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## NZ Committee 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting – Report by Francesca Fagan



Report from the NZ Committee 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting in Queenstown  
“Negotiating the Interface: Collaboration in O&G” Wed 5 to Fri 7 March

Thank you to the Fellows and Trainees who attended the workshops and/or the scientific programme. The scientific programme and the workshops attracted 170 delegates and 17 exhibitors. Special thanks to Hologic as the Gold Sponsor. The feedback has been very positive and the NZ Committee would like to congratulate Dr Erika Hunter (Convenor), Dr Jim Faherty, Dr Celia Devenish and Professor Wayne Gillett for a great Scientific Programme, with a broad and interesting range of speakers.

On Tuesday 4 March we held 3 workshops.

The Training Supervisors' workshop was presented by Shaun McCarthy and Lyn Johnson from College Training Services.

An Expert Witness and Report Writing Workshop was facilitated by Ms Anita Miller. Unfortunately the lead presenter, Dr Jonathan Coates, and three delegates were prevented from attending due to weather and flight disruptions so we have organised another one in Wellington on 3 October 2014.



An Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury Surgery Workshop (OASIS) was facilitated by Ms Jan Gardner and Dr Jackie Smalldridge.

On Wednesday we ran three more workshops - Trainees' Day including Mock OSCE, Advanced Laparoscopic skills workshop and Doctors and O&G Workshop. We received great feedback on these, particularly from GPs who found the Doctors and O&G workshop to be extremely productive.

Dr Erika Hunter opened the Scientific Programme on Wednesday evening. Following the welcome (Mihi Whakatau) given by Warren Skerrett and Liz Davis, Dr Celia Devenish then took the chair and welcomed RANZCOG president Professor Michael Permezel and Board members. Prof Permezel gave a RANZCOG update and introduced new CEO James McAdam. Dr Devenish then led a discussion with the RANZCOG Board. At the end of the official session, delegates joined exhibitors for the social function where they had a chance to relax, talk to old friends and meet new faces.

The Scientific Meeting ran very successfully on Thursday and Friday. Dr Ian Page, Chair of the NZ Committee, gave a comprehensive update of committee work and introduced Dr Moape Bavou (Fiji) and Chris Dereveke (Solomon Islands, working in Fiji), both awarded scholarships to attend this ASM. The scientific programme included seven sessions themed around **"Negotiating the Interface: Collaboration in O&G"** and two Free Communications Sessions. Thursday began with a presentation from Anthony Hill, Health and Disability Commissioner –**"Negotiation of the Interfaces"** a great beginning to the programme, with some important points raised for the audience to hold in mind throughout the following sessions, and in line with the ASM theme. This was followed by Dr Andre Smith then Professor Wayne Gillett and statistician Professor Peter Herbison. In session 2- **"Urogynaecology"** our keynote speaker Dr Matthew Barber (Cleveland, US) gave a presentation on **"Surgical Innovation: lessons learned from vaginal mesh"** followed by presentations from Professor Don Wilson and Professor Peter Herbison, Professor Lesley McCowan, Dr Katie Groom, Dr Helen Paterson and Dr Mark Smith. Dr Robin Youngson, an Anaesthetist and co-founder of 'Hearts in Healthcare', closed the day as a special guest speaker with **"Interface with patients - how our thoughts, feelings and intentions help our patients heal"**.

On the Thursday evening we held a fundraising auction for the Mercia Barnes Trust at Skyline which was a highlight of this year's Annual Scientific Meeting. With one of the most amazing views in the world as a background, incredibly generous guests and a talented auctioneer, we raised over \$26,000 to go to the Mercia Barnes Trust to provide opportunities for young researchers. Thanks to everyone involved and a special thanks to Phyllis Huitema, a Mercia Barnes Trustee whose fundraising skills made the auction such a success.



Phyllis Huitema



The beautiful view from Skyline during the Mercia Barnes Trust Auction.



Friday started with a Session on **“Reproductive Medicine in New Zealand”**, with presentations by Professor Wayne Gillett, Dr Mary Birdsall, Associate Professor Mike Stitely and Dr Jim Faed. **“Interfaces in Action”** began with keynote speaker Dr Matthew Barber who gave his second presentation–**“Interpreting the literature; common errors and pitfalls”** followed by Dr Hunter and Dr Devenish as well as midwife Mel Rackham who presented- **“Changing tides: bridging the gap”**. A Free Communications session was then followed by the last session, **“Oncology Interfaces”**, with presentations by Dr Simone Petrich, Dr Bryony Simcock and Dr Konrad Richter, bringing to an end the Scientific Programme that has been highly praised by delegates, College members and guests.

