

trainee eye

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Fourth edition of Trainee Eye, the newsletter for ICM trainees sent by the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine.

The Faculty sends out a bi-annual e-newsletter to all registered ICM trainees, whether they are trainees on the old (Joint) system, or trainees who have been appointed to the new programme, either as Single or Dual ICM CCT trainees. The aim of this newsletter is to open up channels of communication, and also highlight information that is directly relevant to trainees, and also to the wider ICM community.

FICM website

The FICM website is currently being updated to include further information for ICM trainees, in particular we will be adding an information page for LTFT Trainees over the autumn, so please do keep an eye on this.

We have also recently added a [Useful Innovations](#) section to our Trainee page, for trainees and trainers to promote useful articles and websites for education. If you use a particular site or tool locally that you feel should be included please get in touch.

The Faculty has now updated the unit briefs held on the website for units providing ICM training. This is done through close liaison with the ICM Regional Advisors and Faculty Tutors. For more information please see [here](#).

FFICM examination information

FFICM Exam Prep course

October 2015 will see the Faculty hold its first ever FFICM OSCE/SOE Exam prep course. This is due to be held on the 5th/6th of October 2015 in Leeds, and we hope to include a trainee review of the event in the next edition of trainee eye. If you are attending the course and would like to submit a review for the next edition of Trainee Eye, and potentially Critical Eye too, please get in touch with the Faculty.

Keep up to date with the details of this and future courses by visiting the [website](#) regularly.

FFICM Examination news

Trainees are reminded that the FFICM examination is compulsory for Single and Dual ICM CCT trainees in Stage 2 of their training, but not for Joint trainees, who may sit the examination voluntarily. The Faculty would recommend that Joint trainees wishing to sit the examination complete Intermediate level ICM training (which includes the complementary medicine module) before sitting.

The Faculty has decided that it will, on a case-by-case basis, listen to requests from trainees who wish to sit the MCQ component of the FFICM in the very late phase of their Stage 1 training. This is on the proviso that the MCQ sitting in question falls in the **last few weeks** of the trainee's Stage 1 training and that the trainee's Regional Advisor confirms that the trainee is on course to complete all of their required Stage 1 competencies.

We are also pleased to announce that the criteria for the FFICM Examination prize, was approved by the FICM Training and Assessments Committee at its June 2015 meeting and has been added to Appendix 3 of the FFICM Examinations Regulations at the July 2015 update. It was agreed that the prize criteria be applied retrospectively for all academic years in which the FFICM exams have been held.

The Faculty would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the four worthy recipients (listed below) on their achievement and looks forward to seeing you presented with the award at the 2016 Diplomates' Day.

2012 -2013

Dr J H Glen

2013 -2014

Dr A G Howatson

Dr M P Ward Jones

2014 – 2015

Dr F A Wallace

Details about the FFICM examination, including the regulations, dates and fees can be found [here](#).

Please note the next FFICM MCQ will take place at the RCoA on Tuesday the 12th January 2016.
The application window opens for this sitting on the 19th October 2015 and closes on the 26th November 2015.

ICM ePortfolio

To coincide with the initial Launch of the ePortfolio the Faculty produced a guidance document which outlines how the ePortfolio system works, and is available from the FICM website [here](#). Now, after our first full year of use, we have begun to create FAQs, those aimed at trainees can be found below, and these will be uploaded to website shortly.

Frequently asked questions from trainees:

1. I've been sent login details for the ePortfolio but when I access it none of my training information appears.

The ePortfolio will not be pre-populated for you. Upon logging on for the first time a trainee should add or update their personal details. They can then proceed to add posts, choosing a location and supervisors for the post in an easy to follow three step process.

2. I cannot find my supervisor

It may be that your supervisor has not yet been issued a role within the ICM ePortfolio. Please email the faculty ficm@rcoa.ac.uk or your deanery contact with the supervisors full name, email address and hospital location.

3. Can I add more than one supervisor for a post

Yes, more than one supervisor can be added to each post. Simply select all required from the list on the 3rd stage of adding a post.

4. I've accidentally uploaded documents to the wrong post

If this has happened please email the Faculty ficm@rcoa.ac.uk with full details of the documents, what post they have incorrectly appeared under and what post you require them to be moved to.

5. My supervisor can see me but cannot sign off my documents

It is common within the NES ePortfolio system for individuals to have more than one role. It's even possible for them to have more than one ICM role. Different roles have different rights and permissions within the system. So if you Supervisor is also a Faculty Tutor, RA or TPD for ICM they will have to switch between those roles to carry out certain activities (these are listed in full in the guidance document). So if your ES can see you as a trainee but is unable to interact with your account, creating and signing off documents and competencies please ask them to check which role they are in. You can switch roles easily by clicking on 'Select Role', at any time, to move between your different ePortfolio roles. In order to engage with your work on the ePortfolio they must ensure they are in the educational supervisor role. If they are in the right role and are still having difficulty please contact the faculty ficm@rcoa.ac.uk

6. I need to create an ES report but the system won't let me

Only an Educational Supervisor can initiate this form. A trainee cannot create the document for an ES to work on later. The entire form must be created and saved by the ES.

