

ICLAM International Committee for Insurance Medicine

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ICLAM E-Newsletter

1. Message from the President:

Dear Friends,

During our Bureau and ICLAM's meeting in Cape-Town, we discussed the future of the committee a lot as well as the need for a better networking and the creation of some tools that would allow the committee members to communicate and give each others relevant information about the life insurance business through the world and about the life of the national insurance medical societies. A need for communication...

So we had to develop as quickly as possible the creation of a website including networking facilities (such as blogs, e-mail boxes...), and the edition of an e-letter in order to provide us regular information about the congresses, meetings and more generally speaking, the news inside the world of Medical Directors; in other words to improve communication and contributions by all ICLAM members.

The website has been totally redesigned by our webmaster, Robert Kneepkens. It includes a number of facilities and is the perfect tool for communication. Robert did an impressive work during the past few months and it works now. So, please have a look and use it !...

Pieter Coetzer accepted to head on the e-letters as Chief Editor and has worked on the project during the past few months. We expect three editions per year to be finalized, in November, March and June including the following items in a standardized template :

1. International news : Different regions will be asked to provide summaries of news, developments, new products, appointments, etc. to their region.
2. Current status of the organization of the next ICLAM congress : Short summary by the national organising committee.
3. Current issues on the ICLAM website.
4. Upcoming international conferences in Insurance Medicine : All members are requested to send details to Robert Kneepkens (website) and Pieter Coetzer (e-letter). This may include national and international meetings, with contact details and/or web addresses.

I hope you will appreciate this first issue of our e-letter, and that you will provide us your active cooperation for the next issues to come.

Best regards,

Fabrice CHOUTY



2. Progress ICLAM 2013 Madrid – Ana Villanueva

Plans for the next ICLAM Conference are progressing well. Please remember to diarise the following:

Dates: 26 – 29 May 2013

The following sponsorships have been confirmed to date :

Platinum: Mapfre Group
Gold: Swiss Re
Silver: Scor Vie, Gen Re

Pending sponsorships include RGA, Munich Re, HBSC-Vie France and Mutuelles des Sportifs – we hope to have positive news in this space soon ! The Committee is working hard in securing more sponsorships.

Some interesting facts to note regarding the next ICLAM conference:

- The Scientific committee has been established :
Chair: Dr. Miguel Angel Garcia. Cardiologist
Members: Dr. Fernando Oñoro, Dr. Lopez Goicoechea, Dr Santiago Delgado, Dr. Ramón Goya, Dr Pedro Aldama and Ana Paez
- The Key note session will be held by Dr. Valentin Fuster (Cardiovascular Institute Mount Sinai Hospital – NYC)
- We are looking into the possibility of changing the format of the conference, including shorter sessions with more time for discussion, and more workshops dedicated to different issues applied to insurance medicine such as technology, legal compliance and actuarial.
- The conference organiser has been appointed: Carlson Wagon-lits Travel.

A new dedicated website with information in English and in Spanish will be accessible soon.

Please note:

We invite all ICLAM Committee and Bureau members to let us have your proposals for scientific topics to be covered in Madrid with ICLAM 2013.

Please notify Pieter Coetzer at pieter.coetzer@sanlam.co.za as soon as possible!

3. Current issues on ICLAM website – Robert Kneepkens

The website of ICLAM has been renewed. Visitors to the site may not notice it, but registered users will appreciate the many new pages and functions of the site.

Important:

Delegates at the ICLAM Congresses in Berlin 2007 and Cape Town 2010 were registered as users by ICLAM. If you received this Newsletter, you are a registered user at the site with the E-mail address this Newsletter was sent to.

To visit the new pages, you will have to login. To login, you will need your username and password. For the first visit click on “Request a new password”. You will be redirected to the page <https://www.iclam.org/user/password>. Fill in the E-mail address this newsletter was sent to, and you will receive a message with a link for a one time login. This message will also contain your username.

After the login, you will notice two extra menus on the left.

Community

This menu contains many interactive pages, the most interesting being Forums, Blogs and Polls. These pages are only open to registered users, to ensure that comments to your posts are only given by professionals from the insurance industry.

- **Forums:** If you have any question regarding insurance medicine, please use the Forum to reach your colleagues worldwide.
- **Blogs:** If you have news you would like to share with colleagues, write a Blog.
- **Polls:** Are you interested in the popularity of certain views, propose a Poll to the webmaster.

This menu also contains usefull pages like Search, Frequently Asked Questions, and Contact, and a direct link to a page where you can subscribe to this Newsletter.

Username

The second menu that appears after login carries your username. You can complete your profile here. Your profile is not visible to visitors or registered users. Only members of ICLAM can see the profiles, to enable them to act as intermediaries between ICLAM and the insurance medicine community. Please complete your profile, to ensure that both you and ICLAM can benefit from a growing network of insurance medicine professionals.

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The main menu contains links to the Photos taken in Cape Town 2010, in the submenu “Activities”, only visible after login.

