

ICLAM E-Newsletter August 2011

1. **Message from the President:**

Dear Colleague,

This is the third issue of the ICLAM's E-letter, following the Bureau Meeting that was held in Stockholm recently, thanks to our colleague Kaj Lindvall who arranged a perfect venue and program. This meeting gathered 14 out of the 15 Bureau members, two Honorary Members, and Javier Aparicio, Chairman of the 2013 Madrid Congress, accompanied by Ana Villannueva (Vice-President of the organizing committee).

During this session, the format and the program of the next ICLAM meeting, as well as the scientific sessions, have been extensively discussed with the steering committee. We may now be confident that the Madrid congress will be an outstanding event. Information about the congress is available through the website: congress.iclam.org.

The 2016 congress venue has also been discussed during this meeting. Some Bureau members went to the Netherlands in March and after discussion, it has been decided to choose the city of Maastricht as the hosting city of this 25th congress of ICLAM. We may rely on Robert Kneepkens' energy and efficiency to provide us with a memorable congress.

We visited the Asian area in March and had the opportunity to meet with colleagues from China, Korea and Hong-Kong. We're very pleased to have new ICLAM members from South Korea (KLIMA). Unfortunately I had to cancel my visit to Japan during this period, due to the disaster following the earth-quake, the tsunami and the Fukushima plant accident. Anyway, we had the pleasure to welcome Dr Tomohito Shirouzu, our colleague from the Japanese assurance medical society (AIMJ) at the Bureau meeting in Sweden. He honored us by inviting me to visit Japan and meet the Japanese colleagues in October, at the occasion of the AIMJ annual meeting.

In this letter, you'll find information from the national assurance medical societies through the world. There's some place for exchanges through the website and I'd like to encourage every one of us to visit the website and actively participate in chat, blogs and discussions in order to develop our network and make your website as contributive as possible.

Best regards



Fabrice CHOUTY
ICLAM President

2. **Progress ICLAM2013 Madrid**

Ana Villanueva

Good progress is being made with the next ICLAM conference in Madrid.

The current confirmed sponsors are:

Platinum :	Mapfre
Gold :	Swiss Re_, Munich Re (tbd)
Silver :	Scor, Gen Re, HSBC and Mutuelles des Sportifs
Other :	Generali

Javier Aparicio and Ana Villanueva of the local Organising committee met with the ICLAM Bureau to present the preliminary Conference program. A new format with symposiums was approved. There will be 11 symposiums and 3 workshops, to be repeated along the afternoon, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The topics and speakers were agreed upon by the Bureau and organising committee members.

The Keynote address will be given by Dr Fuster on Health, Education and Risk. All speakers will receive a guideline for speakers on the ICLAM conference to emphasize the purpose of the conference. They will also be briefed to bring medical topics into the insurance field so that conclusions can be applied in the decision making process.

The presentation of the optional one-day seminar is still being debated. The scientific committee is not very convinced with this seminar being in English. It may be a very important attraction point for companies to attend the congress but junior underwriters may not be fluent enough in English to understand. On the other hand simultaneous translation into Spanish may not be feasible due to cost and price of the course.

The committee is working towards obtaining continued professional education accreditation points for attending delegates. The APD accreditation certificate will be handled with SEAFORMEC, the Spanish accreditation system for continuous education in Medicine.

For more information please visit the website at congress.iclam.org.

3. **ICLAM2016:**

Robert Kneepkens

The 25th ICLAM Congress 2016 will be hosted in the Netherlands by the GAV (Dutch Association of Insurance Medicine).



The conference venue is the MECC in Maastricht. On www.iclam.org there are 2 video's about Maastricht , which will give you an impression of this beautiful hospitable historic city. Please log in first.

www.iclam.org/maastricht2016film1
www.iclam.org/maastricht2016film2

For login information, see at the section at the end of this Newsletter.

We welcome you all to join us in 2016, the year of the 500th anniversary of the death of the Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hieronymus_Bosch.

4. **New items on ICLAM website:**

Robert Kneepkens

The look of the website has changed a little. Blogs and conference announcements are now visible at the right side of every web page. You can see when and where the next international insurance medicine conference will take place. Clicking on the title of a conference will get you to the conference page with more information, links, et cetera.

