May 2007. There were ten candidates and of these, eight were successful as listed below:



Dr Catherine Deegan
Dr Noelle Freir
Dr Alan Gaffney
Dr Sinead Galvin
Dr Martina Ní Chonghaile
Dr Tanya O'Neill
Dr Andrew Tierney
Dr Criona Walshe



C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

The Board also facilitated the clinical component of the European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine. There were nine candidates and of these four were successful as listed below. The extern was Dr Geoff Bellingham.

Dr Amy Chan – Dominy

Dr Imoigele Aisiku

Dr Lynn Gilfeather

Dr Mina Bushra

The Board acknowledges the support of the Presidents of the College of Anaesthetists, the College of Physicians and the College of Surgeons in progressing its application for development of the conjoined Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. It also acknowledges the administrative support provided by Ms Maria Golden of the College of Anaesthetists.

We look forward to the institution of the conjoined Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine in 2008.

DR. JEANNE MORIARTY

Chairperson, Irish Board of Intensive Care Medicine





PAIN FACULTY



This year saw the establishment of the new Pain Medicine Faculty in December 2007. This is the culmination of 2 years work by the College Pain Medicine Committee in implementing a structure, standing orders and governance arrangements for the new faculty. The faculty has interim status for the first 18 months to allow flexibility in organising the recruitment of fellows, establishing the work of the faculty board and implementing the various subcommittees and their terms of reference.

The College Pain Medicine Committee became the foundation Faculty Board and the following posts were elected:

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

The following chairpersons and deputy chairpersons were elected:

Exams:	Dr Camillus Power, Deputy Dr Donal Harney
Education:	Dr Declan O'Keeffe, Deputy Dr Paul Murphy
Training:	Dr John Browne, Deputy Dr Joe Fitzgerald
Credentials:	Dr Róisín MacSullivan
Finance:	Dr Ray Victory
Academic:	Prof Dominic Harmon
Competence	
Assurance:	Dr Connail McCrory
Irish Pain Society:	Dr Liam Conroy

Over the next 6 months recruitment of foundation fellows will begin. Foundation status will cease to exist by January 2010, by which time all foundation fellows will be required to submit a dissertation to be awarded the fellowship of the faculty (FFPMI).

The Pain Medicine Diploma is an integral component of the faculty. To be eligible to apply for a fellowship candidates must pass the Pain Diploma, have 12 months training in Pain Medicine and submit a dissertation.

This year the written papers plus the vivas of the Pain Medicine Diploma will be hosted in Dublin with the clinical component at a Dublin hospital.

DR. DAVID HILL

Dean, Pain Faculty





MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM (ANAESTHESIA)

The Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia) was approved by the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) and the Senate of the National University of Ireland in November 2002. The degree was re-named, Master of Science in Medical Professionalism (Anaesthesia) in 2007.

The initial target audience included consultants in anaesthesia in Ireland, post fellowship registrars and anaesthetists listed on the Specialist Register.

The educational objectives were to enhance the education and professional development of consultants and post fellowship registrars with reference to developments in medical education; and to enhance the quality of patient care by providing participants with specific knowledge and skills relating to the ethics and legal aspects of medical practice. The course duration was for a minimum of two and a maximum of five years, part-time study. The curriculum was designed on a modular, part-time basis consisting of eight taught modules, including Legal Medicine, Critical Events, Applied Anatomy, Basic Principles of Clinical Research, Medical Education 1 and 2, and Biostatistics. Individual modules were available to participants either on site or by distance learning or both. Enrolment commenced in July 2003 with thirteen graduates conferred in 2005.

The original template for the MSc envisaged that the number of modules offered would increase over time so that individuals could select those most appropriate to their interests and projected future role as consultants; and that the College might broaden the eligibility criteria to attract other medical professionals or non-medical health care workers. The College has now expanded this programme to facilitate either undertaking the two-year programme and graduating with an MSc, or undertaking individual or combined modules e.g. Biostatistics Module or Medical Education Module. Such structured education will be allocated CME points reflecting the education / learning hours devoted to such a module. Enrolment for the next course will commence in September 2009



DR. ELEANOR O'LEARY

Director, MSc in Science (Anaesthesia)





ACADEMIC ANAESTHESIA COMMITTEE REPORT



MEMBERS:

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

The College established an Academic Anaesthesia Committee under the chairmanship of Prof Anthony Cunningham at the June 2007 Council meeting.

