Welcome to Issue 2!

New Federal Government, Annual Conference, LIME Connection V, new project funding, new staff appointments……. it’s been a busy and productive time for Medical Deans.

While schools are in the thick of end of year reports, assessments and meetings you have found time to contribute to Medical Deans activities at a national and cross-Tasman level. In particular I wish to thank everyone for their feedback in the members survey, the recent review of your school’s annual statistics and your support again of the annual MSOD exit surveys. We ask a lot but all of this effort is invaluable in providing a strong evidence base for future workforce planning and influencing the key decision makers.

Recent meetings with HWA and AHPRA have confirmed strong support for MSOD and its potential to be linked with the national annual health workforce survey down the track.

But a new government brings uncertainties and we eagerly await outcomes from the Commission of Audit early next year that will provide greater clarity about the future of HWA and health workforce programs. We have also lost some of our key government officers in the Department of Health and I take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their support of Medical Deans and our various programs

Our new strategic plan 2014-2016, informed by the members survey and input from the Annual Conference is now available at www.medicaldeans.org.au/about/mission

I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a safe and happy festive season.

Judy Searle
CEO
3 December 2013

New Staff appointments

- Project Manager: Karin Oldfield
- Assessment Benchmarking: Erin Turner
- Executive Assistant: Loren Sultana
- MSOD Project Officer: Dan Dumbrell
- MSOD Project Assistant: Jessica Lyford

Medical School Statistics 2013 (Australia) snapshot

- Predicted total number of graduates: 3474* (505 or 14.5% international) cf 2012 = 3284
- Total commencing students: 3668 ** (636 or 17.3% international) cf 2012 = 3686
- Indigenous commencing students: 75 cf 2008 = 37

*excl Ochsner and no UniMelb MD intake 2010 **No UWA intake in 2013
INTERNAL NEWS

Central staff departures - On behalf of Medical Deans I take this opportunity to thank Luise Kazda, Nate Hogan and Rebecca Astles-Philips for their expertise and support of the MSOD project and to Joe Cavanagh for his commitment to the Indigenous health portfolio. We wish them well in their new endeavours.

The new HWA funded Assessment Benchmarking project began in earnest in October and we welcome Karin Oldfield to the project manager role. We currently have written consent from 15 schools and hope to have the others on board soon. One of the major outcomes of this project is to document the enablers and barriers to performing a universal benchmarking activity and we thank everyone for their support of this important trial.

August saw the successful showcase of LIME connection V conference in Darwin with over 200 delegates. A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the 2013 LIMElight awards which included individual awards to Danielle Medek, Associate Professor Peter O’Mara and Associate Professor Papaarangi Reid. Congratulations to all recipients pictured below.

October was also Medical Deans Annual Conference kindly hosted by the University of Auckland. From the feedback, the dinner at Mudbrick on Waiheke Island will be a hard one to beat.

OTHER NEWS

As part of ongoing activity to promote support for Rural and Regional Training Pathways Medical Deans are currently seeking support from all schools to help map local initiatives that are in part aimed at addressing medical workforce maldistribution (geographic or specialty) and/or improving the integration of career pathways across the continuum. A recent meeting with the Royal College of Physicians in Auckland may also lead to some joint work in this area.

Following completion of a HWA funded project led by Professor Kevin Forsythe and in partnership with CPMEC and CPMC members and medical educators can now access a clinical training supervision tool at www.clinicaleducators.org

An on line Directory of Medical Education Researchers is now available on our website at www.medicaldeans.org.au
Media news
Answer to rural GP shortage local interns
Australian, 24 July 2013

Med school call on rural quotas
Australian, 16 Oct 2013

Nationwide assessment for students

Our new Ministers

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FACTS from MSOD
MSOD currently has over 23,000 participants overall

PGY1 Facts* (Response rates for PGY1 are approximately 73%)
- 85% of PGY1 doctors agreed/neutral they were prepared for internship
- 25% of PGY1 doctors received a rotation in rural medicine in PGY1
- 8.6% of PGY1 doctors had a GP rotation in PGY1
- 42% of PGY1 doctors intended to take up a vocational training position in the next 2 years

*Aggregated 2009-11 data

UPCOMING EVENTS
MSOD has commenced the 2013 PGY1, 3 and 5 surveys.

Medical Deans Sydney Office closure 18 December to 5 January inclusive

Have a Happy New Year