If you have any request or idea concerning the website, please feel free to contact the webmaster, Robert Kneepkens: webmaster@iclam.org.

4. **International news:**

4.1 **AAIM – Charles Jones, Fabrice Chouty :**

Every third year, and in addition to its annual meeting, the American Academy of Insurance Medicine (AAIM) conducts a Triennial Review Course. As an experiment, in 2009, the Academy held the Triennial Review Course and the Annual Meeting concurrently as a 5 day meeting. The joint meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia, USA. As the result of positive responses, the joint Triennial/Annual meeting will now replace the separate meetings held in the past. Starting this year, AAIM will also sponsor web-based presentations on topics of interest to Medical Directors and more senior Underwriters. These will be presented every several months (the first one discusses the interpretation of cardiac echo's).

Reservations for participation in these webcasts can be made through AAIM's website (www.aaimedicine.org). AAIM continues to publish the quarterly Journal of Insurance Medicine. This year's **AAIM meeting will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA (October 23 through 27, 2010)**.

4.2 **EUMASS – Robert Kneepkens :**

EUMASS is the European Union of Medicine in Assurance and Social Security. EUMASS represents social insurance doctors, coordinates the exchange of information between countries in relation to social insurance medicine, and helps to maintain and improve standards in social insurance medicine.

EUMASS was founded in 1973 and 17 countries are now represented.

A new executive committee was elected by EUMASS council in May 2010, headed by the President Sören Brage.

Most of the practical work in EUMASS, except for the planning and working with congresses, is done in working groups. Two working groups warrant special mentioning.

- The working group on ICF (International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health) is working with the dissemination of ICF and the integration of the ICF model into the national insurance administrations.
- There is a high degree of confusion and uncertainty on the use of many terms and concepts in European social insurance. The Babylon group will have as its main goal to facilitate understanding and communication in the field of insurance medicine in Europe. The definitions will be based on the international regulations.
- EUMASS organizes a congress every two years in a different member country. The 18th EUMASS Congress took place in Berlin from 23th – 25th September 2010. The congress focused on “Individualized Prevention and Epidemiology: Modern Medicine”. Special attention was given to the work of the Working Group on ICF.

The 19th EUMASS congress will take place in Padova, Italy, June 14th – 16th, 2012.

4.3 CLIMOA – Dr. Kim Minish, Secretary, CLIMOA :

The Canadian Life Insurance Medical Officers Association, CLIMOA, was founded in 1946. It is the sole insurance medicine organization for physicians involved in insurance medicine in Canada. Our organization is devoted to the development and education of doctors working in the health and life insurance industry.

General membership in CLIMOA is available to all physicians involved in the insurance industry in Canada, with membership at the Associate and Active level, depending on the degree of involvement in the insurance industry. Our current president is Dr. Loraine Oman-Ganes, MD, FRCP(C), CCMG, FACSMG.

Our membership in ICLAM is represented by Dr. Francois Sestier, Vice-President and Medical Director of Optimum Re in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Our scientific meeting is generally held in the spring in either April or May, and in 2011 will be held on **May 15th – 18th in Toronto, Ontario, Canada**. This meeting is held in high esteem for the superior quality of the medical information and lecturers renowned in their fields. Continuing Medical Education credits are available for those who attend. This is a two and one-half day event and also includes an opportunity for a banquet. CLIMOA extends a warm invitation to all of our colleagues in the international insurance industry to take part in what we promise to be a memorable educational experience.

4.4 ANZIMA - Detloff Rump :

Over the recent decades, Medical Officers have played an important role in the Australian and New Zealand Life Insurance market. A complex product landscape and a very competitive climate demanded and perhaps increasingly demand the input of medically trained professionals.

In August 2009, ANZIMA was officially launched. ANZIMA has about 40 members, pooling a large variety of medical disciplines and boasting an impressive depth in insurance related experience.

From the draft constitution, the objectives of the association are as follows:

- a) To identify and advise Life insurance companies on up-to-date advances in medicine as applied to Life insurance
- b) To ensure the compliance of established medical standards as applied to insurance medicine by all current and future members of the Association as gauged by peer assessments
- c) To meet from time to time and at places considered appropriate to share ideas, to offer opinions, to foster industry best practices and to promote fellowship

- d) To organise the search for - and the training of - new medical doctors entering the Life insurance industry in all appropriate aspects of Life insurance and to ensure they have completed their training programme to the satisfaction of the Association's officers
- e) To enter into discussions and affiliations with similar international organisations
- f) To provide Life Insurance companies with an independent medical opinion on contentious matters including disputed claims.

Three types of membership are proposed:

- Full membership (fully trained medical officers)
- Associate membership (doctors in training)
- Ancillary membership (suppliers of ancillary services in the area of insurance medicine)

Meetings are organized every two to three months and so far have proven to be informative as well as advancing the association's goals.

Co-Chairpersons are Dr Bill Monday for Australia and Dr John Mayhew for New Zealand. The secretary of ANZIMA is Ms Robyn Lindsay.