The establishment of the Academic Anaesthesia Committee was prompted by recent developments including:

- The Medical Practitioners Act 2007
- Establishment of the National Committee on Medical Education and Training
- HSE SpR Training abroad and HEA/HRB PhD programmes
- Clinician Academic posts

Membership of the Committee includes professors, senior lecturers and academic staff representatives of University College Dublin, University College Cork, NUI Galway, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University of Limerick and Queen's University Belfast.

ACTIVITIES

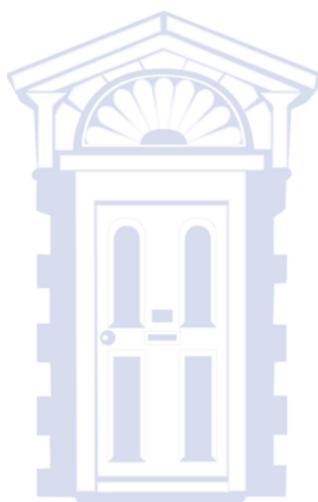
The Committee met on 19th September 2007 and 14th November 2007 in the College of Anaesthetists with videoconference links to University College Cork and NUI Galway.

AGENDA

The Committee considered reports from the National Committee on Medical Education and Training and its sub-committees, Undergraduate Sub-committee, Intern Sub-committee and Postgraduate Sub-committee, from its representatives Dr Ellen O'Sullivan and Prof Anthony Cunningham.

The National Medical Education and Training Committee approved the incorporation of anaesthesia/ perioperative medicine as one of the 2-3 month modular specialty rotations available to Interns. The Committee detailed the competence to be acquired by Interns during this rotation.

The Committee considered a number of new initiatives including HSE-funded SpR training abroad programme. Two candidates were submitted by the College to an expert panel for consideration for the training abroad experience.





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

Prof John Laffey (NUI Galway) briefed the Committee on proposals to create a combined CST/ PhD programme in anaesthesia. Trainees currently interested in pursuing a career in academic anaesthesia must complete a minimum of two years at BST level, five years at SpR (of which one can be in research) and then a 3-4 year PhD programme. To produce a cohort of clinical scientists in anaesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine a streamlined training programme, integrating clinical training standards that meet CST in anaesthesia with a PhD research programme within a shorter time, has been proposed.

The Committee considered the Postgraduate Training Forum audit evaluating GPT/ BST training posts which categorised them into part of rotation/ stand-alone posts approved by training bodies/ stand-alone posts not approved by training bodies.

The College undertook Care of the Obstetric Emergency and Trauma courses in Mangochi and Blantyre in January and November 2007. Representatives of the College met with Ministry Officials, Irish Aid and the College of Medicine in Blantyre in preparation for submission of a detailed document to Irish Aid in support of a three-year education and training programme in Malawi “Education Assistance in the Management of Trauma-related and Obstetric Emergencies in Malawi with a Focus on Thyolo and Chinadzulu District Hospitals.”

PROF ANTHONY J CUNNINGHAM

Chairman, Academic Anaesthesia Committee





HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT



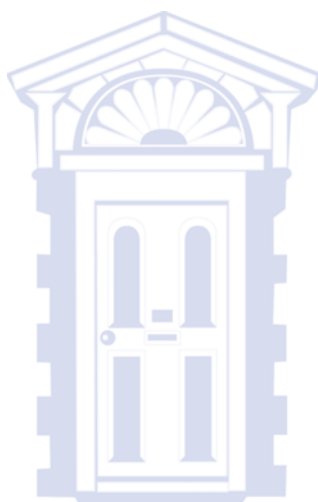
MEMBERS:

Drs John Loughrey, David Mannion (Vice Chair), John McAdoo, Seán McDevitt, Brian Marsh, William Blunnie, Harry Frizelle, David Hill, Ellen O'Sullivan, Joe Tracey, Katrina O Sullivan, Ellie O'Leary, Orlaith Mc Caul and Ian Surgeon.

I am pleased to report that the College remains in a sound financial position. The Finance Committee, the members of which are listed above, meets at least four times each year. The Committee is directly responsible to College Council and any elected member of College Council may attend the Finance Committee meetings. The overall strategy is to ensure that the financial methodologies are sufficient to allow the College to fund its activities and develop and expand according to its goals. The Auditors Report for 2007 was approved and adopted by College Council in March 2008. OCMC, as College auditors, are independent auditors who work in compliance with standards issued by the Audit Standards Board. Please see the table of contents for the summarised accounts while a more detailed report is available on request from the College.

