

**ADVANCED TRAINEE WEEKEND
IN MELBOURNE – 30 APRIL – 1 MAY 2005**

The Melbourne advanced trainee weekend held in April 2005 was a 'first' in more ways than one.

The venue, ANZCA Building auditorium was a change from the traditional Royal Melbourne Hospital, the attendees included rehabilitation medicine trainees also and the topics covered included Geriatric syndromes as well as updates on other sub specialities.

A record number of attendees 52) turned out for the one and a half day educational weekend. Of these 40% were interstate trainees. It was an excellent opportunity for trainees to exchange notes and gather information as well as getting to know each other and networking.

The programme was well planned and the topics covered were relevant and provided a good balance between Geriatric issues and general medical updates. The speakers were outstanding and provided us with a good insight into their area of expertise. We had the opportunity of reviewing and discussing real life cases and their management, saw interesting videos of Parkinsonian patients before and after treatment, and discovered Gerodontic secrets! We also had a talk on training and career opportunities in Victoria which was relevant and revealing as well as our regular update from the federal AGSM trainee rep Sarah Baldwin.

At the end of a long day what more could anyone ask for than a glass of excellent wine and a eight course banquet at a modern Malaysian restaurant in Melbourne's famous Acland street. The social event was enjoyed by all those who attended.

The weekend would not have been possible without the assistance of a number of people. I would like to put on record our heartfelt gratitude to all the speakers for their time and effort. Thank you to all our pharmaceutical sponsors.

Thank you also to RACP for providing the venue and other supports, as well as to the ASGM.

Of course none of this would have come to fruition but for the efforts of the organising committee. So, thank you to Andrea Bee, Anjali Khushu, Thenmozhi Manoharan and Ah Choy Chan.

We look forward to more of such events in the future.

Anjali Khushu
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