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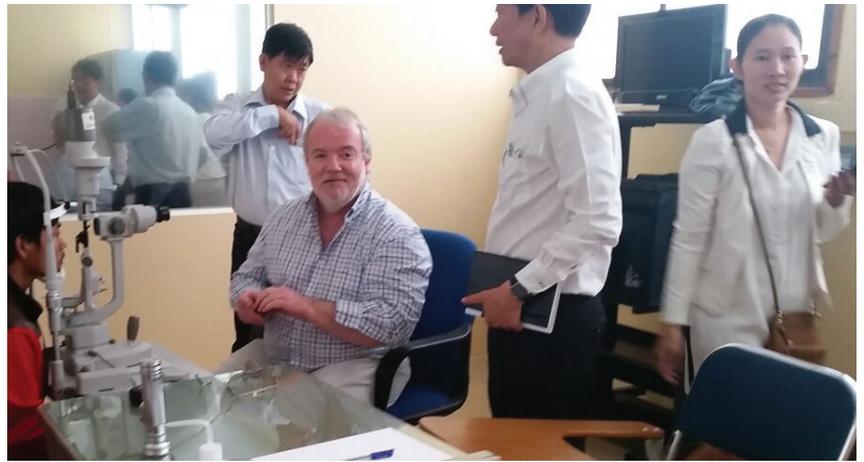
BUILDING CAPACITY IN CLINICAL ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, PHNOM PENH

Dr Mark Renehan, Censor-in Chief and Mr Craig Dobney, Manager, Selection and Assessment, recently supported the Ophthalmology Residency Training (ORT) teaching faculty in preparing and conducting a mock Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) at the University of Health Sciences in Phnom Penh. The trial exam was an opportunity for ORT teaching faculty to consolidate their knowledge of the content and structure of an OSCE, in addition to developing their skills in utilising the resources and processes required to conduct an OSCE on the university campus.

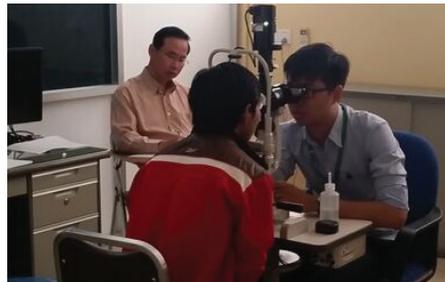
The mock OSCE was held on Tuesday 23 June and it was deemed to be a very successful event by all participants. Mark and Craig assisted in the preparation of each station and observed the OSCE as it was conducted with candidates and patients.

The candidates were first year trainees who were observed throughout the OSCE by students in Years 2 and 3. In December, all students from Years 1, 2 and 3 will be examined in the same OSCE. At the conclusion of the OSCE, Mark and Craig engaged in a post-examination reflection and feedback session with the ORT teaching faculty. Craig also compiled a report which identified some recommendations that will contribute to preparing and conducting the OSCE in December. He included advice on improving logistical processes, in addition to standardising the assessment tools and increasing the number of candidates. The ORT teaching faculty was encouraged to consider these recommendations in the interest of improving the overall quality of the examination. This activity was funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and implemented through the East Asia Vision Program.

THERE WERE FIVE STATIONS INCLUDED IN THE MOCK OSCE



Station 1: Anterior segment - Dr Mark Renehan and Prof Ngy Meng assisted in preparing the anterior segment station for the examination.



Station 2: Posterior segment
Dr Kong Piseth was an examiner on the posterior segment station.



Station 3: Refraction and keratometry
Dr Mark Renehan checked equipment on the refraction station prior to the commencement of the OSCE.



Station 4: Communication and history taking
The candidate interviewed the patient while being observed by two examiners and a trainee.



Station 5: Paediatric/neuro ophthalmology

RANZCO SUPPORTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION STANDARDS IN INDONESIA

The Indonesian College of Ophthalmologists (Kolegium Oftalmologi Indonesia) invited RANZCO to visit Jakarta to explore future opportunities and mechanisms to strengthen their training standards. In May 2015, Drs Cathy Green and Brian Sloan attended the National

Remediation Examinations to engage in discussions regarding curriculum evaluation and accreditation. As a result, a new 2015-18 Memorandum of Understanding was signed between RANZCO and the Indonesian College of Ophthalmologists in which both parties agreed to collaborate on:

- strengthening accreditation processes for Indonesian ophthalmology training institutions through capacity building activities including site visits;
 - further developing the competency based national curriculum aligned to the International Council of Ophthalmology guidelines but contextualised for the local setting in Indonesia;
 - developing formative and summative assessment to strengthen methodologies and capacity; and
 - exploring new opportunities for continuing professional development.
- This capacity building activity is supported by the Commonwealth through the Australia Indonesia Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

RANZCO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT CPD AND TRAINING IN CAMBODIA THROUGH THE EAST ASIA VISION PROGRAM

