

CITATION FOR HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Dr Meredith Craigie



Dr Meredith Craigie was the Dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FPM ANZCA) from 2020 to 2022. She works at the CALHN Pain Management Unit, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She is a Clinical Associate Professor, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Adelaide.

She trained in medicine followed by anaesthesia and intensive care in Adelaide, further specialising in paediatric anaesthesia in the United Kingdom followed by a Masters of Pain Medicine from Sydney University.

Her interests include medical education, pain in childhood and adolescence, persistent pelvic pain and transition from acute to chronic pain. Meredith was a foundation board member of the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia and has participated in overseas aid programs with Flinders Overseas Health Group. She was the recipient of the inaugural Stuart Henderson Award in 2017.

Meredith joined the Board of the FPM ANZCA in 2012. She was a member of the Board Executive Committee from 2018 to 2022. Meredith led the Curriculum Redesign Project and chaired the Training and Assessment Executive Committee from 2016 to 2018. She was an FPM Examiner from 2002 to 2018, chairing the Examinations Committee from 2011 to 2012 and again in 2017-2018. She took over as the Dean of FPM ANZCA in May 2018. Under her leadership, FPM ANZCA continued to foster and strengthen collaborations between FPM ANZCA and the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (HKCA) so as to maintain a long-lasting relationship. She has contributed significantly to the pain medicine community in Hong Kong during her deanery from 2018 to 2020 and has included the following endeavours.

1. Ongoing commitment to twice-yearly meetings between the Presidents of our two colleges, Dean of FPM and Chair of Board of Pain Medicine. Despite the cancellation of the Annual Scientific Meeting 2019, Dr Craigie's readiness to travel to Hong Kong, and the associated difficulties with international travel to Hong Kong to have face-to-face meeting, have demonstrated her, and FPM ANZCA's commitment to maintain this high-level relationship.
2. A Statement of Intent was issued by Dr Craigie on behalf of the FPM ANZCA to show their commitment and engagement in supporting the areas of training and continuing professional development. This is to facilitate stronger working relationships of mutual benefit, especially around pain medicine education and training. FPM ANZCA also supported the adoption of professional guidelines and documents by HKCA as the standard of practice in Hong Kong. Moreover, Dr Craigie has encouraged fellows of FPM ANZCA resident in Hong Kong to become involved with FPM ANZCA Committees, Court of Examiners, Document Development Groups and Research.
3. For the first time, FPM ANZCA collaborated with the Board of Pain Medicine of the HKCA to deliver FPM ANZCA Spring Meeting 2018. The theme "Looking north, looking up at pain" offered leading-edge sessions on neuromodulation, opioids and indigenous health and remedies.
4. A heads of agreement was signed between the FPM ANZCA and HKCA during the 2019 Spring Meeting to hold the Combined Spring Meeting in 2020 in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, it was disrupted by the unsettled political unrest in Hong Kong, and subsequently the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Dr Craigie supports, on behalf of FPM, the President of the HKCA to participate in ANZCA's council meetings as a co-opted observer. Dr Craigie also assisted to liaise with the Editor of the journal of "Pain Medicine" for the collaboration with HKCA.

In summary, the award of Honorary Fellowship of the HKCA is a fitting recognition of the substantial contributions Dr Craigie has made to the broad field of our speciality. We believe that she is a worthy recipient of the Honorary Fellowship.

Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Dr Meredith Craigie for the award of Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists, honoris causa.