

# Northwest School of Anaesthesia

## Trainee Newsletter

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### **H**ello and welcome to the new look

edition of your training newsletter for Anaesthesia. We are your friendly trainee representatives here to represent your interests at the School board and keep you up to date with events and developments relevant to your training in the Northwest.

Since our election at the end of 2009 we have been busy surveying and presenting your views on training to the School board (see article regarding the trainee survey). We plan to produce this newsletter quarterly and in addition to training news and developments we would welcome any contributions you would like to make. If you would like to contribute or have any issues you would like us to raise with the school please email either of us.

Best wishes for the summer,

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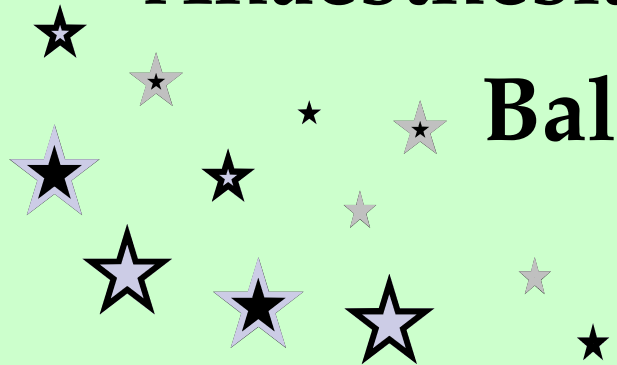
### **Irish Fellowship Exam**

Following PMETB's review of the new anaesthetic curriculum there have been some changes regarding passing the Irish fellowship exam and gaining a CCT in Anaesthesia. **Essentially the Irish examinations will not count towards gaining a CCT if you sit them after August 2010.** Instead these trainees will have to gain entrance to the specialist register via the CESR route. The college has published some FAQs on the matter at:

<http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/index.asp?PageID=1505>

This may just be a temporary arrangement for the coming year, but we would strongly encourage all trainees currently planning to sit their exams to concentrate on obtaining the UK Fellowship only. If you are in any doubt about your personal situation please talk to your college tutor at the earliest opportunity.

# Anaesthesia Ball



## **Black and Silver** **theme**

25th September 2010

7pm - 1am

Macdonald Hotel and Spa,  
Manchester Piccadilly

3 course meal, live music, free  
raffle, dancing, photographer, &  
booze!

Details on Northwest Anaesthesia  
calendar page, or join the  
facebook group 'Anaesthetics Ball'

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## Trainee Survey Results

**T**hanks to all of you who responded to our trainee survey in March. A powerpoint document summarising the results and your comments can be found on the School website. In brief the main consensus of your views and desires was:

- Careers advice provided somewhere between ST2-4, perhaps in the form of a careers day
- A voluntary flexible mentoring scheme providing advice and support with relevant issues including career planning and development
- Formalise management training
- New starter and primary tutorials are useful and well delivered, final tutorials are not accessible to all trainees and could be improved
- Some trainees feel post-FRCA training lacks structure and substance and would appreciate attending more formal training activities
- The school website although useful could be improved as it has potential to offer a lot more
- A good amount of trainees would be interested in school social events

The results and conclusions have been presented to the School board and were well received. We now look to take appropriate steps to address your concerns and hope you will see improvements in your training in the near future.

## North West School of Anaesthesia

### 2nd Annual Trainees' Audit Day to present the Robbie McKendrick Prize

11th November 2010  
1pm onwards

Post Grad Centre Wythenshawe Hospital

Those wanting to submit an audit project for presentation please email your abstracts to [drclairemooore@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:drclairemooore@hotmail.co.uk)

**Closing date: 30th Septmeber 2010**

Open to all Anaesthesia trainees in the NW School.

## New School Website

**L**ook out for our new school website due to be launched later in the summer. Along with all the current material, we plan to make several improvements including some of the suggestions from you in the trainee survey. Among others these will include:

- Detailed information on how to organise out of programme training/experience
- Research opportunities
- Help and information on choosing and planning your advanced year

## Post Fellowship Study Day

**Tuesday 14th September**

Mayo Building, Salford Royal

Topics to include:

- Current politics in Anaesthesia
- Remifentanyl in Intensive Care
- Enhanced recovery in colorectal surgery
- Desflurane anaesthesia
- What's hot and what's not in the ICU

This study day –including lunch- is free to all post-FRCA trainees in the Northwest

**5 CPD points awarded**

To book your place email:  
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**T**he next trainee newsletter is due to be published in September. If you would like to contribute or have anything to announce to other trainees (births & marriages welcome!) please email it to:

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