

Training Provider Update

20 May 2008

2008 GPET Convention - registrations open

Registrations are now open for the 2008 GPET Convention to be held in Wollongong, 27-28 August. You can register online or download the PDF registration form on the [Convention website](#). A preliminary Convention program is also available, click [here](#) to view the presentations, symposia and workshops on offer. Entries have now closed for the Convention Talent Quest and GPET would like to thank all RTPs who entered a team. Registered RTPs will be contacted shortly with further details regarding the Quest. Our Virtual Torch Relay has left Tropical Medical Training and reached its halfway point this week stopping at [Northern Territory General Practice Training](#).

GPET Awards nominations close 25 May

Nominations close this Sunday 25 May for the fifth annual GPET Awards, to be presented at the GPET Convention in August. The awards are designed to honour significant contributions from people involved in general practice education and training. There are six awards: GPET *Medical Observer* GP Registrar of the Year; GPET *Medical Observer* GP Supervisor of the Year; Medical Educator of the Year; Regional Training Provider (RTP) Staff Excellence; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training; and RTP Innovation. For details go to [GPET Awards](#) on our website.

SIGPET and NEATS hold amalgamation talks

Two NSW RTPs, Sydney Institute of General Practice Education and Training (SIGPET) and New England Area Training Services (NEATS) have begun amalgamation talks. The RTPs issued a joint media release recently stating discussions would explore opportunities for improving registrar training across both regions. The release said registrars enrolled in NEATS and SIGPET would have their current training expectations respected and preserved. "GP registrars and supervisors can be assured they will not be disadvantaged by such developments," the release said. "It is expected that training options and opportunity will increase for both current and new GP registrars". RTPs will be kept informed of developments in the amalgamation discussions.

National Registrar Satisfaction Survey

The National Registrar Satisfaction Survey has changed from paper-based to web-based this year in order to encourage more registrars to participate. In the coming weeks an email will be sent to all registrars containing a web-link directly to the survey along with instructions on how to access and complete it. Registrars can only complete the survey once and responses are strictly confidential. Please advise registrars of the changes to the survey and that they will be contacted to confirm their email addresses and then sent an email link to the survey. The final de-identified results for each RTP are expected to be available in September. For more information click [here](#) and follow the link or contact linda.langford@gpet.com.au

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