

# Minutes of AAAPC Committee Teleconference

## Held 15 March 2011

1. **Attendance:** Dimity, Marie, Jon, Richard, Tania, Ellen, Marjan, Deb, Danielle and Kitty.
2. **Apologies:** Sarah and Joachim.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** of the AAAPC held 15 February 2011 were approved.
4. **Business Arising:**

**4.1 Journal Ranking meeting update:** There was a complicated tender process on the ARC website for bodies that wish to be involved in the ranking process. This was too complicated for the AAAPC to complete. The AAAPC will not be a body listed as a reviewer of rankings; however, Dimity will make a submission as President of the AAAPC and will send out suggestions to members that they may wish to incorporate in their own submissions. The College has some ideas, and Tania has done some work on this. The tendering process would involve reviewing journals in which the AAAPC has no interest. Tanya endorsed the idea of Dimity making a submission and of encouraging members to make individual submissions. The four journals of relevance, all listed a 'B' grade but which might merit 'A' grade:

- Annals of Family Practice
- British Journal of General Practice
- BMC Family Practice
- Family Practice

The Journal of Family Practice and The American Family Physician were listed as 'C' grade journals and this seems too low also.

Tania also found two journals that were not listed at all:

- Family Medicine
- Primary Care

The number of submissions is going to be important and the active involvement of members is vital. The AAAPC needs to highlight the importance of Journal Rankings and to provide a simple guide to the making of an individual submission. Tania will draft a proformer submission for each of the four journals Tania will circulate a draft submission

**4.2. The Academic Career Working Group update** – the next meeting it in April 2011. postponed.

**4.3 The PHCRED Funding Model** – people have been applying for the 10 career development posts, but applications do not close until 12 April 2011. The call for applications for the CREs came out last week and there is to be an information session on 21 April 2011.

**4.4 Melbourne East GP Network funding submission to HWA** – A meeting with Simon Willcock, Tim, Amanda, Danielle and Dimity. Notes of the meeting have been circulated. Simon's view is that the PIP does not cover the sort of grants that people were putting in for. Simon suggested a constructive approach with an integrated model for GP teaching, with both undergraduates and postgraduates included. Jon argued that the risk of such an integrated approach is that the RTPs may miss the mark, that the HWA money is intended for undergraduate training, and that post graduate training is a separate matter for GPET. Danielle suggested that there is much to be said for an integrated approach to funding research and teaching. Simon has offered to facilitate a meeting to facilitate the integrated model but Dimity cautioned that the AAAPC needs to evaluate the risks of such an approach, possibly with another teleconference, prior to committing to Simon's proposed meeting. Marjan mentioned that his university had been awarded 75% of the funding that it applied for, this funding is for growth and teaching. However, the application was submitted in June 2010 and the grant has only just come through. It was suggested that the HWA was offering infrastructure funding not 'activity' funding. Simon also raised the funding formula which will reflect the interests and needs of the public system and not private practice. The problem is that HWA is about the public system whereas General Practice is about private systems. However, the HWA does want to fund undergraduate placements. It was agreed that the AAAPC needs to remain in discussions with Simon and GPET. It was also agreed that the AAAPC needs to hold a separate meeting to discuss its position on the integrated model and the risks this poses to university funding, the interests of medical students. Also draft a letter to HWA, to be circulated

5. **The Newsletter** – one article received on nursing from Kelsey. An article from Ellen on her new position, waiting for new member pieces and conference WONCA piece. Tania and Marie may be able to write an article on the Journal Rankings.

## 6. General Business

### 6.1 Membership

6.1.1 **New members:** NA

6.1.2 **Finances:** the organisation is facing bankruptcy if new subscriptions are not received. Marie has prepared a summary of costs each year, expenditure is about \$25,000 per annum. The current cost of subscriptions is \$120. To raise this sum, with 120 members the subscription would need to be \$210, with 150 members it would need to be \$170, and with 180 members it would need to be \$140. The current membership is about 140. Ellen offered to promote the AAAPC through the E bulletin, Marie will write a paragraph about the benefits of membership. Ellen suggested sending a letter to the departments encouraging them to promote membership of the AAAPC. Lapsed members were mentioned. Ellen suggested a reduced membership fee for those who join up at the Conference. Kitty to send Dimity a draft

email intended for the departments. A membership drive will be followed by a further review of finances in a few months time. Marie suggested a prize for new memberships taken out at the Conference.

**7. Conference Update:** The date to submit abstracts has closed now, there are 376 in all and 36 AAAPC abstracts. Ellen will organise the distribution of AAAPC abstracts to the committee members for peer review. Most of the plenary sessions have been finalised: a Q & A session for the final plenary, Megan Morris, Claire Jackson, an indigenous allied health representative, Stephen McMillan. Kim Burnell will be the AAAPC plenary speaker. The dinner has been booked and organised, deposit paid. \$99 a head for members, \$120 for non-members.

**8. The GPET academic awards committee teleconference** needs a representative from the AAAPC executive, as Dimity will be away. Jon agreed to cover for Dimity. Kitty to send Jon the conference times.

**9. Lobbying of Ausdoc** to provide free copies of papers for which people write. Dimity to write to Ausdoc to that end.

**10. The GP Alliance** needs a Queensland representative. Deb to talk with Claire to see if she might be able to assist in nominating a representative.

**11. Next Meeting:** Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 Apologies, in advance from Ellen , Jon. Richard, Kitty

## Allocated Actions

### **Dimity is to:**

- make a submission, as President of the AAAPC, to the ARC on Journal rankings
- send out suggestions to members that they may wish to incorporate in their own submissions
- contact Simon Willcock to arrange a further meeting to discuss the integrated approach to funding research and teaching
- to organise a separate meeting of the AAAPC to discuss its position on the integrated model and the risks this poses to university funding, the interests of medical students
- draft a letter to HWA on funding, which is to be circulated, and
- write to Ausdoc about providing free copies of journals to those who contribute articles.

**Tania is to:**

draft a performer submission for each of the four grade 'B' journals and circulate this to the executive members.

**Tania, Marie and Kitty are to:**

- provide a simple guide to the making of an individual submission to the ARC on Journal Ranking.

**Marie is to:**

- write a paragraph about the benefits of membership and forward this to Ellen so that it can be included in the E-bulletin, and
- formulate a proposal for a prize for new memberships taken out at the Conference.

**Ellen is to:**

- organise the distribution of AAAPC abstracts to the committee members for peer review.

**Kitty is to:**

- draft a letter to the departments encouraging them to promote membership of the AAAPC and forward this to Dimity, and
- send Jon the date and time of the next GPET academic awards committee teleconference.