

Didier Palmer

Didier Palmer was born in England, spent his childhood in Africa and qualified from the University of Wales School of Medicine (UK). After a few years working in various specialties and picking up a few Fellowships along the way he knew what he did not want to do. Back then the only specialty he could envisage that would still excite him when he was 50 was emergency medicine, and that has been proved true. Emergency medicine and particularly its Australasian variant developed by ACEM, has given Didier a great deal. Involvement in college bodies is a way of giving something back and hopefully being a voice for Northern Territory issues. Didier relaxes by riding horses and motorbikes—it would be fair to conclude that adrenaline is what first attracted him to emergency medicine but what has kept him there is the ability to contribute to education, system improvement and culture change—that is a more lasting buzz.