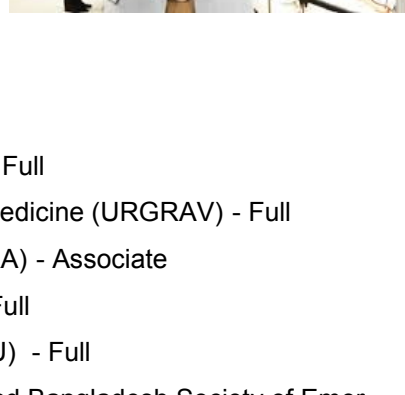


An Annual ICEM meeting :**– call for expressions of interest for 2019 and 2020**

At its recent meeting the IFEM Assembly resolved that as from 2019, the International Conference on Emergency Medicine will be held annually. Expressions of interest in hosting the ICEM in 2019 and 2020 should be forwarded to the Secretariat by 1 May 2014. Guidelines for submitting a bid can be found [here](#).

Vale – Dr George Podgorny

It is with regret that we advise Dr George Podgorny passed away on November 5th. Dr Podgorny made a huge contribution to the development of emergency medicine internationally, and his legacy is recognized with the George Podgorny Lecture at each ICEM meeting. There will be a tribute at the next meeting in Hong Kong, June 2014.

**Welcome to our new Members**

Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine (Iraqi SEM) - Full

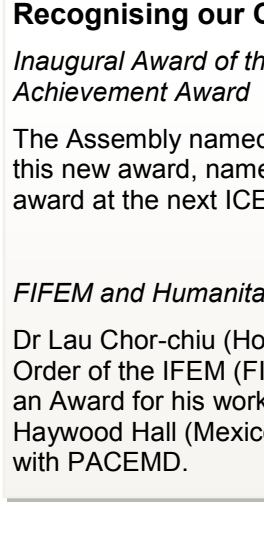
Cuban Society of Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (URGRAV) - Full

Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) - Associate

Iranian Society for Emergency Medicine (ISEM) - Full

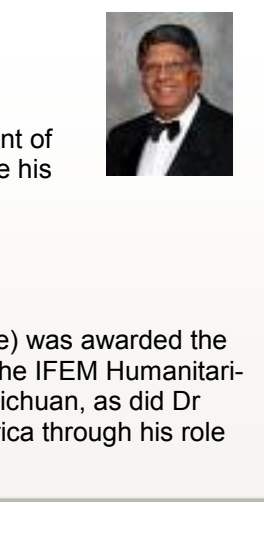
Chilean Society of Emergency Medicine (SOCHIMU) - Full

The Vietnamese Society of Emergency Medicine and Bangladesh Society of Emergency Medicine have made application for membership.

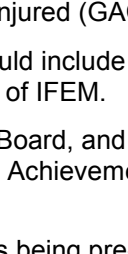


Dr Rodrigo Rosas, President of the Chilean Society of Emergency Medicine at the Assembly meeting.

Dr Hend Sayaly representing the Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine

**Recognising our Colleagues****Inaugural Award of the Gautam Bodiwala Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award**

The Assembly named Dr Gautam Bodiwala as the first recipient of this new award, named in his honour. Dr Bodiwala will receive his award at the next ICEM in Hong Kong in June 2014.

**FIFEM and Humanitarian Awards**

Dr Lau Chor-chiu (Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine) was awarded the Order of the IFEM (FIFEM). Dr Wong Tai-wai (HK) received the IFEM Humanitarian Award for his work in Hong Kong, relief work in Haiti and Sichuan, as did Dr Haywood Hall (Mexico) for his work in Latin and Central America through his role with PACEMD.

