

President's report

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Reflecting on the last 12 months of AAAPC activities, I can see the organisation going from strength to strength. In the teaching arena, we have had an active role in lobbying about the PIP payments.

We have managed to stave off a difficult proposal that GPs be punished for having more than one student by withdrawal of the PIP.

We are still working on increasing the PIP in one way or another.

We are also organising a meeting to look at HWA and its role in funding student placements in general practice.

In the research area, we submitted a feisty argument to the ERA process about granting primary care research journals a higher rating. We also made a very successful contribution to the Primary Health Care Research Conference in Brisbane, outlined elsewhere in this issue.

Among the many activities, a standout success was the meeting about Medicare Locals, and the ways in which members interested in research and teaching might work with these new entities.

I'd like to thank the Executive Committee for all their hard work on these issues, and in particular Kitty Novy, without whom it would all not be possible

We welcome a number of new members to our executive committee, as well as a new newsletter editor, and look forward to a very successful new year.