From the President

A few days ago, Carol wrote to me and asked for a message for the newsletter. Knowing her to be incredibly organised and efficient, I assigned the email a low triage priority, as clearly, she was just asking weeks ahead of when it was really due: after all, it’s just the other day that we wrote the March newsletter. Isn’t it? I know that they say a week is a long time in politics but, really, I think some of those politicians should try IFEM for a while: there’s just so many things going on, all of the time, that one day you wake up and find that 2017 is nearly over!

Don’t get me wrong – that isn’t a complaint by any means: I couldn’t be happier to see that you - IFEM’s members - are engaged in so many activities and driving so many exciting projects. It’s almost impossible to keep up with it all. On top of that, within IFEM itself we have a great many wonderful things going on, in addition to significant structural organisational change. Oh, and did I mention travel? One day, when IFEM has significant cash reserves, I think we should invest in airline stock, because while ever there’s an IFEM Board, no airline will should ever worry about going out of business!

IFEM related travel this year has allowed me the great privilege of meeting friends – both old and new – in many parts of the globe. I’ve been to several places which I’d never visited before, and revisited many others. From Nairobi – for Kenya’s first ever emergency care conference – to Yaoundé, for Cameroon’s second; from Amsterdam – for an IFEM symposium on crowding in the ED – to Singapore, for the Global Resuscitation Alliance’s important work on OHCA. And from Bethesda – for emergency care research priority work with NIH – to Geneva, for ongoing WHO global work. IFEM has a seat at the top table of so many important and exciting projects that it really is hard to keep track of them all. And I haven’t even mentioned here the travel and projects that the rest of the Executive and Board do on behalf of IFEM, which makes me look lazy in comparison!

Behind all of this excitement, we need to keep the day-to-day activities of IFEM running in a sustainable manner. You’ll be aware of our recent discussions around this, and the several options which we are pursuing to help us achieve our goal. As one of these, earlier in the year, the Board agreed to increase the royalty payable by the organisation that hosts the International Conference on Emergency Medicine. In addition, we are a long way through the process of establishing the IFEM Institute, an organisation that can take on funded educational or system-level projects. Of course, we also have the IFEM Foundation and I would strongly encourage you all to help raise funds for it, in support of the essential work that we do.

In addition to the usual member fees, IFEM continues to receive additional support from Founding Members, and the agreements we have with these organisations are now in need of renewal and we are busy reviewing them.

There are always good reasons to check out the IFEM website. The Quality and Safety Special Interest Group have provided a range of useful resources, and we have posted a draft revision of our bylaws for comment, to be ratified at the next Assembly meeting. It incorporates the new vision and mission, amongst other things. Soon, you should look out for a position statement on crowding in the ED: thanks to the NSEP for running such a great symposium in June. We’ll also have details on there about our two latest special interest groups, in Trauma, and Critical Care.

We don’t limit ourselves to clinically related activities, as you will know. Recently, for instance, I wrote to the Health Ministers in both Spain and Guatemala to support the further development of emergency medicine in those countries. The role of IFEM in advocating for improved emergency care is paramount to our vision and mission, and we continue to work hand in hand with WHO and many other groups to help achieve that. It is also something all of our members continue to do, within their own spheres of influence.

Most of the work of IFEM, its committees and special interest groups, runs behind the scenes throughout the year. It is most visible, though, in our annual meetings, which will be in Washington DC in late October at the ACEP Scientific Assembly. I look forward to seeing those of you that can attend, and thank you for your support and hard work, as always.

Lee Wallis

President, IFEM
New Research Prizes
The Board supported a proposal from IFEM’s Research Committee to establish the following prizes for Research Excellence, to be awarded at the ICEM Conferences. This will commence from **ICEM 2019**.

- Best Paper at ICEM
- Best Paper by a Young Investigator
- Best Paper by a Trainee
- Best Paper – Evidence into Practice

At **ICEM 2018**, the following awards will be offered:

- Best original research
- Best research in Translational Medicine
- Best research by Emergency Staff in Training

Special Interest Groups

**Trauma Special Interest Group**

Trauma is the leading cause of death in those aged 1-44 years of age. About 90% of the global burden of injury-related mortality and disability is found in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The development of advanced systems of trauma care, such as those that can be found increasingly often in high-income countries, can improve outcomes after injury.

