Message from the Chair

In my first eletter, as chair of IAMRA, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work and energy of everyone who was involved in making the Ottawa conference in October such a great success. I would also again like to pay tribute to the contribution Fleur-Ange Lefebvre has made over the past two years in taking IAMRA forward.

I felt privileged to meet many old and new faces in Ottawa. Likewise, it was fantastic to share our common purposes of encouraging best practice among medical regulatory authorities worldwide in the achievement of their mandate - to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards for the profession of medicine.

At the Members General Assembly I set out three key areas of work for IAMRA over the next two years. They were:
- Sharing knowledge and information about best practice and solutions to key policy issues.
- Sharing information about migrating doctors.
- Assisting countries develop their regulatory systems.

We are currently asking for interest from members and partners to join the Physician Information Exchange Working Group and the Membership Committee of IAMRA to work on objectives in these areas.

We will also be surveying our membership about the value you get from being members and also the key regulatory matters you are facing. This information will be used to continue developing the work IAMRA undertakes and the support we can provide.

In the months ahead, I look forward to working in partnership with you and would welcome any comments you may have about IAMRA and the issues it faces.

Kind regards,

Philip Pigou
Chair

IAMRA News

IAMRA announces management committee for 2012-2014

Elections for the IAMRA Management Committee were held at the Members General Assembly on 5 October, 2012 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. After serving two years as Chair-Elect, Mr. Philip Pigou, Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Council of New Zealand was installed as IAMRA Chair.

Mr. Niall Dickson, Chief Executive and Registrar of the General Medical Council (U.K.) was elected to serve a 2-year term as Chair-Elect, to be followed by a 2-year term as Chair of IAMRA.
Prof. Dr. Syed Sibitul Hasnain, President of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council was elected to a second 4-year term as a Member-at-Large. Dr. Joanna Flynn, Chair of the Medical Board of Australia was elected to serve a 4-year term as a Member-at-Large and Prof. Kieran Murphy President of the Medical Council of Ireland was elected to serve a 4-year term as a Member-at-Large on the Management Committee.

Continuing their terms as Members-at Large on the Management Committee are Dr. Eli Atikpui, Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Ghana and Mrs. Josephine Mwakutuya, Registrar of the Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe.

Dr. Humayun Chaudhry, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of State Medical Boards was appointed as Secretary of IAMRA.

IAMRA welcomes new members
The International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities is pleased to announce its newest members Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, Swaziland Medical and Dental Council and Manipal University (India)-Partner. IAMRA currently has 74 members from 37 countries.

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