

## Connecting Medical Regulators Around the World

### Members' Corner

**Dr. Curtis Walker Elected  
Medical Council  
Chairperson**

(Medical Council of New Zealand)

**Doctors to Receive  
Training Support to Call  
Out Unprofessionalism**

(General Medical Council UK)

**New Guidelines Released  
for 2023 Medical School  
Accreditation  
Requirement for ECFMG  
Certification**

(Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates)

**New Law Requires  
Doctors to Inform  
Patients About Probation  
Status**

(LA Times)

**Medical Board of  
California Develops App  
Allowing Patients to  
Access Information and  
Updates about Physicians**

(Medical Board of California)

**MCNZ Opens  
Consultations on  
Informed Consent and  
Recertification for  
Vocationally-Registered  
Doctors**

(Medical Council of New Zealand)

**AHPRA Consultation on  
Definition of Cultural  
Safety**

(Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency)

**FSMB Releases 2018  
Regulatory Trends and  
Actions Report**

(Federation of State Medical Boards)

## Message from the Chair



Dear IAMRA Members and Partners,

Your new Management Committee has been hard at work during the first few months of 2019. We began the year by spending 2 ½ days together at the FSMB office in Dallas, Texas for a strategic planning meeting that set the agenda for the period leading up to the next Members General Assembly at our 2020 Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. During the meeting, we had opportunities for in-depth discussions on significant issues, initiatives and policies that IAMRA will bring forward to enhance the experience of its members and promote effective medical regulation and patient safety worldwide. More details will be shared in the report of our Strategic Planning Meeting.



IAMRA Management Committee in Euless, Texas

Among the many topics discussed were the development of new guidelines on good prescribing practices, the role of the medical regulator in disaster preparedness and relief, and a statement on physician wellness and physician and patient safety.

IAMRA's Physician Information Exchange (PIE) Working Group, under the leadership of the Working Group Chair, and IAMRA Chair-elect, Dr. Heidi Oetter, is making progress in testing and evaluating a data sharing system that would enable medical regulatory authorities to upload fitness to practice/disciplinary actions for doctors that pose an immediate threat to the public in another jurisdiction. The pilot is well-underway and the number of jurisdictions contributing data to the test system will expand significantly this year.

IAMRA's other Committees and Working Groups have been busy over the last several months. Our Membership Committee and our two newest Working Groups on

## World News

### [Report Published on State of the Science on Risk and Support Factors to Physician Performance](#)

(Journal of Medical Regulation)

### [WHO Publishes Recommendations on Digital Interventions for Health System Strengthening](#)

(World Health Organization)

### [Nigeria: Only 40,000 Doctors in Practice, 51,000 Abroad or Doing Other Things](#)

(The Eagle Online)

### [Report Published on Inquiry into the Performance of the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia](#)

(Professional Standards Authority)

### [Quality Concerns as Foreign-Trained Doctors Fail Local Exams \(Uganda\)](#)

(University World News)

## Meetings

### [Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada Annual Meeting and Conference](#)

Whistler, Canada  
June 8-10, 2019

### [Association of Medical Councils of Africa Annual Conference](#)

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe  
July 17-21, 2019

### [Health Professions Council of South Africa 1st National Conference](#)

Johannesburg, South Africa  
August 18-20, 2019

### [International Association for Medical Education \(AMEE\) Conference](#)

Vienna, Austria  
August 24-28, 2019

### [Cologne Consensus Conference](#)

Cologne, Germany  
September 13-14, 2019

### [American Board of Medical Specialties Conference](#)

Chicago, USA  
September 23-25, 2019

Continued Competency, and Research have all developed thoughtful and ambitious work programs.

As we look toward our next opportunity to interact together at [IAMRA's 2019 Continued Competency Symposium](#) in Chicago, we are exploring ways to enable members to interact virtually between our conferences and symposia. The Management Committee will be considering topics for upcoming webinars that address key issues in medical regulation, as well as ways of increasing interaction among members on the IAMRA website and via social media.

Please join me in offering a warm welcome to our newest member as part of the IAMRA family: [The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Prince Edward Island](#) (Canada). IAMRA now has 115 members from 48 countries.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to reach out to me with your comments, ideas and exciting news from your parts of the world. It is important that we share our concerns and successes so that we all can better meet the challenges of contemporary medical regulation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kgosi Letlape

## Improving Medical Regulation Together

### ***IAMRA Offers its Members the Benefit of Conducting Worldwide Consultations on Policies, Guidelines and Initiatives!***

IAMRA is happy to disseminate information on behalf of its members and facilitate consultations on programmes and documents under development.

We encourage all IAMRA members and partners to take advantage of the ability to seek feedback on proposed approaches to patient protection and medical regulation. Help strengthen your work by circulating draft proposals for feedback through IAMRA!

If you are interested in feedback on work taking place in your jurisdiction, please contact the IAMRA Secretariat at [secretariat@iamra.com](mailto:secretariat@iamra.com).

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