Our College e-learning site will be putting up the agreed PowerPoints and video presentations soon, so be sure to watch out for this if you would like to revisit these presentations or view for the first time if you were unable to make it to Queenstown.

*Lost and Found: a dark navy women’s blazer and tortoiseshell reading glasses were left behind. Please contact us if either of these items belongs to you.*

The Conference Dinner was held at the lovely Jack’s Point. The night included drinks, before sitting down to dinner where the awards were presented for the Harvey Carey Memorial Prize which went to Dr Joana De Sousa, and the Medal Award which went to Dr Diana Fieldwick. The evening finished with a very funny speech by The Mayor of Invercargill, Mr Tim Shadbolt. Guests were delivered back to the Millennium to rest after an eventful, inspiring and informative week of workshops, social events and Scientific Presentations.

Thanks to everyone involved. We hope to see you all again next year.



Professor Wayne Gillett, Dr Jim Faherty, Dr Matthew Barber (key note speaker), Dr Erika Hunter, Dr Ian Page (Chair of the NZ Committee), Mayor Tim Shadbolt and Dr Celia Devenish.



Jack’s Point Dinner

## Annual Scientific Meeting 2015

The NZ ASM for 2015 is going to be held in Wellington at Te Papa during the World of Wearable Arts event (most likely dates are 29 September until Friday 2 October 2015). The organising committee will be convened by Dr Fali Langdana and he will be ably assisted by Wellington based colleagues. More information will be available soon.

## Re-appointment of Professor Michael Permezel as the President of the College.

We congratulate Professor Michael Permezel, re-elected as the President of the College for the next two years. “I feel honoured to have been re-elected as President of RANZCOG. I look forward to leading and achieving a number of objectives for the Ninth Council and continuing to develop the College’s role in training the obstetricians and gynaecologists of the future and to promote excellent standards of women’s health care in both Australia and New Zealand,” said Professor Permezel.



## Mercia Barnes Trust Research Applications

We received six good Mercia Barnes Trust Applications in 2014 which is very encouraging from a professional perspective. However the Trust's limited reserves mean that in 2014 it won't be able to support nearly as many projects as it would like to. The proceeds from the charity auction held at the ASM will be a huge help for the 2015 round but regular income is needed.

MBT panellists will meet in mid-April to make the difficult decisions about who to support in this year. If you can help with a regular donation please contact Jane Cumming, Executive Officer: [jcumming@ranzcog.org.nz](mailto:jcumming@ranzcog.org.nz)

## Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) Assessment Panellists needed

The RANZCOG NZ Office is contracted to the Medical Council New Zealand as a Vocational Education Advisory Board (VEAB) to assess and provide advice on internationally trained doctors seeking to work in NZ as O&G specialists.

The NZ Committee seeks to appoint four additional Fellows to sit on panels to assess candidates' practice history and suitability to work as consultants in NZ. The interview locations are mainly in Wellington (College Office or Airport) or in Auckland (Middlemore Hospital). The College covers travel expenses. Full training will be provided. Time commitment is variable but on average, you will be invited to take part in half day interview sessions four times a year and occasionally a full day session. Panellists are given plenty of notice of dates. If you are interested, please send your curriculum vitae to Francesca Fagan. Also, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Francesca ([ffagan@ranzcog.org.nz](mailto:ffagan@ranzcog.org.nz) , 04 472 4608). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Maori Women's Health Committee

At the recent Board member, a proposal from the NZ Committee was accepted and funding allocated to allow the MWHC to re-establish as a subcommittee of the NZ Committee and under the leadership of Dr Leigh Duncan. The committee will develop Terms of Reference and a strategic plan and apply for College funding accordingly.

## Farewell to Dr Alistair Haslam

Dr Haslam retires from Waikato DHB in early May.

He has contributed a huge amount to the college and to the Mercia Barnes Trust. We wish him a very happy retirement.

## Expert Witness and Report writing Workshop

Please contact Jane Cumming [jcumming@ranzcog.org.nz](mailto:jcumming@ranzcog.org.nz) to book in for an Expert Witness workshop in Wellington on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. Cost: \$1035

## Laparoscopy for Gynaecology Trainees 30–31 July 2014.

Convenor: Dr Douglas Barclay

This innovative two-day course is designed for ITP trainees who have completed the Basic Surgical Skills Course. The course will allow registrants to advance their laparoscopic techniques and develop an effective team approach to laparoscopic gynaecological surgery. The programme includes interactive lectures, practical skills modules and one-to-one teaching.

