

## Connecting Medical Regulators Around the World

### Members' Corner

#### [Updated ECFMG Reference Guide for Medical Education Credentials](#)

(Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates)

#### [AHPRA's Leadership Discusses its Role in Public Safety \(Podcast\)](#)

(Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency)

#### [FSMB Publishes 2020 Annual Report](#)

(Federation of State Medical Boards)

#### [Medical Council of New Zealand Releases Report on Cultural Safety and Health Equity for Māori](#)

(Medical Council of New Zealand)

#### [GMC Publishes Report on the State of Medical Education and Practice in the UK](#)

(General Medical Council - UK)

#### [Medical Council of Ireland Issues Workforce Intelligence Report Addressing Several Systemic Issues Facing Doctors](#)

(Medical Council of Ireland)

#### [International Academy for CPD Accreditation Adopts International Standards for Substantive Equivalency](#)

(International Academy for CPD Accreditation)

### IAMRA News and Events

IAMRA Management Committee Releases New Statements on Medical Regulation and Patient Safety:

- [Regulation During a Serious Event Such as a Disaster, Epidemic or Pandemic](#)

## Message from the Chair



Dear Members and Partners,

Earlier this year, I wrote to you in recognition of the extraordinary effort and dedication of medical regulatory authorities around the world in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2020 has been a challenging year for us all, both personally and professionally and I am sure that you share my fervent hope that the commitment

and hard work of front-line practitioners, public health officials, scientists and researchers around the world will be rewarded in 2021. Again, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of medical regulatory authorities in ensuring high standards of clinical practice while at the same time, dealing with the unique challenges of the pandemic.

It was with great regret that the Management Committee made the decision to postpone the 2020 IAMRA conference which was to have taken place in Johannesburg in September 2020. Rest assured that we will present an in-person conference again when it is safe and feasible to do so. In the meantime, I do hope that you have been enjoying our program of webinars which we expect will continue into 2021. I encourage members to join them and meet their counterparts virtually even if we can't meet in person.

Despite the challenges we are all facing in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and perhaps in light of them, IAMRA's community continues to expand. Please join me in welcoming our newest members and partners:

- [Osteopathic Council of New Zealand](#) (Partner)
- [Foundation University College of Dentistry](#) (Partner)
- [Rwanda Allied Health Professions](#) (Partner)
- [Idaho Board of Medicine](#) (Member)
- [Korean Medical Association](#) (Partner)

IAMRA has seen impressive examples of our members ensuring that science, not politics, dictates how medical practice occurs and is regulated, as well as innovative approaches to working together to create safe environments for health professionals and their patients. We wish to commend all of you for your efforts and will offer our continued support where we can.

On behalf of IAMRA's Management Committee, I would like to wish you all the very best for the holiday season. I hope that you are able to spend some time with those that are close to you and can rest and recuperate in preparation for the year to come.

- [Physician Health and Wellness](#)
- [Prescribing Drugs of Dependence](#)
- [Research in Regulation](#)
- [Continued Competency](#)

**Member Benefit: Ongoing Access to Past IAMRA Webinars**

IAMRA has hosted eight webinars since the beginning of the pandemic addressing a variety of topics, including:

- *COVID-19 and the Impact on Medical Regulation;*
- *ECFMG's Response to COVID-19;*
- *The Medical Regulator's Role in Cultural Safety and Health Equity;*
- *A Guide to Conducting Video Hearings.*

Members have exclusive access to webinar recordings and slides!

[Click here to access this valuable content!](#)



**IAMRA Management Committee Meeting, December 9, 2020**

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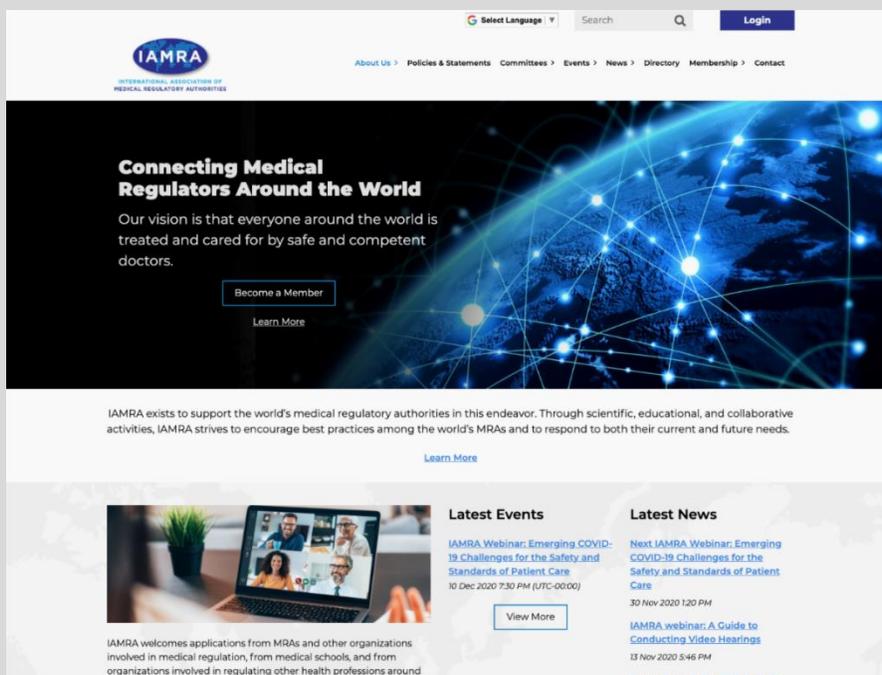
Lauren Stewart, IAMRA Staff Officer; Roxanne Huff IAMRA Operations Officer; Joan Simeon, Member-at-Large; Dr. Kgosietsile Letlape, IAMRA Chair; Daniel Yumbya, Member-at-Large; Dr. Alison Reid, IAMRA Executive Director; Dr. Hank Chaudhry, IAMRA Secretary; Martin Fletcher, Member-at-Large; Prof. CS Lau, Member-at-Large; Dr. Heidi Oetter, IAMRA Chair-elect; and Nicole Krishnaswami, Member-at-Large.

Stay safe, and please accept my very best wishes and heartfelt appreciation for your continuing support of IAMRA.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kgosi Letlape

## Visit IAMRA's New Website!



IAMRA's website has undergone a complete redesign!

Our hope is that the IAMRA website will serve as a "virtual home" for all of our member organisations and provide engaging ways of creating and maintaining connections in our community.

We encourage you to come visit us at [www.iamra.com](http://www.iamra.com)!

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