

# Training Provider Update

**12 March 2010**

## Collaborative Approaches to Delivering Quality IHT

The GPET Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Training Advisory Group met in Melbourne on Tuesday 16 February. The agenda included a joint presentation by Ms Surbhi Vohra, GPET Officer for the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, and Dr John Togno, CEO Beyond Medical Education (previously GPLogic/VicFelix). The presentation highlighted the positive benefits of a collaborative partnership between a RTP and the Aboriginal community controlled health sector. Mrs Vohra has worked as a GPET Officer with VACCHO for almost 12 months and in that time has developed strong working relationships with Beyond Medical Education and the other Victorian RTPs. Some of the positive benefits of the VACCHO/Beyond Medical Education partnership include:

- Providing a link to the local Aboriginal medical services (AMSs) in the RTP footprint
- Providing local AMSs with information regarding training post accreditation and registrar salary reimbursement
- Developing a collaborative approach to core registrar training and the registrar orientation manual.

The collaboration between VACCHO and Beyond Medical Education is just one example of a best practice approach to delivering quality training in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health. For more information regarding the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) State and Territory Affiliates and associated GPET Officers, please email [Jodie Fisher](mailto:Jodie.Fisher@vaccho.org.au).

## GPET Convention Call for Abstracts Closes Friday 26 March

With only two weeks to put forward an abstract for the 2010 GPET Convention make sure you don't miss out! This year's Convention will be held in Alice Springs, which offers a unique opportunity to deliver a new and exciting program. The program will have a strong practical focus with off-site educational and cultural sessions and featured speaker sessions, complemented by workshops, paper presentations and posters presented by YOU. Help make the 2010 GPET Convention one to remember and put forward an individual or collaborative abstract relating to the Convention theme *Clinical and Cultural Competence: Everybody's Business*. Click [here](#) to download the full brochure.

**Submissions close Friday 26 March.**

Keep an eye on the 2010 GPET Convention [website](#) for updates and information about the program, registrations, accommodation and getting to Alice Springs.

## GPRA/GPSN Breathing New Life Conference

General Practice Registrars Australia (GPRA) together with the General Practice Students Network (GPSN) will be holding the annual *Breathing New Life* (BNL) Conference at Parliament House in Canberra on Wednesday 17 March. BNL brings together registrars and medical students from all over Australia to discuss the future of general practice. A number of GPET staff will be attending BNL along with GPET Chair, Prof Simon Willcock, who will participate on the President's Panel.

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