Turnover has increased by €335,192 (16%) from €2,140,658 in the year ended 31st December 2006 to €2,475,850 in the year ended 31st December 2007. Our Auditors recommended that we changed our account reporting practices in 2006 from reporting on a cash receipts basis to the financial year in which the relevant event takes place. This change in accounting practice affected the exams and courses income in 2006 and in 2007. The operating surplus in the year ended 31st December 2007 increased by €243,131. The main income streams of the College, in addition to Fellows' subscriptions, continue to be grant income from the Postgraduate and Medical and Dental Board, surplus from College examinations and project-based funding directly from the HSE. While it is likely that the PGMBD will be absorbed into the HSE in the near future, it is anticipated that funding for training will continue via the HSE. It is noted that an annual Trainee registration fee is now applied by other postgraduate training bodies which is reimbursed via the training grant provided for in the NCHD contract.

The operating costs of the College increased by €127,054 (8%) from €1,528,103 in the year ended 31st December 2006 to €1,655,157 in the year ended 31st December 2007, due in part to an increase in educational activities run by the College. The College is also embarking on a redevelopment of IT infrastructure including database and web-based services which will increase expenditure but also enhance services to fellows and trainees. A subscription increase has been approved for 2008. Direct debit mandates are extremely helpful in processing subscriptions and I would encourage all Fellows to avail of this facility. We have reduced fees for some categories including Fellows based outside the EU and have waived the subscription for retired fellows.





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The building at Merrion Square accounts for our most significant financial asset. The mortgage was cleared in 2006 and cash surpluses were retained on deposit with the most favourable interest rates available. The College will embark on a major Capital development of the premises at Merrion Square in 2008, which will result in an as yet undefined significant financial outlay for the College. The College will remortgage for the proposed next phase of building at Merrion Square, which will see enhanced on site educational facilities for Fellows and Trainees. The proposed development will require financial support and effort from Fellows and supporters of the College and fundraising for this project will be a major focus for the Finance and Fundraising Committees in the near future.

I conclude my second report as Honorary Treasurer with thanks to the members of the Finance Committee for their contributions during the year. I would also like to thank Margaret Jenkinson, our Finance Officer, who deserves special recognition for her efforts and contributions.

DR. JOHN LOUGHREY

Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance & General Purpose Committee





AUDITOR'S REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS R.C.S.I.

We have audited the financial statements of The College of Anaesthetists R.C.S.I. for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account (statement of financial activities), the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

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

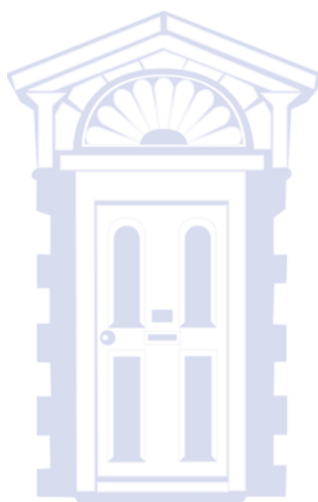
RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

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

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

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

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





C O L L E G E O F A N A E S T H E T I S T S

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

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

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

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

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

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts 1963 to 2006.

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

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

OCMC - Registered Auditors
Cian House, Cian Park, Drumcondra, Dublin 9
Date: 7th March 2008





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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income and Expenditure for the College of Anaesthetists R.C.S.I. for the 12 months to the 31st December 2007 with corresponding figures for the 12 months to the 31st December 2006.

INCOME	2007	2006
	€	€
Annual Subscriptions	257,260	287,715
College Fees	171,969	157,263
Educational Meetings & Courses	167,640	204,020
Examinations	841,069	547,000
Grants: Post Graduate Medical & Dental Board	792,425	741,971
H.S.E. Funding	166,563	-
Donations & Sponsorships	47,136	43,805
Rental Income	31,161	150,000
Sundry Income	627	8,884
	<u>2,475,850</u>	<u>2,140,658</u>
EXPENDITURE	2007	2006
	€	€
Wages, Salaries And Related Charges	592,249	577,590
Courses & Meetings	255,004	203,258
Examinations	274,671	211,792
Office & IT	161,347	156,678
Governance	90,872	116,616
Research Sponsorships & Tutors	30,562	26,620
Depreciation	219,491	186,549
Financial	12,733	32,415
General	18,228	16,585
	<u>1,655,157</u>	<u>1,528,103</u>
OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR	820,693	612,555
Interest Receivable And Similar Income	19,326	-
RESULTS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	840,019	612,555
Interest Receivable And Similar Income	24,364	8,697





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RESULTS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	864,383	621,252
Tax On Ordinary Activities	-	-
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RETAINED RESULT FOR THE YEAR	864,383	621,252
Retained Reserves Brought Forward	5,611,696	4,990,444
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Retained Reserves Carried Forward	6,476,079	5,611,696
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There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.





