

**IAMRA**



**INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION  
IN MEDICAL REGULATION**

## **IAMRA NEWS UPDATE APRIL 2005**

This communication is provided in a continued effort to present IAMRA members and other international colleagues with up-to-date information about IAMRA initiatives and meetings attended by members of the Management Committee on behalf of the Association. If you have any questions or would like additional information on any of the items discussed below, please feel free to contact the IAMRA Secretariat.

### 2006 International Conference on Medical Regulation

IAMRA's 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Medical Regulation will be held in November 2006 in Wellington, New Zealand at the Wellington Convention Centre. The conference (a 3-day event) and satellite meetings of other groups will take place from November 10-14. The Medical Council of New Zealand will be hosting the conference and has initiated preparations to ensure another successful event. The Council is expecting and making arrangements for 400-450 attendees. To help the Council in planning and organizing the event, a brief questionnaire was widely distributed to solicit suggestions regarding program topics, scheduling, venue, social events or other ideas, and to gain feedback from those who attended the Dublin conference about what was useful (or not useful). An advisory group has been established with whom the conference organizers will consult as the planning of the event moves forward.

### Committee/Working Group Appointments

Four (4) committees/groups have been established to expedite the work of IAMRA.

#### *Biennial Conference Advisory Group*

The Biennial Conference Advisory Group will assist the Medical Council of New Zealand in planning the educational program of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference. A diverse and expansive group of individuals have been appointed to participate in this group to generate a plethora of ideas from which a unique and stimulating program can be developed. Due to the size of the group, most of the preliminary work will take place via email. Members include:

*Sue Ineson*, Advisory Group Chair  
IAMRA Management Committee Member-at-Large  
Chief Executive Officer  
Medical Council of *New Zealand*

*Paul Buckley*

Director of Strategy and Planning, General Medical Council – *United Kingdom*

*Katerina Ciharova, MD*

Director, International Relations Department  
Ministry of Health – *Czech Republic*

*Sosefina (Jo) Cooper*

Health Legislation Consultant – *Australia*

*W. Dale Dauphinee, MD, FRCPC*

Executive Director, Medical Council of *Canada*

*Marietjie R. de Villiers*

Professor and Head, School of Public and Primary Health Sciences  
Stellenbosch University – *South Africa*

*Dr. Celestine Okwudili Ezeani*

Registrar/Chief Executive, Medical and Dental Council of *Nigeria*

*Dr. Joanna M. Flynn*

President, Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria – *Australia*

*Ian Frank*

Executive Director, *Australian Medical Council*

*André Jacques, MD*

Director, Practice Enhancement Division  
Collège des médecins du Québec – *Canada*

*Murray Kopelow, MD, MSC, FRCPC*

Chief Executive  
Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education – *United States*

*Josephine Mwakutuya*

Registrar, Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of *Zimbabwe*

*Reza Nassiri, D.Sc., FACCP*

Professor and Chair, Department of Clinical Pharmacology/Therapeutics  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine – *United States*

*Susan M. Rose, DO*

President, American Association of Osteopathic Examiners – *United States*

*Stephen S. Seeling, JD*

Vice President for Operations  
Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates – *United States*

*Lt. Col.(Retd.) Dr. A.R.N. Setalvad*

Secretary, Medical Council of *India*

*Larry Wickless, DO, MACOI*  
Member, American Osteopathic Association – *United States*

*Emery A. Wilson, MD*  
Dean, University of Kentucky Medical School – *United States*

### *Bylaws Committee*

The Bylaws Committee will evaluate the current Bylaws and propose recommendations for changes, deletions and/or modifications for adoption by IAMRA's voting delegates at the Members General Assembly in 2006. The first call for recommendations of amendments to the Bylaws was sent to IAMRA members on March 22, 2005. Committee members include:

*Dale Austin, MA, Committee Chair*  
IAMRA Deputy Chair  
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
Federation of State Medical Boards of the *United States*

*Dr. Sunil K. Khattri*  
IAMRA Management Committee Member-at-Large  
Registrar and Secretary, Delhi Medical Council – *India*

*Per Haugum*  
Director, Registration Authority for Health Personnel – *Norway*

*Fleur-Ange Lefebvre*  
Executive Director, Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of *Canada*

*Adv. Boyce M. Mkhize*  
Registrar, Medical and Dental Professions Board – *South Africa*

### *Exam Review Working Group*

The Exam Review Working Group will review the standards of differing registering/licensing exams used by (in the first instance) six English-speaking jurisdictions including Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. The work of this group will be used to help build the foundation for the Fast Track Credentials System (FTCS) (previously known as the Medical Passport), IAMRA's initiative to develop a system by which medical regulators around the world can electronically exchange important physician information, thereby easing the migration of competent physicians from one country to another. Members of the group include:

*Sue Ineson, Working Group Chair*  
IAMRA Management Committee Member-at-Large  
Chief Executive Officer  
Medical Council of *New Zealand*

*Prof. Kenneth M. Cochran*  
Dean of Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education  
University of Glasgow and National Health Service Education for *Scotland*

*Ian Frank*

Executive Officer, *Australian Medical Council*

*Dr. M. Sohail Karim Hashmi*

Secretary/Registrar, *Pakistan Medical and Dental Council*

*Richard E. Hawkins, MD*

Deputy Vice President for Assessment Programs  
National Board of Medical Examiners – *United States*