4.5 **CEECLAM - Zuzanna Güzel :**

CEECLAM has been founded June 2001, supported by the ICLAM representatives present.

So far although CEECLAM has gathered representatives from numerous countries (Poland, Hungary, Austria, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia) their representation is not stable and durable.

During the past 9 years CEECLAM has organised 3 scientific conferences (two of them in Warsaw in 2002 and 2008). We raised and discussed many issues regarding:

- Activation of national committees
- Idea of e-mail communication
- Constructing a web page and newsletter.

New participants were encouraged to join the society, become active and creative members and especially encouraged to improve educational standards in insurance medicine based on exchange of knowledge and expertise among CEE countries. Unfortunately so far we haven't noticed any active participation of representatives from member countries other than Poland, Croatia and Hungary. For real cooperation we need also other countries to take part actively.

We have to date not succeeded to find a CEE representative with sufficient support from local organisations to host the next CEECLAM within 3 years time.

The main goals of the organization are:

- Co-operation on issues of common interest to allow free exchange of knowledge and expertise among members of the neighbouring countries
- Maintain professional contacts between representatives from countries within CEE region
 - Improving the level of medical knowledge in life offices and increase the quality of risk assessment and claim management in each participating country
 - Developing co-operation with other formal and informal groups of specialists from Central-Eastern European Countries to join in setting up a formal Association.
 - Improving the standards of professional knowledge and specialised education in insurance medicine
 - Developing professional status and peer recognition of physician specialists in insurance medicine.

In my opinion, as current president of this organization, we should strengthen the role of national insurance-medical organisations in providing local education, setting national standards, striving towards improvement of insurance-medical services and infrastructure within CEE countries, and creating and supervising national systems of continuous professional education in insurance medicine, medical risk assessment and claims management.

So far only MEBOT in Hungary and PAIM in Poland provide such expertise and education in their own markets.

I still hope for the further successful development of CEECLAM, however I understand that it may not be as quick and smooth as we had hoped at the beginning.

4.6 **AMCAP – Fabrice Chouty :**

- AMCAP (association de médecins conseils en assurance de personnes) exists since 1989.
- It is involved in educational programs about medical underwriting and claims management at the Marseille University (DU de médecine d'assurance de personnes).
- A one-day scientific meeting every year at spring focuses on the relevant advances in the medical field of life insurance business as well as the regulatory questions in France and Europe. Next meeting will be held in Paris. All information are available on the AMCAP website (<http://www.amcap.asso.fr/>) or Blog (<http://amcap.blogspot.com/>).
- Workshops are also organized focusing on the management of claims and medical underwriting and the requirement of life insurers. The next meeting gathering AMCAP members around CMO's will be organized in Montpellier (Dec.4th, 2010).
- Current President: Michel G. HAINAULT (Natexis Assurances), and General Secretary: Dr Sylvie DOUSSARD (Natexis Assurances).

4.7 AMUS – Charles Gill :

Our Medical Insurance world moves forward and we have a combined Society called AMUS, Assurance Medical & Underwriting Society, based in London.

We had a very good day meeting in Manchester on the 5th October, 2 hours from London by fast train, held at the Museum of Science And Industry. This is a point worth considering as Museums need cash and often provide excellent venues more cheaply than hotels or conference centres. We had 96 attendees and cost £25 each.

The programme included :

- Orthopaedic Surgery- impacts on mortality and ability to work,
- CI trends and new cancers,
- Life Expectancy- Comparison between Victorian times and modern Britain, and
- Athletic heart syndrome.

Our Society will meet on the 24th. November for an evening meeting.

Next year we are having an evening meeting on the 16th March in London, and on 15th June a half day meeting is planned -venue to be decided.

4.7 AIMAV – Arnaldo Capurro:

Please visit our web-site www.aimav.it, where it is possible to find all news regarding the Italian Insurance medicine Association.

5. Upcoming International Conferences on Insurance Medicine

Recent Conferences:

- AIU Congress:
Knowing your Life – A Seminar for Insurance Underwriters – 16th – 17th October 2010. Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency, Mumbai. **For any queries please contact: info@aiuonline.in**
- ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA DI MEDICINA DELL'ASSICURAZIONE VITA, MALATTIA ED ANNI ALLA PERSONA - **Dread disease (malattie gravi)**
Diabete come fattore di rischio - Milano 12 ottobre 2010
- AAIM annual conference, Scottsdale, Arizona. 23-27th October 2010
Visit <http://www.aaimedicine.org>

Upcoming Conferences:

- Name of Conference : - **AIMA VIII** - (8th Scientific Conference of AIMA)
Dates: **Sunday 16th to 19th October 2011**
Venue : **Shanghai, China**
More details on this conference will be made available on our website :
<http://www.aimaconference.com>
- **CLIMOA 15-18 May 2011**. Toronto, Canada
- The 19th EUMASS congress will take place in Padova, Italy, **June 14th – 16th, 2012**.

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