



## Member Corner

[New GMC guidance on raising and acting on concerns](#)

[HPSCA investigates 'fake doctor'](#)

[Report on New Zealand medical workforce](#)

[GMC developing new guidance on assisted suicide](#)

## World News

[Malaysian Medical Council set to become an independent body](#) (*The Sun Daily*, 25 Jan. 2012)

[Indian government to set up healthcare professional regulatory body for education and training](#) (*IBN Live*, 20 Dec. 2011)

[Proposal to reform rules on recognition of qualifications in Europe](#) (European Commission, 19 Dec. 2011)

[US medical schools on probation](#) (American Medical News, 5 Dec. 2011)

## Message from the Chair



The 2012 International Conference on Medical Regulation is now just months away (2 - 5 October), and planning is well in hand. The venue is the completely rebuilt Ottawa Convention Centre, with state-of-the-art facilities. Located in downtown Ottawa, hotels, shopping and many of Canada's national museums are within walking distance. We are excited about the opportunity to welcome members and attendees from around the world to our great city.

In keeping with the theme of *Medical Regulation in the Real World: Bringing Evidence to Bear*, the 2012 conference sessions will discuss the importance of evidence in medical regulation and provide participants with tools and information to apply in their own regulatory context. The program consists of a combination of plenary sessions, breakout sessions, oral abstract presentations, workshops, and poster presentations, and also includes ample time for networking, social events and tours of the many attractions in Ottawa. Program sessions are designed to ensure relevance to all participants regardless of their level of expertise, resources or the current status of their regulatory processes and infrastructure.

The 2012 Conference will be preceded by a half-day IAMRA Institute: Medical Regulation 101. The IAMRA Institute will focus on essential practical aspects and challenges for medical regulators, and will be an opportunity for delegates to meet and establish relationships with colleagues in other jurisdictions.

I would also like to extend a welcome to the Lesotho Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Council as IAMRA's newest Member Organization, and Isra University in Pakistan as our newest Partner Organization. We look forward to the participation of these new members as we continue to grow and strengthen "connectivity" between our member organizations. IAMRA currently has 72 members from 35 countries.

Fleur-Ange Lefebvre  
Chair

## IAMRA News

### Certificate of Good Standing Template

One of IAMRA's highest priorities is the efficient and effective exchange of information between medical regulatory authorities about the physicians that they register, in the interests of the public.

Steady progress has been made in recent years in developing mechanisms for exchanging positive information about

physicians to facilitate professional mobility and simplify administrative co-operation between regulators. Developed by the Physician Information Exchange Working Group (PIE) and ratified by the IAMRA Members General Assembly in 2010, the [Certificate of Good Standing](#) (CGS) template is available to use as a guide for the recommended elements of a CGS. IAMRA's Management Committee is working to expand and promote the use of this template as we continue our efforts to increase the effective and efficient transfer of physician information. For more information on the utilization of the CGS template contact the IAMRA Secretariat via email at [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com)

## Meetings

### **IAMRA Biennial Meeting**

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
2-5 October, 2012

### **Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration**

Fort Worth, Texas, USA  
26-28 April, 2012

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