

Moderators Group - Report for the September 2021 AGM

After periods of being called the SAG and then the STAG Committee, we have found a more comfortable fit with the term, '**Moderators Group.**' The group comprises a team of long-term contributors to the IYNZ community, who remain committed to supporting both the assessment process and the growth and development of our association during these transitional and changing times.

Current members:

Monica Haar, Melodie Batchelor, Susie Lever and Anne-Marie Tweedie.

After involvement in three assessments over the Nov-2020 to May-2021 period, Susie is taking a break from assessing until 2022. She remains actively involved at committee level. We acknowledge Susie's long term contribution to the IYNZ community.

Activity over the past 12 - 18 months:

Three of our group, [joined by Jo Peden as Exec. Chair] participated in the December 2019 Pune meeting where the new Guidelines from RIMYI were presented and debated. We have spent a great deal of time discussing and digesting this information. In Zoom meetings with the wider All Assessors Group, we continue to look at how IYNZ can best implement these guidelines. In accordance with RIMYI's wishes, as Senior Teachers we remain committed to this process and the added responsibility to ease this process of transition.

The majority voice of the larger All Assessors Group was that we honour the intent and time invested by our trainees and teachers that had been preparing to sit at both the entry teacher level of Introductory Certification, and at Junior Intermediate Level 3.

Abhijata granted permission to hold our Junior Intermediate Level 3 Assessments with our New Zealand assessors. Moving forward, we consider that this has both strengthened the experience of our senior assessing pool, and enabled eight new teachers to step up to the new challenges and responsibilities of this higher level.

While committee momentum was interrupted due to a combination of the period of discussion focussed on the new Guidelines and the disruptions of COVID, we have returned to a rhythm of monthly Zoom meetings, and responding to current matters.

In preparation for the two Level One Assessments to be held in November 2021, Monica has made the necessary changes to both the Syllabus and Assessment Practice, in keeping with the format in the current Certification Procedures Manual.

Moving forward:

Monica has offered to be the liaison between the Moderator's Group and the A & TT Committee.

The Australian Certification Committee has again invited two members of our group to attend their annual Moderators Meeting to be held in Sydney, February 2022. Involvement at this meeting ensures ongoing close liaison with the Australian Association who continue to support our assessment process at the higher levels.