Do you want your international insurance medicine conference to be mentioned? Send an E-mail to the webmaster via www.iclam.org/contact.

The website now features a chat room, but to access the chat room, you will have to log in first. *For login information, see at the section at the end of this Newsletter.*

5. **International News:**

5.1 **AIMA (Asia):**

Fajah Peshi

A final announcement brochure is attached for further information about the AIMAVIII Conference.

5.2 **CLIMOA (Canada):**

Charles Jones

No news to report at this stage.

5.3 **AAIM (USA):**

Charles Jones

The Annual AAIM meeting takes place in Chicago from October 1st to 5th this year. More information can be found on their website at www.aaimedicine.org.

Some of the topics on the programme include the following:

Platform topics:

Heart Failure in the Elderly

Bladder Cancer

Thyroid Neoplasms

eGFR Promises and Pitfalls

Update on Multiple Sclerosis

Obesity, NASH, Cirrhosis

Cutaneous NHL

Update on CAD

Evaluation of the Ascending Aorta

Atrial Fibrillation

Breakout Sessions:

Systemic Indolent NHL

Hereditary Hypercoagulable States

Hepatitis B and C workshop

Benign Brain Tumors/Incidentalomas

EKG workshop

Cardiac Echo cases

The Keynote speaker will be S. Jay Olshansky, PhD, who will address the issue of Aging in America in the 21st Century.

5.4 **AMUS (UK):**

Ray Gill

The AMUS, Assurance Medical & Underwriting Society, had a very well attended meeting at the RAC Club in London on the 16th March, starting with a buffet lunch and the AGM Presentations on psychiatry until 5pm. This covered topics like the curability of mental illness, whether psychiatric patients should qualify for enhanced annuities, stress related sickness absence and the epidemiology of psychiatry and current trends in the treatment of mental disorders.

On the 8th June we had an afternoon session at the RAF Club in London on recent advances in MS and touched upon the treatment of epilepsy. This was followed by a very nice buffet dinner. The format of having a meeting combined with a chance to meet colleagues and friends with food and drinks works very well.

The next meeting is on the 18th September, Lucid 2 in Cardiff, www.lucidconference.org, which runs for two and a half days and has a very comprehensive programme and should do as well as the Lucid 1 held in Stratford on Avon.

In November another meeting at the RAF club to finish the year, topics are not yet decided. The combined doctors and underwriters, AMUS, is doing well, membership is increasing but we are very short of doctors. This will take time to sort out as there are complicated processes relating to the certification of doctors as CMO's in the insurance industry and even the cover that they need for professional indemnity insurance as medical advisers to the industry.

Normal professional indemnity insurance covers the doctor in case a patient goes to court for some kind of litigation. How much cover is available if the CMO makes a mistake in advising an insurer is not yet clear, particularly as many CMO's work part time and are self employed. Hopefully all this will become clearer in the next year.

5.5 **AMCAP (France):**

Fabrice Chouty

The Annual scientific meeting of AMCAP was held in Paris on May, 20th 2011, focused on the needs for long term care in the future and the respective role of public health insurance vs/ private insurance . The meeting was a success, gathering some 200 doctors involved in the business of life insurance medicine (medical underwriting and claims management) and a few executives and senior underwriters or claims managers.

It has also been discussed about the new agreement signed between the French federation of insurance companies (FFSA) and the Government. This new agreement aims to facilitate the access to life insurance of people with an aggravated risk of health and to give them the best possible coverage. This new agreement has been signed on Feb.1st and should be implemented by the end of 2011. Information can be found on the ICLAM website (www.iclam.org/node/211) and the full text of the agreement (in French) on the AERAS website (www.aeras-infos.fr).

The next scientific meeting of AMCAP will take place on June 2012. Information about AMCAP may be found either on the AMCAP website (www.amcap.asso.fr) or the AMCAP blog (amcap.blogspot.com). For contact, please use the following address : webamcap@wanadoo.fr.

5.6 **ASISA (South Africa):**

Pieter Coetzer

The South African insurance community is keeping a close eye on the developments in Europe with regards to the gender discrimination issue, and some discussion forums have already taken place. This may result in an official ASISA position document.

