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**Member Corner**

[UK doctors in training speak out on undermining patient safety](#) (General Medical Council-UK)

[Medical Council of New Zealand publishes workforce survey results](#) (Medical Council of New Zealand)

[Medical Council announces new trainee engagement](#) (Medical Council of Ireland)

[State medical board effort to streamline medical licensing gains support in the US Senate](#) (FSMB)

[Mr. Andrew Connolly new chair of the Medical Council of New Zealand](#) (Medical Council of New Zealand)

[Medical Council undertaking a review of advertising by doctors](#) (Medical Council of New Zealand)

[Changes to Council](#) (General Medical Council-UK)

[GMC freezes annual retention fees](#) (General Medical Council-UK)

[Regulation of cosmetic interventions: government response](#) (GOV.UK)

[Medical Council of Ireland redrafts abortion guidelines](#) (The Irish Times)

**Message from the Chair**



You may recall in my June message to you, I flagged to you that IAMRA's Membership Committee had drafted a survey asking you about the value you get from being a member of IAMRA and the regulatory issues you face. At the beginning of the New Year I thought it would be timely to reflect on the IAMRA Management Committee's strategic planning meeting that we held in New Zealand in October 2013.

The meeting included our biennial review of IAMRA's vision, mission, goals and objectives, and the development of key deliverables. As part of this, we reviewed feedback from the IAMRA membership survey and developed a three-year programme which will support the work of medical regulatory authorities.

**Biennial review of the vision, mission, goals and objectives of IAMRA**

This eNews provides a report of the Management Committee meeting. We have developed a new vision which now is: 'Everyone around the world is treated and cared for by safe and competent doctors.'

We also agreed on the following goals:

- Goal 1:** Explore potential roles for IAMRA in providing support to members to achieve high standards for the education of doctors through promotion of appropriate accreditation processes.
- Goal 2:** Support and encourage members to develop mechanisms for assuring the continued competence of doctors.
- Goal 3:** Promote and encourage members to share fitness to practice/disciplinary information on doctors proactively.
- Goal 4:** Expand membership and influence, in particular, support developing medical regulatory authorities.

**Next steps**

To help us deliver the goals set out above, the IAMRA Management Committee has tasked the IAMRA Secretary, Dr. Humayun Chaudhry, with the development of proposals for: a)

## World News

[Spanish healthcare privatisation plans halted \(BMJ\)](#)

[FSMB, partners collaborate to provide educational resources for safe prescribing of opioids](#)  
(FSMB)

[Lack of public trust in doctors-China survey shows](#) (businessweek.com)

[Health Ministry bars MCI from taking major health policy decisions](#)  
(ZeeNews)

[Gambia Medical and Dental Council appoints Dr. Mohammadou Kabir Cham as Registrar](#)

alternative IAMRA funding models; and b) the resources and personnel required to deliver the 2013-2016 IAMRA work programme. These proposals will be considered by the IAMRA Members General Assembly later this year.

We will also be re-launching the IAMRA website in the coming months. I look forward to updating you on this project as it progresses

### **2013 IAMRA Membership Survey**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the membership survey. We will shortly be sending you by email a summary report by email.

In the meantime I thought you may be interested to know the key issues from the survey were:

- \* Maintenance of Licensure/Revalidation
- \* Patient safety/sharing data on physicians
- \* Licensure, regulation, credentialing, background checks of international medical graduates
- \* Medical education (accreditation of training schools, standardization of medical education and medical ethics)
- \* Continuing medical education
- \* Aging physicians

Kind regards,

Philip Pigou  
Chair

## IAMRA News

### **11th International IAMRA meeting registration is open**

The International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) and the General Medical Council (GMC) are pleased to invite you to the 11th International Conference on Medical Regulation-Evaluating Risk and Reducing Harm to Patients. The event, which will be held in London will take place from Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 September 2014 at 200 Aldersgate, St Paul's, London.

The programme will be based around the key functions of medical regulation:

- Registration
- Education and training standards
- Quality assurance

- Professional standards
- Fitness to practise / Disciplinary processes
- Revalidation / Continuous competence assessment

Over 300 delegates from across the world are expected to attend. Presenters and panelists include leading medical regulators, policy makers and academics and the programme has been designed to appeal to all delegates irrespective of levels of expertise or resources. We've also included dedicated time to a varied social programme, so delegates can enjoy the delights of London's many tourist attractions.

### **Register Today!**

Registration for the conference is now open. Please book your place using our [dedicated conference website](#).

### **Call for Abstracts**

We are also inviting the submission of abstracts to be considered for workshops, oral and poster presentations. Abstracts should address either the overall conference theme or one of the key functions of medical regulation outlined above.

For further information or to submit an abstract, please [click here](#).

IAMRA and the GMC look forward to seeing you in London later this year!

### **IAMRA is seeking eNews correspondents**

IAMRA would like to extend an invitation to all of our members to share information about significant events and achievements occurring in your jurisdiction with other members through the *IAMRA eNews*.

We encourage you to designate a member of your organisation to serve as a member correspondent to bring forth relevant links or brief articles outlining innovations, trends or newsworthy items of international interest to our newsletter audience. Our goal is to provide member organizations with an opportunity to highlight their work on an international stage and share best practices with other regulators from around the world. If you are interested in designating a member correspondent from your organization, please email the name and contact information to Ms. Roxanne Huff, Secretariat, at [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com).

## **Meetings**

**IAMRA Biennial Conference**  
London, England, United Kingdom  
September 9-12, 2014



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