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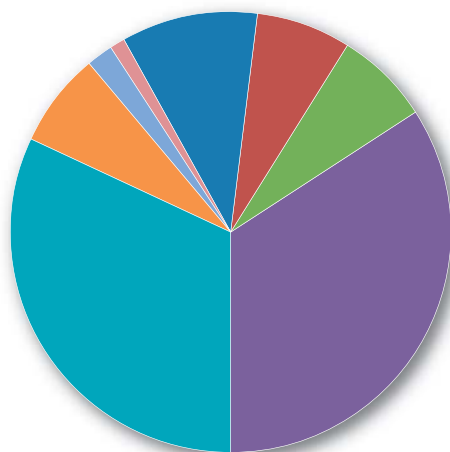
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2007

	2007	2006
	€	€
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	4,786,508	4,837,547
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	320,088	199,981
Cash At Bank And In Hand	1,805,260	1,055,165
	<u>2,125,348</u>	<u>1,255,146</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	<u>(435,777)</u>	<u>(480,997)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,689,571</u>	<u>774,149</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,476,079	5,611,696
CREDITORS		
Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	-	(-)
NET ASSETS	6,476,097	5,611,696
CAPITAL & RESERVES		
Revenue Reserves	<u>6,476,079</u>	<u>5,611,696</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	6,476,079	5,611,696



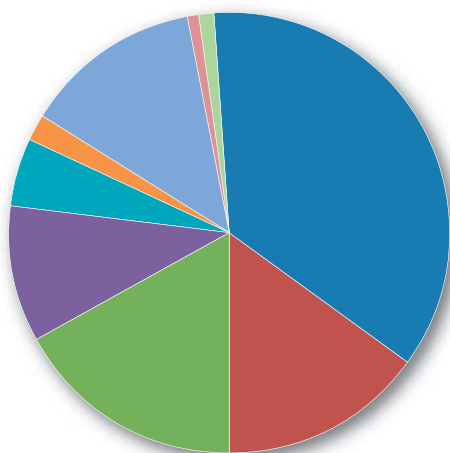


INCOME (2007)



Grants: Postgraduate Medical & Dental Board	32%
H.S.E. Funding	7%
Donations & Sponsorships	2%
Rental income	1%
Annual subscriptions	10%
Sundry income	0%
College fees	7%
Educational meetings & courses	7%
Examinations	34%

EXPENDITURE (2007)



Examinations	17%
Office & IT	10%
Governance	5%
Research sponsorships & tutors	2%
Depreciation	13%
Financial	1%
General	1%
Wages, salaries & related charges	36%
Courses & meetings	15%





CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The College continues its role in CME by approving credits to educational activities of Fellows.

College CME credits, for educational events such as conferences, meetings, courses and workshops etc. are awarded following submission of a detailed programme in advance of the event. The awarded CME credits can then be advertised with the meeting notices.

With the implementation of the new Medical Practitioners Act and Medical Council, a revised framework and structure for CME and CPD is being developed. The COA is in discussion with the Medical Council on the specific requirements for anaesthesia. This new framework is not as yet finalised.

The College provides a CME recording facility for Fellows and audits may be submitted in paper or preferably electronic format via the College's website.

