What is this Bulletin all about?

The Information Bulletin is an initiative of the new Management Committee and is designed to transmit information from all of the Committees to a wider School audience. Feedback on the Bulletin and suggestions for items will be gratefully received.

If you know someone who has been awarded a grant or honoured with a prize, please let us know so that the School can celebrate our achievements.

Committee Memberships

Three Committees have been established to look at various aspects of the School— the Teaching Committee and the Research Advisory Committee are joint PaLM/PathWest committees looking at building closer ties between the two organisations where as the Executive Committee is a PaLM based committee examining the strategic direction of the School.

The current list of members is included below:

Executive Committee

Head of School (Chair): W/Professor Paul Waring
Chair of Teaching Committee (Deputy Chair): C/Prof Martyn French
Chair of Research Advisory Committee: W/Prof Frank Christiansen (RPH)*
School Manager: Mr. Brett Tizard
MBBS Coordinator: W/Professor Jennet Harvey
BSc & B.MedSci Coordinator: Prof. Frank van Bockxmeer
Honours Coordinator: Prof. Patricia Price
PhD Coordinator: W/Professor Paul Waring
Anatomical Pathology discipline head: C/Prof Greg Sterrett (QE11)*
Clinical Immunology discipline head: Dr Dominic Mallon (FH)*
Clinical Microbiology discipline head: C/A/Prof. Keryn Christiansen
Clinical Haematology discipline head: Dr Jill Finlayson
Clinical Biochemistry discipline head: Dr. Melissa Gillett
Medical Genetics discipline head: Dr. Ashleigh Murch (KEMH/PMH)*

Teaching Committee

Chair: Professor Martyn French.
MBBS coordinator: (Deputy Chair): W/Professor Jennet Harvey
BSc and B.MedSci coordinator: Professor Frank van Bockxmeer
Honours coordinator: Prof. Patricia Price
PhD coordinator: W/Professor Paul Waring
Anatomical Pathology representative: C/Prof Greg Sterrett
Clinical Immunology representative: A/Prof. Patricia Martinez
Clinical Microbiology representative: A/Prof. Liam O’Connor
Clinical Haematology representative: Dr. Jill Finlayson
Clinical Biochemistry representative: Dr. Sam Vasikaran
Medical Genetics representative: Professor David Ravine
CTEC representative: Professor Jeff Hamdorff
Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences rep: Prof Don Robertson
Curtin University representative: Dr Cyril Mammote

Research Advisory Committee

Chair: W/Professor Frank Christiansen
PhD coordinator (Deputy Chair): W/Professor Paul Waring
Honours coordinator: Prof. Patricia Price
WAIMR representative: TBA
NH&MRC Fellow: Prof. Wallace Langdon
Anatomical Pathology representative: Dr. Adrian Charles
Clinical Immunology representative: Dr. Campbell Witt
Clinical Microbiology representative: Professor Tom Riley
Clinical Haematology representative: C/Professor Ursula Kees
Chemical Pathology representative: C/Professor John Burnett
Medical Genetics representative: Assoc. Prof. John Beilby

Management Committee

To complement the above committees, an additional committee – the Management Committee – will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delegated operational tasks within the School. Membership is open to all staff
including general and professional staff and excluding members of the Teaching, Research Advisory and Executive Committees. The membership criteria provide an opportunity for a broader representation across the School and its respective sites. The School Manager will chair the Management Committee and is accountable to the Head of School.

Adjunct and Clinical Appointments

The School is in the process of nominating and appointing a large number of adjunct and clinical appointments. These appointments recognize the contributions of individuals to the School in teaching and research. A full list of the new appointments will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Workplace Giving Program

The University is considering implementing a Workplace Giving Program. Workplace giving is a simple and effective way for employees to regularly donate to charities or similar organisations. Like salary packaging, the workplace giving donation is taken from the staff member's salary as pre-tax dollars and reduces the taxable income. The charity or organisation must have deductible gift recipient (DGR) status.

HR is seeking information in regards to which charities or organisations should be considered for inclusion. One focus will be on those organisations that have a relationship to the University as well as other worthy recipients. Some of the organisations being considering are Telethon and UNICEF.

Many staff have forwarded suggestions for potential charities and our contribution will be added to the UWA list.

MLM Redesign

Following discussions at the Teaching and the Executive Committees, Clinical Associate Professor Richard Herrmann has agreed to undertake a review of the current MLM course with a view to creating a new course that will support the professional development needs of PathWest and other pathology-based professionals. Ms Janette Judge will be acting as Executive Officer to the MLM review.

New Staff

Dr Bob Cook has begun a research program on multiple sclerosis and is working in the basement laboratories at QEIIIMC. He can be contacted on 9346 2933.

Dr Liam O'Connor has joined the School to help create a series of case based learning modules for the 4th Year Pathology Unit for Medical Students. Based in Room 1.04G at the QEIIIMC, Liam can be contacted on 9346 3456.

Ms Janette Judge is now part of the Administration team based at QEIIIMC. She is located in Room 1.02 and can be contacted on 9346 2499.

New PhD Students

Reena Md Zin has joined Adrian Charles’ new research program on Wilm’s tumors and is based at PMH. She is an anatomical pathologist by training and is being sponsored by the Malaysian Govt.

Faculty Strategic Planning Day

Professor Paul Waring and Brett Tizard attended the Faculty Strategic Planning Day to help develop the Faculty’s Operational Priorities Plan. The development of School’s Operational Priorities Plan will commence in July/August and will be completed by October 2009.

Zonta Visit and Donation

The Peel branch of Zonta International visited the School to present the proceeds of their annual Golf Day. This year Zonta raised $11,000 and continued their support of breast cancer research within the School.

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