

PUBLIC RELEASE

Following the ANZPAC AGM and Operational meetings held on Friday 29 October 2010 in Adelaide, SA the Board of Management has released the following information:

1. Appointment of Treasurer

ANZPAC is pleased to report that Ms Alexandra Noble-Beasley, NZ, has been appointed as Treasurer and will form part of the Executive Committee.

2. Annual Report

The Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2010 was adopted and placed on the ANZPAC website under "Publications".

3. Projects

The Podiatry Board of Australia has agreed to fund the following projects –

a) Podiatric Surgery Accreditation Standards

It was agreed to use as a benchmark the AMC accreditation standards for surgeons.

Dr S Owen was appointed as the Project Officer with the project to be overseen by the Chairperson.

b) Endorsement for Scheduled medicines (ESM) Accreditation Standards

It was agreed to form a Steering Committee comprising the Chair and Deputy Chair to oversee the project.

A review to undertake further comparisons of podiatry pharmacology curricula for additional Universities/Podiatry programs will be undertaken as a first step.

4. Mutual Recognition

It was agreed to make a funding proposal to DEEWR under the Professional Services Development Program to investigate the possibility of mutual recognition of accreditation of Podiatry programs between Australia, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

5. Accreditation of Podiatry Programs

The Accreditation Timetable was revised and is available for downloading on the website under "Course Accreditation".

The podiatry programs at the University of Western Sydney were granted initial accreditation in September 2010.

The assessment / site visit of podiatry programs at the University of South Australia and the University of Western Australia was undertaken by the relevant Assessment Teams in September and October 2010 respectively and the Accreditation Committee is awaiting the final report.

La Trobe University is due to lodge a Self Evaluation report in December 2010.

6. Assessment of Overseas Qualifications

The Assessment of Qualifications and Skills in Podiatry for migration or practising in Australia as a podiatrist commenced on 1 July 2010.

Nine (9) persons had applied for an assessment.

Seven (7) persons were found suitable for general skilled migration / practising in Australia and two (2) were in progress.

The main booklets for the Stage 1 Desk Top Assessment and the Stage 2 Practical Assessment -

- Assessment of Qualifications and Skills in Podiatry for Migration Purposes
- Candidate Information Handbook

Can be downloaded from ANZPAC's website under "Overseas Assessment"

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