Dr Richard Hart, Chair of the RANZCO CPD Advisory Committee for Cambodia, presented on oculoplastics and CPD at the Cambodian Ophthalmological Society (COS) hosted 3rd ASEAN Economic Community Ophthalmology Meeting in Siem Reap, on 12 June. Richard's CPD presentation, conducted as part of RANZCO's capacity building project, was aimed at sharing his personal experience with CPD to help ensure the uptake of CPD by COS members. Ms Tanya Parsons, Manager Professional Standards CPD, also attended the meeting. While in Siem Reap, Tanya helped to consolidate plans to train COS members in utilising the new online CPD Diary co-developed by COS and RANZCO. RANZCO has been supporting the development of the CPD Diary and website which will be officially launched to COS members at the December 2015 Continuing Medical Education meeting.

In a recent visit to Phnom Penh, after observing the trial OSCE. Mr Gerhard Schlenther, General Manager, Policy and Programs, met with Dr Ny Tharath, Head of the Ophthalmology Department, and his staff in the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital. Ny outlined the



L-R: Dr Ny Tharath, Mr Gerhard Schlenther and Dr Heng Sophal

supervisory support that he provides to help trainees (ophthalmologists and nurses) to meet their training requirements. He provided a tour of the department and explained procedures for providing quality services to patients. Ny also participated in the recent trial Objective Structured Clinical Examination held at the University of Health Sciences and he was impressed by the value that the

new clinical examination is adding to the Ophthalmology Residency Training program. The project team met with key stakeholders including the Cambodian Ophthalmological Society and University of Health Sciences to encourage CPD uptake and to follow up on assessment, including the development of multiple choice questions.

RANZCO NOMINATES DR LAURIE SULLIVAN AS EYE HEALTH LEADER

Every year, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) celebrates the work of Eye Health Leaders at its annual Council of Members. Responding to a call for nominations for eye care professionals from across the IAPB membership, RANZCO nominated Dr Laurie Sullivan who has had a long-term interest and involvement in international ophthalmology. Laurie has enriched the design and implementation of RANZCO's capacity building projects in the Asia Pacific region, and he has particularly contributed to educational and training development in Fiji and Cambodia. RANZCO is very pleased to recognise the much valued work of Laurie by nominating him as IAPB's Eye Health Leader for 2015. Please go to IAPB's website to see more details regarding Laurie's nomination.



L-R: Dr Laurie Sullivan with Cambodian ophthalmologists, Drs Chukmol Kossama, Mar Amarin, Neang Mao and Sok Kheng in Hobart, RANZCO Congress 2013

PacEYES ADDRESSES THE CHALLENGE OF ELIMINATING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS IN THE PACIFIC

Themed 'The Challenge of Eliminating Avoidable Blindness in the Pacific,' the Pacific Eye Care Society (PacEyes) Regional Eye Health Conference was held from 15-17 June at the Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji.

The conference was opened by the Hon Minister Jone Usumate, Minister for Health and Medical Services, Fiji. Sessions covered major diseases (cataract surgery, refractive error, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, trachoma and others), country reports and challenges experienced. RANZCO Fellow Prof Minas Coroneo was the key guest speaker. He presented on innovation, pterygium surgery and managing dry eye.

The conference was well attended by PacEYES members from all Pacific Island countries. Representatives from the World Health Organization, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, donors, RANZCO and key non-government organisation

partners shared their experiences and commitments made to help reduce avoidable blindness. There was a focus on the rise of diabetes and related eye diseases in the Pacific Islands.

Dr Varanise Naviri will take over as PacEYES President leading a new, enthusiastic young team of executives – including Drs Mundi Qalo, Lucilla Ah Ching and Salome Lolokabaira who are eager to take the organisation into the future. Dr Ana Cama will continue to play a supportive role as Immediate Past President.

During her Presidency, Ana helped develop the partnership between RANZCO and PacEYES to further build the capacity of PacEYES as an institution and assist in the continuing professional development of its members. This partnership was formalised earlier this month when RANZCO and PacEYES signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Activities for collaboration cover

leadership development, continuing professional development program enhancement, scientific exchanges and inter-college relationship development.

PacEYES took the opportunity at the conference to announce that applications are open to its members for the RANZCO Regional Leadership Development program. The program will include participation in the International Development Workshop co-hosted by RANZCO and PacEYES prior to the RANZCO Annual Scientific Congress in Wellington later this year.

Mr Iliesa Delana, Assistant Minister of Youth and Sports and the first Fijian athlete to win a medal, (gold in high jump at the 2012 Paralympics), officially closed the conference with an inspirational talk about his journey of overcoming disability to being welcomed home from the Olympics by thousands of people in the rain for national celebrations.

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Diabetic eye disease in a low resource setting: past, present and future.

RANZCO-PacEYES

International Development Workshop

Friday 30th October 2015

9.30am-5.00pm

Chartered Accountants House in Wellington

