Message from the Chair

I do hope you will consider submitting an abstract for our forthcoming conference in Melbourne - it promises to be one of the most important and exciting in our history as an international community of medical regulators. Abstracts need to be sent in by 13 April 2016. This is a great opportunity to share your work with other regulators around the world - it would be great if you could take part in this way.

In our recent member consultation on fees there was very strong support to reduce the membership fee for Members in countries that also have a national Member organisation and there was also overwhelming support to reduce the membership fees paid by Medical Regulatory Authorities with a very small number of registrants/licensees. As a result, the Management Committee has decided to implement a new fee structure reflecting these changes for the coming year. On a related note, members should have now received their invoices for this year's membership dues - as always, if you can pay as soon as possible that would be very much appreciated! We are ourselves quite a small organisation.

Members have shared their views on proposals to improve the Members General Assembly. The Management Committee will take this feedback into account when planning for the upcoming MGA in September.

I am delighted that IAMRA's membership continues to grow in both numbers and diversity - we currently have 94 members from 44 countries. To further IAMRA's reach in North America, Alison Reid and I will be attending the Federation of State Medical Boards' Annual Meeting in San Diego, California at the end of April. I will be speaking to representatives of the US Medical Boards about the work of IAMRA - I hope to see some of you there.

Please join me in welcoming IAMRA's newest members, associates and partners:

- Order of Dentists of Albania
- Medical Council of Jamaica
- Midwifery Council of New Zealand
- General Pharmaceutical Council (UK)
- American Board of Medical Specialties (US)
Pakistan Medical and Dental Council resolves registration cases of over 7,000 doctors  
(Pakistan Observer)

World News

**Hong Kong Government proposes to enhance accountability and flexibility of Medical Council**  
(7th Space)

**Canadian Guidelines for Colon Cancer Screening differ from U.S. Doctrine**  
(Exact Sciences)

**IGHPE launches new platform; posts educational videos and podcasts, including one from IAMRA Chair-elect, Dr. Humayun Chaudhry**  
(Innovations in Global Health Professions Education)

**Nearly 80 Alberta doctors have stepped forward to offer physician-assisted death**  
(Edmonton Sun)

**Qatar University hosts Global Forum on Medicine and Legal Issues**  
(The Peninsula)

**Longitudinal Study evaluating the association between Physician Burnout and changes in professional work effort**  
(Mayo Clinic Proceedings)

**Drug Dinners for physicians under new national rules**  
(The Toronto Star)

Finally, just a few reminders:

- The call for nominations to the Management Committee is now open – we have one position open for Chair-elect and three Member-at-large positions to be filled. Nominations must be received by **02 May 2016** to be considered.

- IAMRA Members and Partners wishing to submit resolutions for consideration at the 2016 Members General Assembly will need to forward their proposed resolutions to the IAMRA Secretariat by **13 May 2016**.

- The IAMRA Support Fund is now open for contributions and applications. Through the generous contributions of IAMRA members, the fund helps colleagues from countries with low or lower-middle gross national incomes, who would otherwise be unable to attend our conferences, to join us for these events. If you can help continue this tradition, or would like to apply for financial assistance to attend the Melbourne conference, please contact the IAMRA secretariat (secretariat@iamra.com) by **20 May 2016**.

Please feel free to contact me or Roxanne Huff if you have questions about any of this or indeed any other matter - Roxanne is available via secretariat@iamra.com and I am on ndickson@gmc-uk.org

Best wishes,

Niall

Expanding the IAMRA Family

The IAMRA Secretariat has learned of a good news story that it wishes to share with members. Recently, a long-standing IAMRA member generously offered to support a new developing country member by paying their membership fee. IAMRA offers tiered membership fees based on countries’ gross national incomes in an effort to increase equity, but certainly recognizes that the very smallest of medical regulatory authorities might have greater difficulty with membership dues.

As always, IAMRA welcomes your suggestions for new members and encourages such thoughtful support. What a wonderful way to expand the IAMRA family!
Addressing Medical Errors in the Lebanese Healthcare System
(Executive Magazine)

First Ever Pakistan-China Medical Congress enhances collaboration between two countries
(The News International)

Meetings

Coalition for Physician Enhancement
San Diego, CA
April 25-26, 2016

Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
April 28-30, 2016

Innovations in Global Health Professions Education Annual Conference
Venice, Italy
April 28-29, 2016

American Board of Medical Specialties Quality Improvement Forum
Chicago, IL
May 11-12, 2016

Medbiquitous Annual Conference
San Diego, CA
May 16-17, 2016

WHPA (World Health Professions Association) Regulation Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
May 21-22, 2016

International Association of Medical Science Educators Annual Meeting
Leiden, The Netherlands
June 4-7, 2016

IAMRA Events

12th International Conference on Medical Regulation
Melbourne Australia
September 20-23, 2016

The conference will be presented by the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency - partners in regulating medical practitioners in Australia.

For more information and to register your interest in the conference, contact: IAMRA 2016.

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