7. I cannot upload/create documents for a previous post

There is a 30 day limit past the end of a post for the creation on documents relating to it, such as ES reports etc. The ideal is for documents to be completed in a timely fashion

while in post, but if for unavoidable circumstances this does not happen and the 30 days have passed you will need to contact the Faculty giving the details and they may be able to change the post dates for a limited time to allow you and your ES to complete the required paperwork.

8. Why does the ICM ePortfolio system not link directly to the RCoA ePortfolio?

The ICM ePortfolio is part of the NHS ePortfolio system built by NES (NHS Education for Scotland), and to which many other specialties are signed up, including the ICM partner specialties of Emergency and Acute Medicine, among others. The RCoA ePortfolio is a separate system built by a private contractor. For various reasons it was not felt at the time of construction that the RCoA could accommodate the ICM curriculum within the anaesthetic portfolio. Trainees undertaking ICM in conjunction with a partner specialty will be obliged to maintain two separate portfolios, one for each specialty. This is because two separate ePortfolio systems (even two which are both designed and run by NES) are not designed to interact directly with each other. The Faculty recognises that this is not an ideal situation, and steps have been taken to make the transfer of information between two systems as easy as possible. Trainees may output (in PDF format) an assessment from their partner specialty portfolio and upload it to the ICM portfolio; this can then be 'tagged' within the system both to identify which kind of assessment it is (e.g. DOPS, CEX, Professional Activity, etc.) and also to which ICM curriculum competencies it applies. Trainees with portfolios for two NES specialties (e.g. ICM and Acute Medicine) can, provided they have the same username for both, switch between the two using the 'Select Roles' tab.

Please Note:

Although the Faculty has editing-admin control over information added to the portfolio, we do not have any control over the back-end software that runs the system; this is entirely controlled by NES. If you contact the NES helpdesk please be aware that they refer ***all*** queries to the colleges/faculties as a matter of routine, even if the issue is a back-end one. Faculty staff will do our best to help you with any problem you are experiencing, but please be aware that if the issue is software related we will be unable to fix them and will have to raise a central helpdesk problem with the NES programmers to resolve the issue.

ICM Regional Advisors

The ICM Regional Advisors are instrumental to the delivery of your ICM training, liaising with your TPDs and negotiating with other specialties on your behalf to ensure that you obtain the training that you require to get your CCT. As you have registered with the Faculty, and you needed to liaise with your Regional Advisor to do this, you will most likely know who they are already, however if you don't, these are all [listed here](#). If you do not already have their contact details then please do let the Faculty know and we can provide them – it's always good to have these to hand in case you have any urgent enquiries.

FICM Trainee Representation

Please be advised that the Faculty will be running an election shortly for the position of Trainee Representative Elect. The timetable for the process is below.

Trainee election info:

Letters sent to all trainees: 19th Oct 2015
Deadline for nominations: 16th Nov 2015

Ballot papers sent out: 18th Nov 2015
Deadline for votes: 17th Dec 2015
First Board meeting: 14th Jan 2016

Term of service:

The maximum length of service is **two years**. This will consist of:

- **one year** as the **Deputy Trainee Representative**;
- then **one year** as **Lead Trainee Representative**.

Dr Ian Kerslake has written a brief summary of the process below for you to consider.

The election process involves writing a short paragraph about what you would hope to achieve as trainee rep, what you think, if any, are the issues are for trainees, and what you might do about them. Overall it's an extremely rewarding role and it is really interesting to see how, and why, the Faculty does what it does. I would highly recommend it to anyone, and you've nothing to lose by going for it!

Trainee Reviews

For this issue we have two trainee reviews as follows;

Dr David Garry attended the recent ACCP Conference held in London and has submitted a [review](#) for your consideration and, Dr Jeremy Astin has written a summary of the [PROPPR trial](#) for your information.

PLEASE NOTE that the views or opinions presented in these reviews are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the Faculty.

If you have an article of interest, for example an OOPE or a fellowship that you have done, or perhaps some research that you are involved in then please do send it in.

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Please also remember there is a section of the FICM website called [Career Stories](#) where we invite trainees to discuss their experiences as an ICM trainee, whether dual or single. If you would like to submit a piece for inclusion on the website please email [FICM](#)

National Recruitment update

Recruitment is conducted centrally for England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland via the West Midlands Deanery.