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President, National Health Personnel Licensing Examination Board – *Korea*

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Director of Examinations, Medical Council of *New Zealand*

*Frederick G. Meoli, DO, FACOS*

President and CEO  
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners – *United States*

#### *Finance and Development Committee*

The Finance and Development Committee will assist IAMRA's leadership in developing IAMRA's financial and strategic goals with a focus on strengthening the organization's ability to identify and meet the needs of medical regulatory authorities from underdeveloped nations. Members of the Committee include:

*Dr. John Hillery, Committee Chair*

IAMRA Management Committee Member-at-Large  
President, Medical Council of *Ireland*

*Prof. Thanyani J. Mariba*

IAMRA Chair  
Chairman, Medical and Dental Professions Board  
Health Professions Council of *South Africa*

*Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury*

Founder President, Delhi Medical Council – *India*

*Jeffrey S. Grove, DO, FACOFP*

American Osteopathic Association – *United States*

*Tim R. Knettlar, MBA*

Vice President, Member Support Services  
Federation of State Medical Boards of the *United States*

*Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra*

Chairman, Postgraduate Medical Education Committee, Medical Council of *India*

*Dr. Lloyd Toft, FRACS,*  
Inaugural IAMRA Chair  
Past President, *Australian Medical Council*

*Simon Williams*  
Deputy Head of Examinations, Royal College of Physicians – *United Kingdom*

### IAMRA's Tax-Exempt Status

The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has approved IAMRA's tax-exempt status. This means that under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, IAMRA is exempt from Federal income tax. The Code also allows contributions to the Association to be tax deductible and for tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts to be received.

IAMRA is further being classified as a public charity during what the IRS calls an Advanced Ruling Period. At the end of this period, the IRS will determine whether or not IAMRA will maintain that classification or be classified as a private foundation. Every organization that qualifies for tax-exemption is either classified as a private foundation or public charity. Public charities are generally those that either have broad public support or actively function in a supporting relationship to those organizations, and that have a broad base of contributors. Private foundations typically have a single primary source of funds; a corporation or a family contributes essentially all of the money to it. Private foundations usually make grants to charitable organizations that administer programs, as opposed to operating programs themselves. Generally, all distributions from private foundations must be to charitable organizations.

### WHO/IAMRA Project

IAMRA and the World Health Organization (WHO) have implemented a joint project that will ensure IAMRA's admission into official relations with WHO and facilitate an effective collaboration. Coordinators for the project have developed a questionnaire for use as a tool to assess medical regulatory systems worldwide in order to produce evidence that could ultimately support national authorities in improving their national health care systems. The results of this survey will be submitted for possible inclusion in the 2006 World Health Report and presented at IAMRA's 2006 conference. The questionnaire has been distributed to IAMRA members and medical regulatory bodies worldwide.

### International Meetings

#### *Task Force on Accreditation in Medical Education*

Prof. Thanyani Mariba, IAMRA Chair, was privileged to join an international Task Force on Accreditation in Medical Education for a three-day seminar that assembled on October 4-6, 2004 in Copenhagen. The Task Force discussed how WHO and the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) could contribute to the establishment of sustainable accreditation systems. The creation of the Task Force was the result of a strategic partnership established between WHO and the WFME to improve medical education around the world.

#### *Conférence Européenne des Ordres des médecins (CEOM)*

Prof. Mariba and Dr. John Hillery, Management Committee Member-at-Large, attended a joint meeting of IAMRA and the CEOM, which was hosted by the CEOM on December 7, 2004 in

Paris. The meeting was helpful to both organizations in understanding each other's work and in determining the many areas of common interest. Both groups agreed that the meeting was worthwhile and the first step in what will surely be a continuously fruitful dialogue between them. The next meeting will be hosted by IAMRA at the International Conference in 2006.

#### *Meetings in Botswana and Melbourne*

Prof. Mariba participated in two additional international meetings on IAMRA's behalf in October 2004. On October 14-16, he was invited to speak about the functions of IAMRA at a joint meeting of the Medical Council of New Zealand and the medical councils of Australia in Melbourne. On October 22-24, he was asked to speak at a meeting hosted by the Botswana Medical Association about *Health Manpower Development in Developing Countries*. Among the attendees were the Minister of Health and the President of the Botswana Medical Council.

#### Working Group on CME/CPD Accreditation

The draft consensus document of the Working Group regarding the substantial equivalency of CME accreditation systems has been appraised by all systems of all nations represented on the group. The Working Group will be meeting in Rome in April 2005 and will focus on integrating comments from other sources, strategies to disseminate the document, and the development of pilot projects on implementation.

#### New Members

Since the publication of the October 2004 News Update, IAMRA has accepted four new members:

American Association of Osteopathic Examiners  
Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence – UK  
Ministry of Examination – Taiwan  
Wyoming Board of Medicine – US

IAMRA now has a membership of 70 organizations in 30 countries.

#### IAMRA Website and Logo

The design of IAMRA's new website and logo are complete. As soon as final changes to the text and International Directory have been made, the website and logo will be debuted.

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You may forward any comments or questions relating to this newsletter or matters about IAMRA to:

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