

## **Tinnitus - September 2009**

### **Doctors in Training Council Elections**

Elections were held last month and three new council members (Emily Gill, Ciaran Thrush and Nick Fancourt) were elected. Brandon Adams was re-elected for a second term and also re-elected as Chair. The Council now stands at eight members with Jonathan Foo (Deputy Chair), Jesse Gale, Maria Poynter and Aaron Withers. It is a very vibrant, motivated group which looks forward to representing you over the next year.

### **Third Annual Trainee Forum**

The NZMA DiTC hosted its third annual Trainee Forum in Wellington. This successful event was well attended by trainee groups with College and society trainee representatives: surgeons, ophthalmology, public health, psychiatry, anaesthetics, obstetrics and gynaecology, general practice, radiology and intensive care. Attending the Forum were also the NZMA's Doctors-in-Training Council, the deputy chair of the Australian Medical Association's Council of Doctors in Training Dr Sara Mansfield and the New Zealand Medical Students' Association Vice President Liz Carr.

The Forum was an opportunity for trainee representatives from colleges to come together and discuss issues which affect their training and to learn about the key health policy issues currently being discussed. The Forum also enabled attendees to speak to key leaders in health who have an impact on medical training. This year's speakers were Professor John Campbell, Chair of the MCNZ and Dr Stephen Child, member of the former Medical Training Board.

The discussions were informal with both guest speakers choosing to adopt a question and answer approach. Issues raised by Professor Campbell for discussion included Practice Visits for Assessment of Performance, the potential effects of legislative changes in Australia, the recommendations made by the Medical Training Board (MTB) and the retention of graduates.

A great working session was held with former MTB member Dr Steven Child, which included going over the implications and opportunities that arise from the large number of workforce reports that have recently been released.

### **REPORTS – REPORTS – REPORTS**

RMO commission, SMO Commission, CTA review, MTB, and MRG reports.

The above reports, recently released, have the potential to bring in huge changes to the RMO work and training worlds. It is important that as many RMOs as possible know about the contents of these reports. The DiTC is here to represent your opinions, so please let us know if there are issues you would like us to take up on your behalf. The following are links so that you can read the contents of the reports (or at least the executive summaries) and form your own opinions:

RMO Commission

[http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9394/\\$File/rmo-treating-people-well-aug09.doc](http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9394/$File/rmo-treating-people-well-aug09.doc)

SMO Commission

[http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9231/\\$File/smo-report-jul09.doc](http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9231/$File/smo-report-jul09.doc)

CTA Review

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/cta-review-aug09>

Medical Training Board

[http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9396/\\$File/mtb-foundations-of-excellence-aug09.doc](http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9396/$File/mtb-foundations-of-excellence-aug09.doc)

Medical Reference Group

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ministerial+review+group+report+released>

### **DiT Member Benefits**

Here are a list of DiT member benefits. If you would like more information about any of the benefits listed below please email [debbie@nzma.org.nz](mailto:debbie@nzma.org.nz)

#### **Noel Leeming/Bond & Bond**

Exclusive prices for members on everything in store, at Noel Leeming and Bond+Bond stores.

#### **Beaurepaires - Tyres**

Receive \$20 - \$40 off all tyres at Beaurepaires, Frank Allen Tyres and Goodyear Service Centre stores.

#### **Air NZ - Koru Club membership**

Save up to \$150 for 1 year individual membership and save up to \$185 for 2 year on individual membership.

#### **NZMA Wine Club**

Receive discounts on selected quality New Zealand and imported wines.

#### **ACP Magazines**

Receive up to 40% off full retail subscription fee on consumer and trader titles.

#### **M2 Magazine**

Receive 35% discount on 1-year subscription.

#### **Petals - Online Flower Ordering and Delivery**

Members receive 10% discount on the flower value and 8% discount on the product value for all gift orders.

#### **American Express - Cards**

Competitive interest rates and additional benefits offered on the NZMA Gold, Platinum and Gold Business Cards.

## **DiT Member Survey**

Thank you all for your feedback. It is great to have such an interested membership and we plan to put into action your suggestions. We are already working on your ideas to improve the website and advocate on the issues that were raised. We will keep you informed of progress and hope that you will keep us up to date on the issues that concern you.

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