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Member Corner

[Annual Report shows rise in complaints](#) (Medical Council-Ireland)

[New Medical Council President elected in Ireland](#) (Medical Council-Ireland)

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[FSMB approves Model Policy for the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain](#) (FSMB)

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[Report proposes changes to Libyan health system](#) (Libiaherald.com)

[Compromise deal on EU Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications](#) (European Parliament/News)

[Brazilian Senate approves Medical Act](#) (EBC-Brazil)

[Community Health Workers - A Local Solution to a Global Problem](#) (nejm.org)

Message from the Chair



You may recall in my June message to you, I flagged to you that IAMRA's Membership Committee had drafted a survey asking you about the value you get from being a member of IAMRA and the regulatory issues you face.

Preliminary survey results, particularly for key regulatory issues, showed a consistency across all regulatory authorities, with the top responses being:

- Maintenance of licensure/revalidation
- Patient safety/sharing data on physicians
- Licensure/regulation/credentialing/background checks of international medical graduates
- Medical education (accreditation of training schools, standardisation of medical education, medical ethics)

Looking at the top line results of the survey certainly indicates there are things we can do to improve our communication with you. The IAMRA management committee is meeting for two days in New Zealand on 3 and 4 October. The survey results will help inform our discussions about matters we can focus on and improve over the next 12-18 months.

To everyone who responded thank you - your comments have been invaluable.

At the end of September, New Zealand is hosting the International Physician Assessment Coalition Annual Conference in the stunning mountain resort of Queenstown.

The two-and-a-half day conference features key note speaker Dr. Julian Archer, who will speak about "Evaluating the impact of assessing doctors performance" and former New Zealand Health and Disability Commissioner Ron Paterson who will give a presentation on "Better checks on doctors: what patients and the public want."

To those coming to Queenstown I look forward to meeting you and would like to wish you a safe trip to New Zealand.

Kind regards,

Philip Pigou
Chair

IAMRA News

IAMRA PIE Working Group continues to improve international data sharing and member services

The Physician Information Exchange (PIE) Working Group was established in 2007 to enhance patient safety; increase public confidence in medical regulation; and facilitate international professional mobility, through the timely exchange of relevant, accurate and reliable information on physicians between medical regulatory authorities. This exchange of physician information remains one of IAMRA's greatest priorities.

To further this important initiative, the PIE Working Group promotes the bilateral and multi-lateral memoranda of understanding (MoU), based on the models previously developed for the electronic exchange of certificates of good standing (CGS)/certificates of current professional status. The working group is developing a resource to be posted on the IAMRA website that will identify which jurisdictions currently share these MoUs.

Recent survey results suggest the majority of IAMRA members are implementing the information included in the CGS template. In addition, the group is gathering information on how criminal conviction information is collected to inform IAMRA members on the various processes currently being used across jurisdictions.

The PIE Working Group continues to encourage the membership to become signatories of the [*IAMRA Statement of Intent on Proactive Information Sharing*](#) approved as IAMRA policy at the 2012 Members General Assembly. As the title of the document indicates, it is a **statement of intent** and is not a commitment to a certain set of practices, as IAMRA recognizes and respects that there are different legal and procedural constraints on authorities. The underlying principle is a commitment to proactively share information in whatever form a medical regulatory authority is able to do.

In an effort to move toward greater efficiencies and to provide effective information exchange, the PIE Working Group is developing an IAMRA web page that will link regulators to databases of publicly available information provided by medical regulatory authorities.

For more information on the Physician Information Exchange (PIE) Working Group and the work that it is doing, please contact the IAMRA Secretariat at secretariat@iamra.com.

Meetings

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