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Message from the Chair

I am pleased to present the inaugural issue of the IAMRA eNews. The IAMRA eNews has been developed in response to IAMRA's commitment to enhance communication with our membership as well as providing a tool to facilitate communication among our member organizations.

This is an exciting time for IAMRA and I am honoured to serve as your Chair. In the upcoming months, you’re going to see some changes within IAMRA and the IAMRA eNews is just the beginning.

Our goal is to provide you with timely, relevant information about the work of IAMRA and medical professional regulatory news from around the world. We also aim to create a mechanism for member organizations to share significant events affecting medical regulation in your countries.

To achieve this last goal, we strongly encourage you to forward relevant items of interest - news stories, announcements, meetings/events - that you would like to see published in the IAMRA eNews. Simply send them to secretariat@iamra.com, no later than 9 January 2012, for editorial consideration. We would also like to hear from you should you have any feedback on the IAMRA eNews and would welcome any comments you may have to the same address.

I would also like to take the opportunity to warmly welcome the Indonesian Medical Council, Malaysian Medical Council, National Health Regulatory Authority (Bahrain) and Qatar Council of Health Practitioners, who have become members of IAMRA since the 2010 conference in Philadelphia. IAMRA now has 70 members from 34 countries.

In addition, I would like to thank Mr. Douglas Anderson, Corporate Services Officer and Associate Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, for his leadership of the IAMRA Membership Committee and Communications Sub-committee who have taken the eNews from vision to reality. Mr. Anderson joins me in highlighting the particular contributions of Mr. David Hooper, Director, Marketing, Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.

Thanks to our membership for your continued support and for helping us to strengthen our IAMRA community and medical regulation around the world.

December 2011
mobility law (European Parliament, 15 Nov. 2011)

ABMS to make physician maintenance-of-certification public (American Medical News, 14 Nov. 2011)

Irish Medical Council concern over lack of information sharing (Irish Medical Times, 10 Nov. 2011)

EU consultation on recognition of prescriptions (European Commission, 28 Oct. 2011)

US medical schools see applications increase (Association of American Medical Colleges, 24 Oct. 2011)

UK Parliament report into European mobility of healthcare professionals (UK House of Lords, 19 Oct. 2011)

Canada postgraduate project research paper (The Future of Medical Education in Canada, 17 Oct. 2011)

European professional card: case study for doctors (European Commission, 4 Oct. 2011)

Indian government to set up overarching regulatory body (The Times of India, 19 Aug. 2011)

Fleur-Ange Lefebvre
Chair

IAMRA News

IAMRA Management Committee Retreat
The IAMRA Management Committee held a retreat in Toronto, ON, Canada on 1 - 2 September 2011. Please watch your inbox for more details before the end of the month.

2012 International Conference
The 2012 International Conference on Medical Regulation is now less than a year 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. I am hoping that the 2012 autumnal weather is as fine as it was this year.

The theme of the 2012 Conference is Improving Medical Regulation: BRINGING EVIDENCE TO BEAR. In addition to two working sessions on best practices, there will also be plenary speakers as well as sessions in which you, the delegates, will have time to highlight innovations in your jurisdiction in the form of a workshop, a brief presentation or a poster. The call for abstracts will be sent out in January 2012.

The 2012 Conference will include a half-day IAMRA Institute that will focus on the basic elements of medical regulation, and will be an opportunity for new delegates to meet and establish a relationship with a mentor.

Meetings

IAMRA Biennial Meeting
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
October 2-5, 2012

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