DR. SEAN McDEVITT

Secretary, Credentials Committee and CME Coordinator





AWARDS

Abbott Scholarship 2007

Joint winners Dr Roger McMorro and Dr Pádraig Mahon

Delaney Medal 2007

Dr Brian Pickering

Gilmartin Medal 2007

Prof Garret Fitzgerald

GlaxoSmithKline Medal 2007

Dr Catherine Nix

Primary FCARCSI Autumn 2007 Medal Winner

Dr Jennifer Ruth Hastings

William & Jane Brophy Medal April 2007

Dr Denise McCarthy

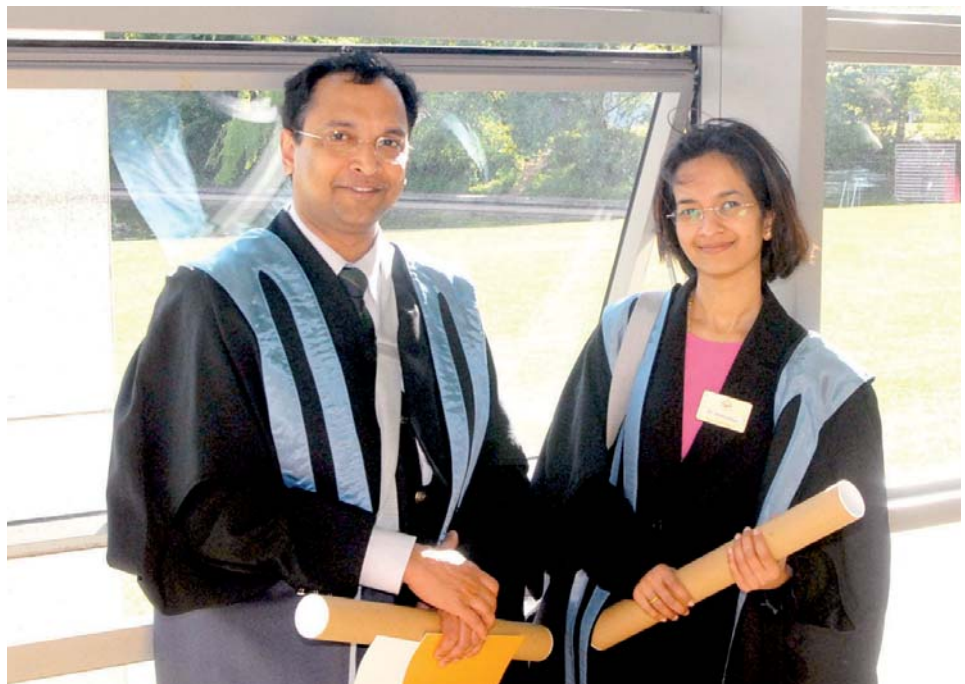




PHOTOS



Conferees May 2007



Conferees May 2007





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Honorary Fellows and Council Members May 2007



Abbott Scholarship Joint Winners Dr Roger McMorro and Dr Pádraig Mahon February 2007.

Dr Catherine Nix receives the GlaxoSmithKline Medal November 2007

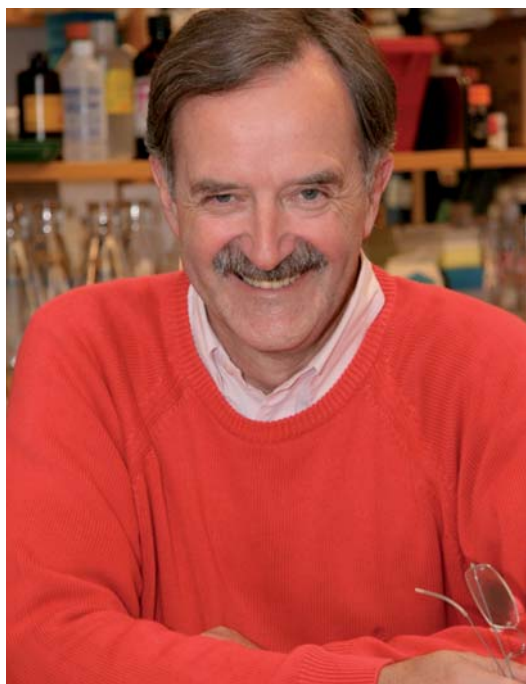




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Dr Beverley Orser receives the medal for the Winter College Lecture November 2007



*Dr Garret Fitzgerald receives the
23rd Gilmartin Medal May 2007*





ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL & COUNCIL MEMBERS



Council of the College of Anaesthetists May 2007

Council Elections were held on Tuesday 8th May 2007. 217 votes were received. Drs. J McCarthy and V Hannon acted as scrutineers and Drs. J McAdoo and J Loughrey were in attendance. Drs. Brian Marsh, Kenneth Lowry, David Mannion and Prof. Anthony Cunningham were elected.

