



The RCPA(NZ) News

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Chairman and Professional Administrator hard at work at the RCPANZ Office

Welcome to the spring edition of the RCPA (NZ) news. I would first like to congratulate members for the excellent response rate to our workforce survey. We had over a 99% response rate, thank you. I would also like to thank Raoul for the tenacious way he “encouraged” some of our less forthcoming colleagues to submit their forms. I have seen the preliminary data and it has been sent to the College in Australia for a more formal analysis. Hopefully we will be able to present and discuss the data further at the upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting in Napier. I can say that there are a lot of people due to retire in the next 5-10 years which is of great concern to our workforce and to the country.

I would also like to thank those who responded to the draft letter to the Minister of Health with very helpful suggestions. There is clearly a good consensus regarding the problems that we face. However, engaging the Ministry and the DHB remains very challenging. As a College we will continue to call for a more co-ordinated, sustainable and less disruptive approach to the delivery of pathology services. We will continue to petition both the DHBs and government for a better way ahead. I would welcome further input on this matter from colleagues particularly regarding the ways to get more traction on this issue.

I look forward to meeting with members at the upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting in Napier. Both the out-going RCPA President, Dr Stuart Bryant, and the Senior Vice-President, Dr Bev Rowbotham, are likely to be attending. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss issues within the College and plan for the year ahead.

Congratulations to Ian Beer who has been appointed President of the New Zealand Society of Pathologists on the retirement from that position of Professor Brett Delahunt. Ian also assumes the position of Deputy Chairman of the NZ Committee of Pathologists. Brett has given long and valuable service in both these roles and I am delighted that he has agreed to be co-opted to the Committee to provide his experience and continuity until the next NZ Committee elections.

Finally, all fellows should have received your voting papers for the upcoming elections for the senior positions in the College; the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, and Treasurer. We have two New Zealand candidates for posts, Dr Ross Boswell and Dr Andy Tie, I wish them the best in the elections and I am sure that both these fellows would serve the College well.

Richard Steele



Aren't you glad it's Spring!!

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