The joint forum for underwriters and doctors in Insurance Medicine, SASIMU, has held two meetings in Cape Town and Johannesburg respectively. These were well attended and very successful. The Cape Town discussions were about inflammatory bowel disease, feedback from the ELHUA conference, and

sleep apnoea. The next meeting is a breakfast session on August 10th with two speakers, one on the impact of sports injuries on underwriting, and the other on the risk assessment of private pilots.

The Johannesburg SASIMU chapter discussed the long term effects of gestational diabetes at their meeting in May, and will have an actuarial presentation on mortality ratings at their next meeting scheduled for August 11th.

5.7 **ANZIMA (Australia):**

Detloff Rump

Over the last few months, ANZIMA went through a phase of radical review. Because sponsor moneys, expected to be made available from most, if not all insurance and reinsurance companies in the market, fell short (only a few insurers made a payment towards ANZIMA), the executive committee decided to abandon the original plan of establishing an independent group advising the industry on insurance medicine related matters and fostering education in insurance medicine.

The paid sponsorship funds were returned. Currently, discussions are underway as regards the future of the association. Getting under the organisational umbrella of the Australian Life Underwriters and Claims Association (ALUCA <http://www.aluca.com/>) appears to be one option. Another possibility is to form an affiliation with the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF <http://www.theinstitute.com.au/>).

5.8 **EUMASS (Europe):**

Robert Kneepkens

No news to report at this stage.

5.9 **DVfVW (German):**

Achim Regenauer

As in the UK, the former insurance medicine section of the DVfVW (German Association of Insurance Science) has now been opened up to underwriting and claims experts as well. This reflects the interdisciplinary cooperation in many insurance companies, whose medical officers are becoming an increasingly integral part of life insurance business.

Since the ICLAM 2007 in Berlin, which was a great success and attended by many underwriters, the annual conference for insurance medicine, underwriting and claims assessment now deals with medical and non-medical issues that are relevant to all three of these professional groups. The conference takes place once a year and primarily addresses matters relating to life and health insurers. This year's conference (8th of June in Düsseldorf) dealt mainly with questions of cardiology, occupational medicine and claims assessment, legal impacts at a national and European level and long term sequelae of juvenile oncological diseases.

A scientific symposium presenting guidelines for professional expert opinions on mental health problems and psychosomatic disorders will take place on September 5-6 2011. These guidelines for psychiatric and psychosomatic disorders have been developed in a multidisciplinary cooperation with several German universities and have been sponsored by the German Insurance Association (GDV).

In the future, these guidelines are to be taken as the standard as regards content and methodology for expert reports in notifications of claim on the ability to work in the case of mental health problems and psychosomatic disorders. Their importance is reflected in the fact that these guidelines have

been submitted to leading medical associations for authorisation. The guidelines are intended to provide objectivity and validity for expert reports and to reduce the often protracted litigation that is unsatisfactory for all concerned and consequently necessitates a repetition of expert reviews.

5.10 **GAV (Netherlands):**

Robert Kneepkens

The GAV (Dutch association of medical advisors in private insurance affairs) was founded September 24 1901, together with AIMECA, the predecessor of ICLAM. The same year our Japanese and Danish colleagues established their insurance medicine associations: AIMJ and FLF. The GAV will celebrate it's 110 years of existence September 30 2011, and congratulates ICLAM, AIMJ and FLF with their own 110th anniversary.

6 **Upcoming International Conferences on Insurance Medicine:**

- Canada: Canadian summit on medical expertise
September 9 2011, Montreal
www.mae.umontreal.ca/en/meeting
- Canada: AIDC2012, the world meeting of medical experts
September 10-14 2012, Montreal
www.aidc2012.org
- USA: The American Academy of Insurance Medicine (AAIM)
120th Annual Meeting
October 1-5 2012, Chicago
www.aaimedicine.org
- UK: LUCID
September 18 – 21 2011, in Cardiff
- China: All India Management Association (AIMA)
8th Scientific Conference
October 16-19 2011, Shanghai
www.aimaconference.com
- Netherlands: DICIM (Dutch International Congress of Insurance Medicine)
November 10th-11th, 2011:
Thursday 10th: English (international) programme
Friday 11th: Dutch (national) programme
www.vgdagen.nl (also in english)

7. **Personal news:**

No news of a personal nature has been received about any of our colleagues or friends.

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