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

OFFICERS	ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr John McAdoo, President	6	1999 – 2009
Dr Sean McDevitt, Vice-President	5	2005 – 2010
Dr John Loughrey, Honorary Treasurer	6	2005 – 2010
Dr Brian Marsh, Honorary Secretary	6	2002 – 2012





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ELECTED MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr William Blunnie, Industry Liaison/ Funding	6	2003 – 2008
Dr Kevin Carson, Final Course & Exam/ OATES	4	2006 – 2011
Prof. Anthony Cunningham, Chair Academic Committee	4	2007 – 2012
Dr Harry Frizelle, Chairman Primary FCA exam Secretary Examinations Committee	6	2004 – 2009
Dr Philip Hawthorne, Primary course/ E-learning	6	2003 – 2008
Dr David Hill, Chairman Pain Committee	5	2004 – 2009
Dr Julian Johnston, Outgoing Chairman Final FCA Exam	4	2006 – 2011
Dr Ken Lowry, Chairman OQE	6	2002 – 2012
Dr David Mannion, Secretary Finance & Training Committees	2	2007 – 2012
Dr Jeanne Moriarty, Chair Membership Committee/ CME	5	1998 – 2009
Dr Eleanor O'Leary, Chairperson Training Committee Director MSc. Programme	5	2005 – 2010
Dr Ellen O'Sullivan, Chairperson Examinations Committee	6	2005 – 2010
Dr Katrina O'Sullivan, Chairperson Credentials Committee	5	2001 – 2011
Dr Jeremy Smith, Hospital Inspections Co-ordinator	3	2005 – 2010
Dr Joseph Tracey, Chairman Education Committee	6	2001 – 2011





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COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD:

2nd March, 9th May, 22nd June, 7th September, 26th October and 14th December 2007.

Co-OPTED MEMBERS

Dr John McCaffrey, Northern Ireland Representative

Dr Orlaith Mc Caul, Registrar

Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean

Dr Deirdre Madden, Lecturer in Law, UCC

Dr Ger Curley, Anaesthetists in Training in Ireland

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr Orlaith Mc Caul, Registrar

Dr Ian Surgeon, Postgraduate Dean





FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AAGBI Winter Scientific Meeting.
16-18th January 2008, London.

Final FCA Revision Course.
21-25th January 2008, Merrion Square.

Piano Recital by Dr Jenny Porter,
in aid of Malawi.
*24th January 2008, National Gallery
of Ireland.*

Beginners Welcome Meeting.
7-8th February 2008, Merrion Square.

Vascular Access Workshop.
11th February 2008, Merrion Square.

Echocardiography Workshop.
22nd February 2008, Merrion Square.

Abbott Scholarship Presentations.
7th March 2008, Merrion Square.

Delaney Medal Presentations.
*11th March 2008, Radisson SAS Hotel,
Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.*

Cork Regional Anaesthesia Workshop.
27-29th March, Cork University Hospital.

Western Anaesthesia Symposium.
*4-6th April 2008, Knockranny House
Hotel, Westport.*

Paediatric Workshop.
23rd April, Merrion Square (provisional).

Irish Congress of Anaesthesia.
*15-16th May 2008, O'Reilly Hall, UCD,
Belfield, Dublin 4.*

Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of
GB & Ireland Annual Scientific Meeting.
15-16th May 2008, Belfast.

Pain Revision Course.
22-23rd May 2008, Merrion Square

Euroanaesthesia 2008.
31st May 2008, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Introduction to Anaesthesia.
5-6th June 2008, Merrion Square (provisional).

Ultrasound in Anaesthesia.
6-7th June 2008, Adare Manor, Limerick.

SCCM/ ESICM 7th Summer Conference.
6-8th June 2008, Athens Greece.

European Association of Cardiothoracic
Anaesthesiology.
11-14th June 2008, Antalya, Turkey.

ICSI Annual Scientific Meeting.
13-14th June, Acton Hotel, Kinsale, Co. Cork.

Canadian Anaesthesiologists' Society 64th
Annual Meeting.
13-17th June 2008, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

ESICM 21st Annual Congress.
21-24th September 2008, Lisbon, Portugal.

Airways Management Workshop.
*22nd October 2008, Merrion Square
(provisional).*





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Joint Autumn College Lecture and South of
Ireland Association of Anaesthetists
Autumn Meeting.
*26-27th September 2008, Malton Hotel,
Killarney.*

Primary FCA Revision Course.
*3-7th November 2008, Merrion Square
(provisional).*

Winter College Lecture and
GlaxoSmithKline Medal Presentations.
21st November 2008, Albert Theatre, RCSI.

UEMS.
12-13th December 2008, Riga, Latvia.



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