Venue: CTEC, Middlemore Hospital, Otahuhu, Auckland

Registration fee, \$1794.00, GST inclusive

Please register online at:





<http://auckland-acsc.learningsource.co.nz/course-catalogue>

## Vacancies / other training opportunities

### **Advanced Trainee – O&G Registrar Tauranga Hospital**

Tauranga Hospital is looking to appoint a Senior Registrar (ideally an Advanced RANZCOG Trainee) from May 2014 for 12 months.

In this role, the trainee would have dedicated theatre time to gain Minimally Invasive Surgical experience under a UK trained Minimal Invasive Surgeon who would be their Supervisor. There would also be the opportunity to gain more general O&G experience.

Last year's trainee in this position performed up to 20 Laparoscopic Hysterectomies under supervision.

For more information please contact Joyce Regan at [joyce.regan@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:joyce.regan@bopdhb.govt.nz)

### **O&G Consultant, Rotorua and Taupo.**

#### **Fixed term (12 months), 1.2 FTE**

We currently have a fixed term, full time (1.2 FTE) opportunity for an O&G Consultant for a period of 12 months, commencing 16th June 2014. The successful candidate will provide services in Rotorua and Taupo, participate in a 1:5 acute call roster and enjoy excellent support from our Anaesthetic, Surgical, Radiology and Intensive Care teams. The O & G team consists of five specialists, two registrars and dedicated SHO support. We also provide attachments/teaching for 5th and 6th year medical students from Auckland Medical School.

Lakes District Health Board provides healthcare for a population of 108,000 people through our hospitals located at the centre of the North Island of New Zealand, at two stunning settings next to Lake Rotorua and Lake Taupo. Rotorua, Taupo and Turangi are internationally acclaimed for trout fishing and Ruapehu for snow skiing. The district is also well known for its other outdoor recreational options including tramping, cycling, mountain biking as well as lake and river water sports such as boating and kayaking. Rotorua is less than one hours drive from the Bay of Plenty coast that offers lots of sun, good surf, boating, fishing and deep sea diving. Rotorua is the tourist centre of the North Island of New Zealand.

The hospital underwent a rebuild in 2013 including new ward areas, ITU and theatres, and a state of the art ambulatory outpatient area for Gynaecology, to facilitate outpatient hysteroscopy and Colposcopy/LETZ.

Membership of RANZCOG (or equivalent) is required. Applicants must hold or be eligible for vocational registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

For further information email Stephanie Wearne – Medical Staff Recruiter [stephanie.wearne@lakesdhb.govt.nz](mailto:stephanie.wearne@lakesdhb.govt.nz) ph: +64 7 343 8711 or Simon Ewen, HOD O&G [simon.ewen@lakesdhb.govt.nz](mailto:simon.ewen@lakesdhb.govt.nz) ph: +64 27 502 5860

### **Obstetrics & Gynaecology senior registrar advanced training position Nelson Marlborough District Health Board**

This post offers: hands on clinical training and gynaecological surgery; 12 months in Nelson with easy access to three National Parks, beaches, lakes, mountains, vineyards and skiing.

We have a position for a Senior Registrar to join our Obstetric and Gynaecological team in December 2014. We have four Consultants, and a SHO doing their Diploma in Obstetrics. Trainee Interns from Christchurch are rostered to the unit for one month at a time. Rostered duties include one period of 24 hour call through the week, and one period of eight hour call. Weekend cover is one in four. All call is as part of the Consultant roster, with backup Consultant cover.



Nelson Hospital has 147 beds, and serves a population of 90,000 people. There are 1200 births per year. It is a secondary level hospital with Level 2 New Born Unit.

The successful candidate will be based at Nelson Hospital. He/she will have one gynaecology (including Colposcopy) and one obstetric clinic per week (with Consultant back-up). These will involve responsibility for your own patients and the decision making related to this. He/she will have good exposure to general Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and the surgery related to this through being involved with up to five operating lists per week with the Consultants. He/she will also be responsible for their own operating lists where relevant and available. There is a weekly ultrasound scanning session. Teaching duties will include SHO working for Diploma in Obstetrics, and Trainee Interns. There is a monthly Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality meeting, and departmental teaching sessions.

