



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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## IAMRA Symposium 2017:

Continued competence systems - measuring their impact and value  
5 – 6 October, London, UK

### Call for abstracts

The [International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities](#) (IAMRA) is pleased to invite you to the [IAMRA Symposium 2017](#), which will be held in London, United Kingdom and will be hosted by the [General Medical Council](#) (GMC).

The symposium will take place from **Thursday 05 to Friday 06 October 2017** at the [Hilton London Bankside hotel](#).

IAMRA wants to hear from regulators, professionals, patients, researchers, policy makers, educators and others with an interest in continued competency in health professional regulation, who would like to contribute to the programme of this important international symposium.

The theme for the symposium is *Continued competence systems - measuring their impact and value*.

We are seeking abstracts setting out how you would deliver either a **workshop** to run for 45 or 90 minutes or an **oral presentation** for 15-20 minutes.

The IAMRA Symposium 2017 Programme Planning Committee will give preference to abstracts which most closely relate to the symposium theme.

This is an opportunity for you to highlight the great work you are doing in pursuing excellence in regulation to an international audience. If you or someone in your organisation would be interested in taking part in the symposium in this way please read the requirements below before submitting your abstract.

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#### Symposium theme

The IAMRA Symposium 2017 will focus on measuring the impact and value of systems of continued competence. The event will bring together leading experts in medical professional regulation from across the world, to focus on the crucial issues currently facing regulators with regards to ensuring the continued competency of doctors.

In connection with the overall theme of ***Continued competence systems - measuring their impact and value***, the programme will explore various sub-topics including -

- **the impact on and value of continued competence systems for:**
  - **doctors;**
  - **their professionalism;**
  - **patients and the public;**
  - **the wider healthcare system; and**
  - **the quality and safety of care**
- **and, importantly, how this can be effectively and efficiently measured.**

Abstracts which address the following areas of interest will also be considered:

- Measuring the impact of continued competence systems: methodologies, approaches and findings
- The role of leadership and motivational theory in driving the behaviour of medical professionals
- The challenges specific to doctors working independently/outside of regulated environments in relation to participation in continued competence schemes
- The challenges associated with ensuring the continued competence of a globalised workforce
- Building a culture of continued competence through medical training programmes
- Methods of quality assuring continued competence systems themselves
- The role of reflective practice
- Ensuring fairness when developing and implementing continued competence interventions
- Experiences and lessons from non-medical professions/industries

We are keen to receive abstracts which address either the overall symposium theme, one of the various sub-topics or one of the additional areas of interest listed above.

Please note that, in the case of oversubscription, the Programme Planning Committee will give preference to those abstracts which most closely align with the main symposium theme.

We invite both **research abstracts**, presenting the findings from research and evaluation studies, and **practice abstracts**, presenting the results of projects and initiatives. References to evidence that support the impact or effectiveness of the initiative should also be included in the abstract.

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### Target audience

Approximately 100 participants from all over the world are expected to attend the IAMRA Symposium 2017, each of them bringing their own knowledge, experience and challenges. The programme is designed to appeal to those who have some experience or knowledge of developing, implementing, and/or evaluating continued competency interventions (variously known as 'Revalidation', 'Maintenance of Licensure', 'Continuing Professional Development' etc.). Presenters and panellists will include medical regulators, policy makers and academics.

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### Key dates

Tuesday 28 February 2017	Abstract submission deadline
Wednesday 12 April 2017	Programme Planning Committee abstract evaluation
Friday 28 April 2017	Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection
Tuesday 06 June 2017	Registration deadline for abstract presenters

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### Abstract guidance

Please summarise your idea for a symposium workshop or oral presentation in no more than 300 words.

**Workshops** will run for either 45 or 90 minutes. They should be interactive and discursive in format and provide ample opportunity for audience participation and questions and answers. We would welcome submissions for joint workshops with two or three presenters involved in any one session.

**Oral presentations** should be no longer than 15-20 minutes and will be followed by 10-15 minutes for Q&A. The symposium organisers will group oral presentations together by theme. Sessions will include a number of presentations and time for questions from the audience.

The IAMRA Symposium 2017 Programme Planning Committee will consider other formats in addition to those outlined above. Please make clear what format you propose in your abstract submission.

