



## Connecting Medical Regulators Around the World

### Member Corner

[Australian health practitioner regulators launch a new approach for checking international criminal history](#)  
(Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency)

[Announcing the launch of the province's first-ever practice ready assessment for internationally trained family physicians](#) (The College Connector - College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia)

[Better data - the benefits to the profession and the public](#)  
(Medical Council of New Zealand)

[GMC right of appeal to High Court](#) (General Medical Council - U.K.)

[FSMB releases 2014 Census of Actively Licensed U.S. Physicians](#) (Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States)

### World News

[Cosmetic surgery needs mandatory cooling-off period, says medical board \[of Australia\]](#) (The Guardian)

[Maintaining Physician Competence and Professionalism: Canada's Fine Balance](#)  
(The Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 313, No. 18)

## Message from the Chair



2015 is proving to be an exciting year for IAMRA. We have appointed our first (part-time) Executive Director; Dr. Alison Reid took up her new post in April. Alison brings a wealth of experience in medical regulation, as well as in healthcare more generally. She will be responsible for implementing our work programme and making sure we do everything we can to meet your needs as members. She will also be working with me and Dr. Humayun Chaudhry, the Chair-Elect, to reach out both to members and potential members as we seek to build the international regulatory community - Alison will be in touch with each of you over the coming months to introduce herself and discuss your needs and how together we can promote better medical regulation.

As I hope many of you know, we have just launched our new website [www.IAMRA.com](http://www.IAMRA.com). You should find it easier to navigate your way around. There is also an online membership application process, public data registers for member organizations, enhanced members-only resources, plus news and events. We want the site to remain dynamic with members' input, so please do let us know your news and what you think of the changes. Just email Roxanne Huff at [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com).

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: [Frontier Medical and Dental College of Pakistan](#); the [Bhutan Medical and Health Council](#); the [Bulgarian Medical Association](#); the [Allied Health Professionals Council of Uganda](#); [Hong Kong Academy of Medicine](#); and the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#). We are keen to welcome as many new members as possible this year, so if you know about an organization in your country or region that might benefit from being a member, a partner or an associate, please do let us know and encourage them to join the fold!

The Management Committee held its Strategic Planning Meeting in the UK on 23-24 March. This was an opportunity to look at our strategic priorities and update our work programme for the coming year. We will publish a report of the meeting and make it available on the website soon.

The team at IAMRA is keen to help - we believe medical regulation is an important contributor to patient safety and that by working together and supporting each other we can achieve so much more. Do please let me know if you think there is more we can do - feel free to email me at any time at [ndickson@iamra.com](mailto:ndickson@iamra.com).

Best wishes,  
Niall Dickson  
Chair

[Cuban govt. threatens "its" doctors with family in Brazil](#)  
(Havana Times)

[German Medical Association eases rules on assisted suicide](#) (Deutsche Welle)

[Aging GPs and emigration threatens future of practice, warns ICGP](#) (The Irish Times)

[UK Governance and Professionalism in Medicine: A UK Perspective](#)  
(The Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 313, No. 18)

[Ensuring Competency and Professionalism Through State Medical Licensing](#) (The Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 313, No. 18)

[Automatic compensation for medical errors considered](#)  
(Phuket Gazette - Thailand)

## Meetings

[Foro Iberoamericano de Entidades Medicas \(Forum of Latin-American Medical Organizations\)](#)  
VIII Encuentro  
(8th Meeting)  
Santiago de Compostela, Spain  
June 3-6, 2015

[AMCOA \(Association of Medical Councils of Africa\)](#)  
2015 Conference  
White Sands  
Mombasa, Kenya  
September 1-4, 2015  
For more information, please contact [Sadicka Butt](#).

[AMEE \(International Association for Medical Education\)](#)  
2015 Conference  
Glasgow, Scotland  
September 5-9, 2015

## IAMRA News

### 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 organization 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 Roxanne Huff at [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com).

## 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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