Trainees should be aware that from 2016, it will not be possible to be appointed into a dual programme after ST5. This has been agreed with all partner specialties. This has been publicised by the Faculty via the newsletter *Critical Eye* which can be found [here](#) and has been disseminated to RAs, however if it affects you, or someone you know, please do make them aware. For more information about the National Recruitment process please see [here](#).

We are currently busy planning the 2016 recruitment round and key dates will be released in October on the Faculty Website. If you know of trainees who are considering applying please direct them [here](#) for further information.

Faculty News

CONSULTATIONS

The FICM keep abreast of relevant consultations from various organisations. Recent consultations to which the FICM have commented include:

- Royal College of Physicians – AKI Toolkit
- NHS England – Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- NHS England – Specialised Services: Policy & Specification
- NICE – IV Fluid Therapy in Children

The CCT in Intensive Care Medicine

The Faculty has been undertaking development of a number of additional Special Skills Year modules to add to those available in [Part V of the CCT curriculum](#).

The GMC have approved the addition of the **Home Ventilation** SSY module, this has been added into the updated ICM CCT curriculum (approved by the GMC in July 2015) and which can be found on the FICM website.

As mentioned in the last *Trainee Eye*, the Faculty are also working on an Education and Liver ICU SSY module, these are still under development.

Training

We are aware that many of you are now making the progression from stage 1 to stage 2 of the new curriculum. Once you have been issued with your Stage 1 Certificate please email a copy to the Faculty. Your training record will then be updated and your ePortfolio account will be linked to stage 2 of the curriculum. Please ensure your certificate is completed and signed/stamped as required before sending it in.

The RCoA Training department have recently advised Anaesthetics trainees of curriculum changes coming into effect from **1st January 2016**. From this date the 2007 Curriculum will no longer be approved by the GMC. Any trainees who will not complete training by the **31st December 2015** MUST move to the 2010 Curriculum at the earliest opportunity and are strongly advised to contact the Training team training@rcoa.ac.uk

18 month CESR-CP

Since the last edition of Trainee Eye there has also been some important news from the GMC in relation to the 18 month rule that was leading some trainees, with 18 months between starting their second speciality, to be registered as CESR-CP. The 18 month rule has now been superseded by the [Improving the national consistency of dual CCT training programmes](#) position statement. The Faculty team are working through the list of CESR-CP trainees now and will be in touch shortly if your registration status is changed to CCT as a result of this new ruling.

WORKFORCE

The Faculty's 2015 Consultant Workforce census closed with a response of 43%; an improvement on the previous year. The initial data summary has been included in the updated RA data pack which

was sent out at the end of August. The data pack summarises all of the various workforce data and literature we have to provide assistance to RAs when negotiating new posts.

Following the 2014 census, the FICM Workforce produced a position statement proposing that a more in-depth analysis was required. The FICM will be running a Workforce Regional Meeting in Wales in November to look closely at the current and future workforce situation and challenges; if this is successful, we will be running them around the country in 2016.

The Faculty sent its submission as part of Health Education England's Call for Evidence. The information supplied was intended to feed into HEE's Strategic Framework Update. You can view this year's submission by [CLICKING HERE](#).

GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF INTENSIVE CARE SERVICES (GPICS)

GPICS (version 1) was published in April 2015 following extensive public consultation; we will be starting work on GPICS V.2 in 2017. You can view the complete document here: [Guidelines for the Provision of Intensive Care Services \(GPICS\)](#)

CRITICAL EYE

The latest edition of Critical Eye is now online and can be viewed here: [Critical Eye: Issue 8 July 2015](#). The issue includes a spotlight on Critical Care Pharmacists, OAA Standards for Maternal Critical Care, Major Trauma Networks in England and Harrogate 'Virtual' Journal Club.

ADVANCED CRITICAL CARE PRACTITIONERS (ACCPs)

In June 2015, the Faculty published the first edition of the curriculum for a Postgraduate Diploma/Masters level qualification in Advanced Critical Care Practice. The Faculty also welcomed the first ACCP Associate Members earlier this year. If you would like more information about ACCP training and recruitment, please visit the ACCP pages of the FICM website here: [ACCP Information](#)

Contacting the Faculty

The Faculty would recommend that if you have any queries regarding your training, you contact your ICM Faculty Tutor and Regional Advisor in the first instance. This is because they will have a greater understanding of local issues which may be affecting you, and they are more likely to be able to advise on a solution as a consequence. However, the Faculty are very happy to advise where possible and we would encourage trainees to get in touch via the FICM inbox: ficm@rcoa.ac.uk

The future

We hope that you have found this Faculty update useful. Please do let us know your thoughts on this. If you have any ideas of what might be useful to include in the future then please do get in touch – we would welcome your suggestions!

Best wishes,

The FICM Team