**Critical Care Special Interest Group**

This Group hopes to establish a forum to collaborate on best practices, education, research, and ways to improve the continuum of care. We have a special focus on the intersection of emergency medicine and the care of the critically ill patient in low resource settings, especially within low and middle income countries. Chair is Dr Lia Losonczy, MD MPH.

Nominations by your organisation, or self-nominations by individuals within your organisation, should be forwarded to the IFEM Secretariat, along with a brief statement of your interest and background or CV.

Want some Quality Improvement?

IFEM’s Quality and Safety Special Interest Group has gathered a range of links and resources on our website [here](#).

**Paediatric Emergency Medicine**

Check out the activities of our Paediatric Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group (PEMSIG) via their most recent [newsletter](#). Current projects includes revision of the Standards document, development of an education curriculum and PEM roadmap, membership and research. A list of Paediatric Research Fellowships can be viewed [here](#).
Recognition of Emergency Medicine as a specialty in Denmark
Congratulations to the Danish Society for Emergency Medicine! The Danish Health Minister has

IFEM 2024 - Call for Expressions of Interest
IFEM Full and Affiliate Members are now invited to submit an application to host the 23rd International Conference on Emergency Medicine to be held in 2024. For Guidelines to developing and submitting your bid, click here. For further information contact the IFEM Secretariat here.

World Sepsis Day 2017
IFEM is a member of the Global Sepsis Alliance. Find out how you can get involved here.

IFEM Secretariat located at ACEM in Melbourne
Late last year Caroline Burrowes, Admin Officer at ACEM, joined the IFEM team, helping out half a day a week. Caroline manages our member records and database, arranges teleconferences and is also the Staff Liaison for our Clinical Practice, Continuing Professional Development and Specialty Implementation Committees. She manages Events for ACEM the rest of the week. Welcome Caroline!

Executive Officer Carol Reardon is employed by ACEM to manage the IFEM Secretariat which is a half-time role funded by IFEM. This involves supporting the Executive, Board and Assembly, in addition to the Finance and Governance Committees and oversight of all other IFEM activities.

SUPPORT THE IFEM FOUNDATION
Whether you live or die shouldn’t be determined by where you live. Sadly it does, but we are working to change that. You can donate online at www.ifemfoundation.org
Our next round of meetings will be in Washington DC. View the IFEM meeting schedule and a list of ACEP International Activities [here].

Register for ICEM 2018 now! Early bird registration closes 31st August.
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Dr Robert E. Suter receives U.S. Army’s 2016 Mologne Award

Congratulations to Dr. Robert E. Suter, who has received the prestigious 2016 Lewis Aspey Mologne Award, the Surgeon General’s Award for Military Academic Excellence.

Dr. Suter is Professor of Emergency Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Colonel in the Army Reserves. Dr. Suter was recently deployed at Camp As Sayliyah in Doha, Qatar, as Commander of the Theater Enabling Medical Command. Dr. Suter is past President of both the American College of Emergency Physicians and the International Federation for Emergency Medicine.

“My interest in emergency medicine grew from the experience of being injured as a child, having family members injured, and seeing the benefit of the calm application of knowledge in preventing suffering and death,” Dr. Suter said. “Given the critical role of emergency medicine in trauma care, it also fit well with my interest in military medicine with its focus on the treatment of war injuries.”

Primarily focused on the treatment of injured military personnel, Dr. Suter and his team also are tasked with educating and training the medical community in host countries. “In addition to direct provision of services, a big part of our mission here is working with our host nation and other governments to improve the skills and capabilities of partner nation physicians, surgeons, nurses, medics, and other providers,” Dr. Suter said. “This is, of course, very rewarding and as an educator I know that it will pay great dividends. These events sometimes are ‘closed’ military training, but also can be traditional CME conferences, such as the one that we sponsored with the Italians for Afghani physicians and surgeons. I look forward to bringing all of these perspectives back to share with residents and students.”