Applicants should be post-Membership, and be working as an advanced trainee

Closing date 13 June 2014.

Further information about this position is available through:

Dr David Leadbetter, Obstetrician & Gynaecology Email: [david.leadbetter@nmhs.govt.nz](mailto:david.leadbetter@nmhs.govt.nz)

or

Loretta Matheson, RMO Co-Ordinator , Nelson Hospital, New Zealand Email: [loretta.matheson@nmhs.govt.nz](mailto:loretta.matheson@nmhs.govt.nz)

Phone: +64 3 5461875 or +64 3 5461811

### **Chief Resident, Women's Health, Auckland City Hospital (Fixed Term)-062929**

An exciting opportunity for a motivated Senior Registrar to fulfil the duties of Chief Resident within our Women's Health team.

This is a full time rostered position on a fixed term contract for 12 months commencing June 2014.

The successful candidate's primary clinical responsibility will be to provide clinical care as agreed with the Medical Director at a senior Registrar level. This may be within a sub-specialty or within general obstetrics and gynaecology. The time devoted to this must be sufficient to meet any RANZCOG training requirements the Chief Resident may have and will consist of some fixed sessions.

The Chief Resident position provides leadership and support to the O&G Registrars and House Officers, including management of the rosters. There is also an opportunity to undertake clinical work as a senior registrar or to conduct research of your choosing.

Job number to access via website is 062929

Applications close: 11 April 2014

Candidates are invited to apply on line via [www.careers.adhb.govt.nz](http://www.careers.adhb.govt.nz) with a current cover letter and CV. For more information contact Tanuja Amat on [tanujaa@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:tanujaa@adhb.govt.nz)

## **Changes to RANZCOG Training Programme**

### **Important Dates for Trainees**

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 April     | Mid semester assessment due      |
| 12 May 2014 | Training Accreditation Committee |
| 18 May 2014 | Oral exams in Melbourne          |

### **Upcoming RANZCOG Meetings**

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 9 May 2014  | Clinical Directors' Forum (followed by SIMG interviews) |
| Monday 19 May 2014 | New Zealand Committee (followed by SIMG interviews)     |



## Upcoming Events

*Note that these events are not necessarily RANZCOG approved events and do not reflect the views of the College. This is collated for your convenience only.*

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| <b>4-6 April<br/>2014</b>        | <b>ASPIRE 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Brisbane<br/>AUS</b>          | Organised by the Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction (ASPIRE), a society dedicated to developing and advancing fertility services in the Asia Pacific region, ASPIRE 2014 promises to raise awareness of infertility and artificial reproductive technologies. Centred on the theme 'The Future of Reproductive Medicine in the Asian Century', ASPIRE 2014 is an excellent gateway for leading health professionals from the region and around the world to meet, debate, discuss and collaborate on the development of fertility.<br>We invite you to visit <a href="http://www.aspirecongress.org">www.aspirecongress.org</a> for more information on congress topics, news, updates, and much more.                                                                                 |
| <b>18-20 April<br/>2014</b>      | <b>66 Annual Congress of Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>JAPAN</b>                     | Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, Japan<br><br>Overseas participants are welcome to make presentations covering a wide variety of topics from basic research to clinical practice in the fields of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the International Session (IS). Overseas participants, except candidates for the IS Awards, will make poster presentation. Candidates for the IS Awards, selected by peer-review of abstracts, will present orally (poster presentations will not be necessary).<br><br>The IS Good Poster Awards will also be given to a selected number of outstanding posters presented at the IS. The IS Awards as well as the IS Good Poster Award will be honored at the banquet on the night of Friday, 18 April 2014. Register from their <a href="#">website</a> . |
| <b>30 April – 3<br/>May 2014</b> | <b>12th World Congress on Endometriosis: Adding pieces to the puzzle of endometriosis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sao Paulo,<br/>BRAZIL</b>     | World Trade Centre São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil<br>WCE2014 will provide a unique opportunity of concentrating into a few days the updated knowledge, the biological findings, and the global research perspectives on a chronic, inflammatory condition afflicting millions of young women and adversely impacting on fertility and health-related quality of life. Further details can be found <a href="#">here</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2 – 4 May<br/>2014</b>        | <b>INSUOG 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mumbai<br/>INDIA</b>          | The course will cater to Radiologists, Sonologists, OBGYN specialists and Fetal medicine specialists who are interested in acquiring cutting edge skills in basic and advanced OBGYN Ultrasound techniques. This will empower the attendees to provide higher standards in practicing OBGYN ultrasound to your patients comparable to international centers of excellence in this field. The Course will provide the very latest information on first trimester and second trimester screening for congenital anomalies, Fetal Echocardiography, Fetal Neurology, Fetal Infection screen, Obstetric Color Doppler, Fetal growth restriction, Fetal interventions, Infertility, Gynae malignancies, Elastography, Contrast imaging etc. Visit <a href="#">here</a> for more details          |
| <b>2 – 4 May<br/>2014</b>        | <b>RANZCOG 2014 Indigenous Women's Health Meeting.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Adelaide<br/>Australia</b>    | <a href="http://www.ranzcog2014iwhm.com.au">www.ranzcog2014iwhm.com.au</a><br>Contact Sharon Chang: 2014iwhm@ranzcog.edu.au                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>19 Sept<br/>2014</b>          | <b>Live Surgery Demonstration - Gynae Laparoscopy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Hawke's<br/>Bay</b>           | Hawkes Bay O&G Society and Royston Hospital, 8.30am to 4.30pm<br><br>Live surgery demonstrations of advanced Laparoscopic Gynaecological procedures. Surgery to be performed by Dr Michael Wynn-Williams (Gynae Laparoscopic Specialist practicing in Brisbane, Australia)<br><br>Royston Hospital (Cnr Southland Rd and Prospect Rd, Hastings)<br>Cost: \$400 (includes lunch, refreshments and dinner)<br>Contact: Dr Jeremy Meates, FRANZCOG, O&G Specialist<br>Phone 027 244 9901, <a href="mailto:Jeremy.Meates@hawkesbaydoh.govt.nz">Jeremy.Meates@hawkesbaydoh.govt.nz</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



