

Connecting Medical Regulators Around the World

Members' Corner

[Singapore Medical Council publishes updated Ethical Code and guidelines](#)

(Singapore Medical Council)

[Medical Board Consults on Revalidation in Australia](#)

(Medical Board of Australia)

[Humayun Chaudhry, IAMRA Chair and FSMB President and CEO, discusses the future of IAMRA \(video\)](#)

(Federation of State Medical Boards)

[GMC \(UK\) publishes report on the state of medical education and practice](#)

(General Medical Council UK)

[Lois M. Nora, MD, JD, MBA to complete term as President & CEO of American Board of Medical Specialties in late 2017](#)

(PR Newswire)

[GMC \(UK\) appoints new Chief Executive](#)

(General Medical Council UK)

[Medical Council of Ireland publishes online booklet to ensure patients are informed](#)

(Medical Council of Ireland)

Message from the Chair



I am delighted and honored to serve as the new Chair of IAMRA. This is an exciting time for our organization, as evidenced by the wonderfully successful International Conference on Medical Regulation that was just held in Melbourne, Australia. The meeting garnered the highest attendance of all of IAMRA's 12 biennial conferences with over 500 attendees from 42 countries.

We at IAMRA wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to our gracious hosts, the Medical Board of Australia, chaired by Dr. Joanna Flynn, and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, led by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Martin Fletcher. The high quality of the meeting and its insightful presentations are due in large part to the efforts of our hosts and their hardworking staff members, as well as a very active and engaged Program Planning Committee. I would also like to thank IAMRA's Operations Officer, Ms. Roxanne Huff, for her tireless work in preparation for the conference and during the meeting, as well as the efforts of Dr. Alison Reid, who has attended nearly every previous meeting but attended for the first time this year as IAMRA's first Executive Director. Thank you to these individuals and several others who contributed to making IAMRA's meeting an unequivocal success!

Our Members General Assembly adopted three important resolutions at its Melbourne meeting. They involve topics essential to improving the quality of medical regulation and public protection worldwide, including the [professional development of medical faculty through short-term international placements](#), the [benefits of continued competency systems and their key principles](#), and a [statement in support of the value of accreditation of medical schools around the world](#).

We also adopted, through unanimous support of the Members General Assembly, several substantive changes to our organization's [bylaws](#). These changes include folding the Associate Member class into the Partner Class, expanding the number of "participating delegates" available to each member, expanding the rights of partner members, and increasing the number of positions available on IAMRA's [Management Committee](#) to as many as twelve (12). The Management Committee now has ten (10) members and it is my distinct pleasure to name and welcome each of the newest members:

- Dr. Margaret Mungherera (IAMRA Chair-elect; Vice Chair, Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council)
- Ms. Susan Goldsmith (Chief Operating Officer, General Medical Council, UK)
- Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmed Lehri (President, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council)
- Dr. Tebogo Kgosietsile Solomon Letlape (President, Health Professions Council of South Africa)
- Dr. Heidi Oetter (Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia)

World News

[Playing Sick: How actors are making better doctors](#)

(The Village Voice)

[Brocher Foundation publishes consensus statement on conscientious objection in healthcare](#)

(Bioethics Research Library of Georgetown University)

[When Three Equals Four: The new math of medical school](#)

(NYU Physician)

[Brexit may mean tougher checks on European doctors](#)

(ITV News)

[Project improves rural physician access to subspecialty expertise](#)

(American Medical Association)

Meetings

[9th Annual European CME Forum](#)

Amsterdam, Netherlands
November 9-11, 2016

[Learn, Serve, Lead 2016: The AAMC Annual Meeting](#)

Seattle, Washington
November 11-15, 2016

[CLEAR Winter Symposium: Risk-based Regulation](#)

St Petersburg, FL
January 11, 2017

I am grateful to have the support of such a qualified and passionate group of individuals as we work with IAMRA's membership to determine the best way forward for the organization and to help ensure that patients everywhere are treated by safe and competent doctors.

The expansion of IAMRA's Management Committee has occurred in concert with a robust expansion - chiefly the result of efforts by our past chair, Niall Dickson, chief executive of the General Medical Council in the U.K. - of IAMRA's membership. We are very pleased to accept the applications of the following new member and partner organizations. Please join me in welcoming them:

- [ACGME International \(U.S.\) - Partner](#)
- [Seychelles Medical and Dental Council](#)
- [Council of Medical Specialty Societies \(U.S.\) - Partner](#)

As IAMRA seeks to continue to bring new members into the fold, particularly from parts of the world where IAMRA is less represented, the Chair, Executive Director, Management Committee, and Membership Committee will be continuing to engage in extensive outreach efforts to help prospective new members and partners appreciate the value to their own mission and goals of IAMRA membership. These include a visit this past August by Dr. Mungherera and me to the annual meeting of the Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA) in Malawi; the 2nd Dubai Health Regulatory Conference (see conference video [here](#)), attended by Drs. Mungherera, Lehri, Reid and me, and an upcoming visit by me to a meeting of the Confederación Médica Latinoamericana y del Caribe (CONFEMEL) in Brazil.



Dr. Chaudhry and Mr. Yumbya with members of the AMCOA Board, Malawi

Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions

San Francisco, California

January 26-29, 2017



Dr. Chaudhry with senior staff and attendees at the DHRC, Dubai



Dr. Alison Reid, following her presentation at the DHRC, Dubai

As always, if you are aware of organizations in your jurisdiction or elsewhere that are interested in IAMRA membership, please put them in contact with [IAMRA's Secretariat](#). Your assistance in the months and years ahead is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Humayun J. Chaudhry, D.O., M.S., MACP, MACOI

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