

AAAPC president's report 2015 AGM

Major events of the year

- Change to organisation name and constitution implemented
 - o Membership from New Zealand has been increasing.
 - o Two New Zealand representatives on AAAPC management committee
 - o AAAPC social media profile

- Continuation of award a AAAPC-Society for Academic Primary Care conference prize
- New relationship with North American Primary Care Research Group for conference award
- Continuing close collaboration with PHCRIS in regard to the Primary Healthcare Research Conference
- Travelling fellowship award

- Lobbying and advocacy
 - o Communication to the Minister and Department of Health about the future of the academic registrar program. Collaboration with RACGP and ACRRM on this input. Academic program continuing in 2016
 - o Advocacy on the need for ongoing support from practice-based research networks and for a network of networks
 - o Submission to the Senate Inquiry on health policy, administration and expenditure
 - o Comment on APHRCI future directions discussion paper
 - o Request to join United General Practice Australia

- Progress of Australian Primary Care Research Network
 - o Substantial achievements over a short time
 - o Issue of securing funding for the longer term

Issues going forward

- Continuing to increase membership
- Increasing links with New Zealand including in terms of conference timing and attendance
- Working to expand profile and capacity as an organisation
- Rapidly changing environment