**29 Sept – 1 Oct 2014**  
**Fiji**

**Gynae Club Fiji**  
**Sofitel Denarau**

Contact Dr Rose Elder [rose.elder@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:rose.elder@ccdhb.org.nz)

**1 – 3 Oct 2014**

**Fetal Growth- Call for Abstracts**

**Oxford, UK**

Following the successful and popular first meetings in 2012 and 2013, we are pleased to announce the venue and dates for next year's conference, which is to be held in Oxford, UK from 1-3 October 2014.

The event will be organised by the Perinatal Institute with the help of an international organising committee. For further details and to register for the mailing list, please go to [www.fetalgrowth.org](http://www.fetalgrowth.org).

We are pleased to report good progress and a high degree of advance interest in this meeting.

We have now updated the conference website, to include:

- Outline of Scientific Programme
- Call for Abstracts
- Social Programme
- On-line Registration
- Links to Accommodation

We look forward to welcoming you to Fetal Growth 2014!

**12 – 15 April 2015**



**RCOG / RANZCOG World Congress 2015**

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (details to follow in 2014)

**Brisbane, AUS**

## Medical Sector Newsletters

### RANZCOG

#### [RANZCOG in the Media](#)

*Showcasing news reports featuring College spokespeople commenting on various women's health issues relating to obstetrics and gynaecology from Australia, New Zealand and overseas.*

#### [International & Local Media Wrap Up](#)

*Weekly updates of interesting news mainly in NZ, AUS, and the UK.*

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[RANZCOG Media Award of Excellence 2013 - Builder Barry Kirby's labour of love in PNG](#) **NEW**

[Family Planning](#) top page

[Health Workforce New Zealand Stake Holder Bulletin](#) (Feb) **NEW**

[Health Quality & Safety Commission News](#) (News and events top page)

- [Health Quality & Safety Commission Newsletter](#) (Mar) **NEW**
- [Medication Safety Watch Newsletter](#) (Feb) **NEW**
- [Open for the better care](#) (issue 8) **NEW**





[National Health IT Board](#) (Mar) **NEW**

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[New Zealand Breastfeeding Authority](#) (Apr) **NEW**

[Pacific Society of Reproductive Health](#) (Mar) **NEW**

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- [Asian Health Research Review](#) top page (membership subscription required)
- [Fertility Research Review](#) top page (membership subscription required)
- [NZ Women's Sexual Health Research Review](#) (membership subscription required)
- [Maori Health Review](#) top page
- [Midwifery Research Review](#) top page
- [Pacific Health Review](#) top page
- [Urology Research Review](#) (membership subscription required)

[Screening Matters](#) (Feb) **NEW**

[Tobacco control updates](#) (No 241) **NEW**

[Women's Health Update](#) (Mar) **NEW**