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### Abstract assessment

Abstracts will be reviewed and selected by the IAMRA Symposium Programme Planning Committee. Consideration will be given to a number of factors, including:

- Is the abstract relevant to the symposium theme/sub-themes?
  - Has the topic been presented at a previous IAMRA event?
  - Does it cover an interesting new topic or does it build meaningfully on the existing knowledge base?
  - Is there opportunity for audience engagement and participation? (The Programme Planning Committee requests that authors keep the audience in mind and ensure presentations are engaging and interactive)
  - Are there clear learning objectives? Authors are asked to state in the body of their abstract 2-3 learning points that symposium delegates will take away from the workshop/oral presentation session.
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### Important information about your abstract submission

- Please send all abstract submissions to [IAMRASymposium2017@gmc-uk.org](mailto:IAMRASymposium2017@gmc-uk.org) by **Tuesday 28 February 2017** using the **Abstract submission form** attached. We are sorry that we cannot accept abstracts submitted in other ways.
- It is the author's responsibility to ensure that the information submitted in the abstract is correct.
- By submitting an abstract, authors grant permission to IAMRA and the GMC to reproduce the abstract, upon acceptance, in the symposium programme, symposium booklet and on the symposium website. Accepted abstract submissions will be posted on the IAMRA website, following the symposium.
- We will communicate with the contacts provided on the abstract submission form. If there is any change in contact details, please let us know via [IAMRASymposium2017@gmc-uk.org](mailto:IAMRASymposium2017@gmc-uk.org).
- The final decision on acceptance of abstracts will be made by the IAMRA Symposium 2017 Programme Planning Committee and will be communicated to the authors via email by Friday 28 April 2017. The Planning Committee may propose an alternative presentation format, based on the available times in the symposium programme.
- An individual or organisation is welcome to submit more than one abstract. One application form is required for each abstract.
- If your abstract is accepted you **MUST** confirm your participation in the symposium through registration and payment of the [symposium registration fee](#) by **Tuesday 06 June 2017**. We cannot guarantee inclusion in the symposium programme and symposium booklet to presenters who register or pay after this date.

- All those who are selected as presenters for the IAMRA Symposium 2017 are expected to pay for their registration, travel and accommodation.
  - Please note that those who present at the symposium will be issued with an IAMRA certificate of participation indicating that their abstract was accepted by the IAMRA Symposium 2017 Programme Planning Committee and that they presented at the symposium.
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## About IAMRA

The success of biennial international conferences on medical regulation held since 1994 has led medical regulatory authorities around the world to recognise that international collaboration is an essential element in their role as public protectors. In September 2000, the readiness of medical regulatory authorities to foster international relations led to the formation of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA).

IAMRA's purpose is to encourage best practice among medical regulatory authorities worldwide in the achievement of their mandate - to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards for the profession of medicine.

The challenge for medical regulation in the 21st century is to create a relevant, effective medical regulatory system that can address the dynamics of global and rapidly changing medical practice environments, technologies and health care delivery systems. International cooperation is the key to enhancing the role of medical regulatory authorities as the primary vehicle for public protection in health care. IAMRA will help this goal become a reality.

For more information about IAMRA, see the website: <http://iamra.com/>

For more information about IAMRA membership please contact: [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com)

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## Previous Symposia

This will be the fourth symposium on the subject of continued competency/revalidation, and the second such symposium held under the auspices of IAMRA.

For information about the previous meetings see below:

**Montreal 2015 – IAMRA Revalidation Symposium**

- Proceedings - available to IAMRA Members only  
(contact [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com) if you would like a copy)

**Washington 2013 – The Second International MOL/Revalidation Symposium**

- [Proceedings](#)

**London 2010 – International Revalidation Symposium**

- [Proceedings](#)
- [Discussion summary](#)

At IAMRA's General Assembly in September 2016, members adopted the IAMRA Statement on Continued Competency. You can read the policy here:

<http://iamra.com/resources/Pictures/IAMRA%20Statement%20on%20Continued%20Competency.pdf>

The 2017 symposium will be the biggest meeting of its kind to date.

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## IAMRA Symposium 2017 - Registration fees

<b>Delegate category</b>	<b>Early bird registration fee (before 06 June 2017)</b>	<b>Registration fee (after 06 June 2017)</b>
IAMRA Member - Category 4 country	<b>£180</b>	<b>£350</b>
IAMRA Member - Category 3 country	<b>£140</b>	<b>£350</b>
IAMRA Member - Category 2 country	<b>£115</b>	<b>£350</b>
IAMRA Member - Category 1 country	<b>£100</b>	<b>£350</b>
Not a member of IAMRA	<b>£230</b>	<b>£350</b>
Dinner-only ticket (for spouses/partners accompanying symposium attendees)	<b>£80</b>	<b>£80</b>

Symposium fees follow the gradation of IAMRA's membership categories<sup>1</sup>. The full list of membership categories is available here: <http://www.iamra.com/memberdues.asp>.

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<sup>1</sup> IAMRA's membership categories are based on a country's 2015 Gross National Income (GNI) per capita\*, as grouped and determined by the World Bank. A complete listing of countries is available at: [www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/countryclass.html](http://www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/countryclass.html)