Update from Seattle

A productive round of meetings was held during the ACEP Scientific Assembly in Seattle in October. Highlights include:

- IFEM is now a member of the WHO Global Alliance for Care of the Injured (GACI).
- IFEM will consider a new category of Affiliate membership which would include members of regional EM Societies which are currently not members of IFEM.
- The By-laws were amended to provide a process for election to the Board, and to define the criteria for the new Gautam Bodiwala Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award.
- The Standard Terminology Project has finalised a document which is being prepared for publication.
- The Core Curriculum & Education Committee has finalised its document 'Designing Assessment Programmes for the Model Curriculum for Emergency Medicine Specialists'. This will be a very useful document and will be promulgated once publication is arranged.
- A new memorandum of understanding was signed between IFEM and ACEP for increased support of the Secretariat. ACEP will provide part time staff support for IFEM's Research, Core Curriculum and Education and Governance Committees. The current memorandum of understanding with ACEM is under review.

IFEM's Financial Strategy

A workshop was held to consider IFEM's strategic plan and how it can achieve financial independence. Discussion initially focussed on the needs and wishes of members and then considered possibilities for financial independence. The aim is to ensure the cost of running the Secretariat will be funded from subscriptions (50%) and from the ICEM levy (50%). With that in mind, it is likely there will be an increase in subscriptions. Fundamental to the strategy is the concept that a separate body linked to IFEM may be developed to provide long term funding. This body could accept donations, and conduct activities like courses and fellowships, which may provide much needed funds. A working group will develop key recommendations for our next round of meetings.

Taskforces and Special Interest Groups

- Triage Special Interest Group – Chair to be confirmed
- Disaster Medicine Special Interest Group – Chair Dr Peter Aitken
- Emergency Ultrasound Special Interest Group – Chair Dr Rip Gangahar
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group – Chair Dr Ffion Davies
- Efficacy of Emergency Medicine Taskforce – Chair Dr Terry Mulligan
- Web Resources Taskforce – Chair Dr Manny Hernandez

Expressions of Interest for the above groups are invited.

EVENTS 2014**20th Annual Scientific Assembly, American Academy of Emergency Medicine**

11-02-2014 Venue: New York USA

SEMS Annual Scientific Meeting 2014

11-04-2014 Venue: Singapore Singapore

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting 2014

14-05-2014 Venue: Dallas USA

CAEP Annual Conference

31-05-2014 Venue: Ottawa Canada

**International Conference on Emergency Medicine 2014: 10-06-2014 Venue: Wan Chai Hong Kong****8th European Congress on Emergency Medicine**

28-09-2014 Venue: Amsterdam Netherlands

ACEP Scientific Assembly 2014

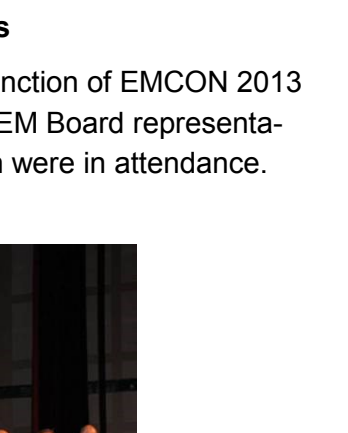
27-10-2014 Venue: Chicago USA

4th Eurasian Congress on Emergency Medicine :

12-11-2014 Venue: Antalya Turkey

Communication

A Communications Taskforce has been established to enhance communication amongst Federation members. This will consider collaborations with groups such as Emergency Physicians International. Members are invited to join, or submit suggestions for improving our website and email interface on how we can do it better.

**Criteria for IFEM endorsement of International Research**

Our Research Committee has developed a process for endorsement of international research projects and also international research collaborations. You can access these documents at the Research Committee webpage [here](#).

What Makes a Good Emergency Physician?

IFEM President Peter Cameron asks the question, "How important is standardized emergency training when your ED is staffed by physicians of various nationalities and training backgrounds?"

[Read More](#)

Didn't make it to Seattle? Check out our pics [here](#).**Society of Emergency Medicine, India — News**

SEMI Award Ceremony 2013 held at inaugural function of EMCON 2013 at Wayanad, Kerala on 18th November 2013. IFEM Board representatives Dr Terry Mulligan and Prof V Anantharaman were in attendance.



Dr Kumar Alagappan (AAEMI) received the Lifetime Achievement Award



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Also send news that may interest all members for our next newsletter.