

## IFEM PEMSIG NEWSLETTER

*Greetings to everyone.* With the end of the year fast approaching, we bring you this newsletter to hopefully cheer everyone up with what's going on around the globe in our respective corners, and to keep you apprised as what's happening with the IFEM PEMSIG.

### ACEM ASM - November 2013

November 25-29 saw the Australasian Conference for Emergency Medicine conference in Adelaide, Australia. It was of high quality, with some very impressive IT support, instant Twitter feeds and very good social events (the freshly shucked oysters downed with sparkling white wine were fantastic!!!). Simon organised the scientific program as part of the organising committee. Ffion presented our International Standards document to a healthy sized audience and it was well received. It does seem as though we have succeeded in producing a document which is useful for all settings in the world. A great achievement! Ffion used the opportunity to tour the Adelaide and Melbourne Children's Hospitals, and travelled back to the UK via Hong Kong where she met the organisers of ICEM 2014 to offer support from our PEMSIG.



## ICEM 2014 – 11-14 June 2014

As advised, our first Annual General Meeting will be held during this meeting and you are all invited to attend. Elections will be held for our Officers, as per Terms of Reference. This includes Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Standards Lead and immediate past Chair. We will also elect the Coordinating group which includes the Officers and a representative from each continent. Everyone else is termed Ordinary Members. Terms of Reference and Operating Guidelines have been circulated. So get ready with those hats to raise for these important jobs.

Also we have noted the planned Paediatric Marketplace where delegates will go "shopping" for paediatric learning topics, and can learn at their own level and pace, walking around the "market stalls". We think this format will be a hit!



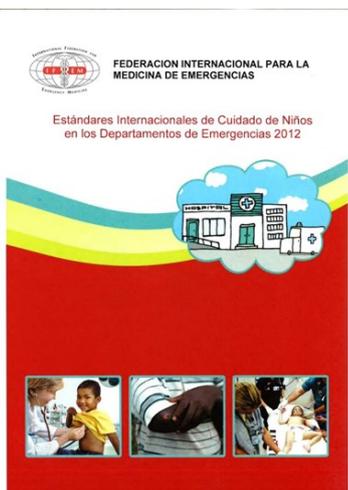
## Standards Document Update

During the Spanish and Chinese translations of the Standards Document (see below) it became apparent that some of the wording used was not clear for non-native English language speakers. Both Liliana and Angelina highlighted areas of uncertainty and potential confusion. As a result, over the past few months we have been asking new members to volunteer to help review the language used in the document.

We have been careful to look only at the language and meaning – and not make any alterations to the actual standards themselves. This is a work in progress – with the next step being a review of chapters by the original authors to ensure they are happy with any wording changes. After a final round of editing and proof-reading, we will then be ready to upload the revised version to the website. Many thanks to all the new members who have taken part and contributed ideas for improving the wording and clarity of the document.

Baljit Cheema

Access our Spanish and Chinese Versions [here](#)



Don't forget to promote our documents at every opportunity in your part of the world.



## Our Forum

We have decided that we will keep the PEMSIG Discussion Forum – to view click [here](#). However, we won't be actively using it now but will in the future as our group grows in size. So for now, it will be emails.

Forgotten your username and password? Contact the Secretariat [here](#).

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## PEMSIG - membership

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Don't forget to help with our recruitment campaign. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please invite them. *Expressions of interest to:* [ifem@acem.org.au](mailto:ifem@acem.org.au)



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

### Dr Pia Malmquist, Sweden.

On a final note, our member focus this newsletter is Pia from Sweden. This is what she sent us...

“Sweden embarked on the road towards a speciality in emergency medicine in 1996. After a struggle it gained official recognition in 2006. Since 2007 approximately 80 EM specialists have completed the Swedish training programme, but due to the persisting multidisciplinary structure of Swedish emergency care, only a handful work as EM doctors full scale. In fact a small number have even decided to leave Sweden and now work in established EM systems elsewhere.

In the past 5 years there has been a growing interest in paediatric EM amongst a small group of paediatricians mainly based in the Stockholm area. In February 2013 we arranged a first national PEM meeting, with the kind support and attendance of Dr Ffion Davies and Samantha Teasdale. Around 35 paediatricians came to the meeting and a small interest group called Swedish PEM was founded. Since then representatives of the three major paediatric emergency departments in Stockholm have met regularly and PEM has been put on the agenda of the Swedish Society for Emergency Medicine (SweSEM).

I head the paediatric emergency department at Astrid Lindgren's Children's Hospital in Stockholm (Solna). In 2012, 41000 children aged 0-18 of all categories attended our ED, which makes us the largest PED in Sweden. We presently have 6 specialists (all paediatricians) and 1 emergency physician (myself) as attending physicians and serve as tutors and teachers for a large number of GP, EM and paed registrars. PEM is not recognized as a subspecialty and so what we do still looks like pioneer work 😊 😊

Well established, however, since the construction of our hospital in 1995, is the presence of clowns. Attached you will find them all caught on a photo. I often think adult EM has a lot to learn from the paed spectrum, not least how a stressful situation can be powerfully and positively impacted by blowing soap bubbles, balloons, singing a tune, smiles and laughter.

Enjoy! Pia.”



### Season's Greetings

Wishing you all the best of the Season from IFEM

