



## Annual General Meeting 2018

### FTM Education, Training and Professional Development Board Report

- I have now been in post for over a year and have a much better feel of the future direction of the Board. At our meeting on the 3 Oct 2018 we will be developing a FTM Educational Strategy, which follows on from the work that has been done by the College and FTM Executive Board in developing their strategies over the last year. Inevitably our strategy will dovetail with these to ensure that the overarching College aims are met.
- After a review of the TORs, ratified by the Dean, we successfully appointed a Doctor (Lisa Curran) and Pharmacist (Alex Leung) to the Board and co-opted an Australian academic Harunor Rashid, an expert in Mass Gatherings, which in due course will be a topic for an edition of Travel Medicine Bites.
- Following the successful annual symposium with the theme Enabling Travellers – The Hidden Challenges we have held a successful joint meeting with IAPOS in London and had planned a joint meeting with BGTHA in March 2018. The latter had to be postponed because of the snow and is now re-scheduled for this November in Leicester. Unfortunately, the re-launched Nets and Bolts scheduled for June had to be cancelled because of poor uptake. The Board have considered the reasons for this and concluded that it was multi-factorial but will not aim to run the event again in 2019.
- I and others have continued to collaborate closely with BGTHA and the Dean Elect and myself will be members of a Joint Working Party to consider how this relationship can develop further and potentially be closer to the benefit of both organisations.
- Through Debbie Rennie and Alex Leung we have made progression on how to develop FTM standards for pharmacists that provide travel medicine services and this will be progressed further over the next year.
- Sadly, Sue Campbell has moved on but I am pleased that, after a well contested selection process, Susanna Roughton has now formally taken up the post of Course Manager. Susanna is a past winner of the best Diploma Student prize and brings a wealth of travel medicine experience from her previous roles as a GP and Consultant in Public Health Medicine in the UK Armed Forces.
- As I write I am looking forward to our Annual Symposium - Returning Travellers – Exotic Encounters, Imported Infections and Visiting Vectors - which we are running jointly with the College Physicians, although most of the hard work in preparing the programme has been done by Sarah Lang.
- Next year in addition to the Annual Symposium we plan on holding a joint event with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society where I hope we will be able to launch our embryonic travel medicine standards for pharmacists.
- We have produced a further edition of Travel Medicine Bites on Disability and Travel. In the autumn we will be launching a module through this and wider on Female Genital Mutilation thanks to some excellent work by Sarah Lang, Cathy O'Malley and Ann McDonald supported by Kyle from the Education Department. This is a must do for all those that practice travel medicine!
- The FTMEB has met on three occasions since the last AGM. This frequency will continue in 2019 with 1 of the scheduled meetings held by teleconference.



Members of the Board are:

- David Ross – Director of Travel Medicine Education Board
- Lisa Curran
- Sarah Lang
- Alex Leung
- Cathy O'Malley
- Ann McDonald
- Deborah Rennie
- Susanna Roughton
- Supported and assisted, initially by Stephanie Beattie and now Caity Ryan - Education, Training and Professional Development Manager.

David Ross

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