



## IFEM PEMSIG Newsletter

December 2015

### *Greetings to everyone!*

This is the first (and only) newsletter for 2015. We've all been busy with our regular work, so we thought it was time for a bit of fun and create this newsletter to end the year on a high.

This has been a year of consolidation for the IFEM PEMSIG. Our membership grows at a slow but steady pace. We've all been through (or about to enter) another busy winter of bronchiolitis and febrile children. We continue to train and educate juniors in the art of paediatric emergency medicine. And all the while, for some of us, we continue to advocate for recognition of paediatric emergency as a field that needs specific training and recognition.

The role of the IFEM PEMSIG is to support each other in improving the standards of paediatric emergency care around the world, and with ICEM coming up in Cape Town, South Africa, there is no better time to do that!!! The PEM Marketplace is on again at ICEM; thanks to all the members who have volunteered their time to help with that. But more on that later in this newsletter. On behalf of the executive of PEMSIG, I wish everyone a happy festive season, and we will see you next year.

*Simon Chu*  
*PEMSIG Secretary*

### Message from the Chair



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As winter looms in the Northern Hemisphere, I am dreaming of the bright sunshine of Cape Town at the ICEM 2016 conference, April 18-21. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Cape Town is a scenic and welcoming city, and South Africa has varied and beautiful landscapes, amazing wildlife, and great food and wine.

At the next conference, we will have an AGM, where all the Executive positions of the PEMSIG will be elected. We will start the process by email, in the New Year. Voting will be restricted to PEMSIG members but the AGM will be open to anyone interested in PEM. We hope to attract some new members, and for all of us to share ideas on the future of PEMSIG.

We will also help the conference organisers in providing Paediatric EM CPD, in the form of the highly successful “Marketplace”. Here is a picture of us all in full swing in ICEM Hong Kong, 2014. Baljit Cheema and I can be seen talking in the middle of the photo.



Baljit spawned the marketplace concept, and we ran our first together in Cape Town several years ago, and it seems to be a winning formula. Baljit has published a paper on it in the South African Medical Journal “The marketplace – a novel conference teaching and learning model”, B Cheema B, South African Medical Journal 104 (10), 651-652, and we have just published another on the broader topic of medical education in conferences, in the Emergency Medicine Journal: Davies FC, Cheema B, Carley SD. “Innovation in the field of medical-conference-based education: a new marketplace”. [Emerg Med J. 2015 doi: 10.1136/emered-2015-204718](https://doi.org/10.1136/emered-2015-204718).

Adult-trained emergency physicians can sometimes be a bit apprehensive about attending PEM CPD at conferences, as they’re not sure what level it will be pitched at. The marketplace overcomes all obstacles, as we tailor teaching to the individual learner. It really is a lot of fun, but we need lots of volunteer faculty to make it a success. Please come and help us teach PEM to the world!



At ICEM 2016 we will be trying out a fun idea of giving the ‘shoppers’ (delegates) a shopping allowance of a certain amount of PEPs (= Paediatric Emergency Pounds) which they can spend at the stall, giving the highest amount to the stalls they got the most out of. We will tally up each stalls’ takings and have a prize for the highest-earning stall! So PEM Marketeers get ready – the gauntlet has been thrown down... start figuring out how you will make your stall THE biggest attraction and how you’ll get delegates to part with those precious PEPs! I will be emailing instructions on basics of Marketplace stall template and ideas/suggestions to all stallholders 2nd week of December

Finally, a big thanks to Haiko Jahn, who led a team of people to produce our [PEMSIG directory](#) of PEM international fellowship opportunities. Please share it as widely as possible with anyone who might want to train in PEM, overseas. Thanks also to all of you who have offered fellowship positions.

*Ffion Davies,  
PEMSIG Chair*

## IFEM PEMSIG Membership Lead Note



PEMSIG has established itself as a successful model of IFEM Special Interest Groups by developing programs, publications, and organizing an increasingly structured membership

In the near future we are planning to develop an on-line member's directory that can be easily accessible from the IFEM website in which you can identify your colleagues from across the world, their institutions and interests

**Currently close to fifty PEMSIG members represent 15 countries and 19 major Emergency Medicine organizations in all regions of the world!**



We will be releasing membership updates online and via e-mails to the group

For further information on membership or if you have colleagues interested in getting involved with PEMIG please e-mail Camilo E. Gutierrez, Membership Lead, at [Camilo.Gutierrez@BMC.org](mailto:Camilo.Gutierrez@BMC.org)

## IFEM PEMSIG AGM

At the ICEM conference in 2016, the time has come to elect new members of the executive committee, and also decide who will represent the regions for the next 2 year. To refresh everyone's memory, the positions available are:

### Executive

Chair  
Chair Elect  
Secretary  
Standards Lead

### Lead roles

Best Evidence  
Communications - Membership  
Communications - Standards Doc Awareness  
Practical Resources - Practical Tools  
Practical Resources - Clinical Guidelines  
PEM Education Curriculum  
PERN Liaison

If anyone is interested in knowing more information about these roles, please email Simon Chu, the secretary, on [emergskyc@gmail.com](mailto:emergskyc@gmail.com)

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## Member Honour

Prof Emeritus Robert Schafermeyer, IFEM Board Secretary and PEMSIG Member was awarded the Jim Seidel Distinguished Service Award at the Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Sessions by the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting in October.

Congratulations!



## Members Corner

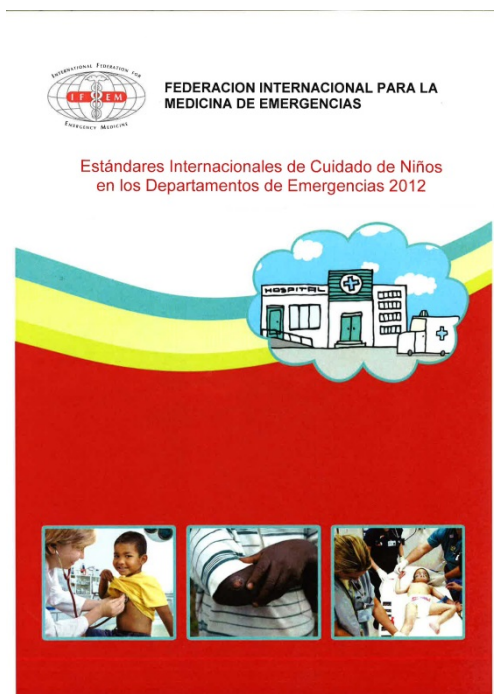


### IFEM and PEMSIG Members during the 2015 Mediterranean Conference of Emergency Medicine in Rome



**From Left to Right:**  
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**Simon Chu** PEMSIG Secretary,  
**Gary Gaddis** AAEM Steering Committee & Scientific Committee MEMC,  
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## **Season's Greetings**

For those of you having holidays, wishing you all the best of the Season from IFEM