Changes to IFEM Bylaws

The IFEM Board recently approved a number of changes to IFEM’s Bylaws which will now be referred to the Assembly for ratification in October 2017. Key proposed changes are:

- The new Vision and Mission (see previous newsletter) have been incorporated, and the section relating to IFEM’s goals removed. It was agreed that the goals should be incorporated into a separate Board document relating to strategy. The original goals of IFEM’s Charter from 1991 remain.
- The definition of a ‘Supporting Member’ applies specifically to the IFEM Foundation.
- The role of the Member-at-Large is to report on the next ICEM Conference. It is currently a member of the IFEM Executive. The proposal is that the next two ICEM’s should be represented on the Board by two Members-at-Large.
- Definitions included for IFEM’s Partnerships and collaborations.
- Reference to Standing Committees and Taskforces retained, but details moved to the Procedures Manual.

The amendments can be viewed on the IFEM Website here.
EVENTS

2018

6th Annual International Emergency Care Conference (IECC)
Date: 6-7 September
Venue: The Alfred Emergency and Trauma Centre, Melbourne
med-emergency.education@monash.edu

MEMC-GREAT 2017
Date: 6-10 September
Venue: Corinthia Hotel Lisbon, Portugal
http://www.emcongress.org/2017
info@emcongress.org

X Congreso Argentino de Medicina de Emergencias 2017
Date: September 7-8, 2017
Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

EuSEM Congress Athens 2017
Date: 23-27 September
Venue: Athens

6th EMSSA International Conference
Date: 2-5 October
Venue: Sun City Resort, Gauteng, South Africa
www.emssa2017.co.za

4th Egyptian International Trauma Conference
Date: 12-13 October 2017
Venue: Military Conference Center, Cairo, Egypt

Central European Emergency Medicine Conference (CEEM 17)
Date: 18 – 21 October
Venue: Lublin, Poland

ACEP17
Date: 29 October – 1 November
Venue: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC, USA
www.acep.org/sa/

Inaugural Sri Lankan Emergency Medicine Conference (SLEMCON 2017)
Dates: 11 - 12 November
Venue: Colombo Sri Lanka
emergencymedicine@ssccem.com

34th Australasian CEM Annual Scientific Meeting
Dates: 19-23 November
Venue: Sydney, Australia

9th Asian Conference on Emergency Medicine
Date: 22-25 November
Venue: Regnum Carya Belek, Antalya, Turkey
http://www.acem2017.org/
secretariat@acem2017.org

ESEM17
Dates: 6-9 December
Venue: United Arab Emirates
www.esemconference.ae

2019

ICEM 2018
Date: 5-8 June
Venue: Mexico City
www.icem2018.org

ACEP18
Date: 1-4 October, San Diego, CA, USA

ICEM 2019
Date: 12 – 15 June
Venue: COEX, Seoul
June 5th - 9th, 2018
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With the participation of speakers from

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Register at: www.icem2018.com
Contact us: contacto@icem2018.com
International Emergency Care Conference

6 & 7 September 2017

The missing link – Prehospital emergency care when resources are limited

Hospital-based emergency care has made significant steps in developing countries over the last decade. But this progress has not been matched in the prehospital setting. In resource-limited countries, the biggest challenge to accessing emergency care is the lack of an organised prehospital system.

The 6th annual Alfred International Emergency Care Conference will bring together a spectrum of emergency health professionals, to witness the experience, evidence and recommendations of experts in the delivery of prehospital emergency care where resources are limited.

**PROGRAM**

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This program is run by The Alfred Hospital Emergency and Trauma Centre and Monash University, from Melbourne, Australia.
Al Galaa Military Medical Complex
& Egyptian Ambulance organization (EAO)
in collaboration with
The Egyptian Trauma Society (EgTS)

Egyptian International
TRAUMA Conference

Saving Lives From Scene to Recovery

12th - 13th October 2017 - Military Conference Center, Cairo - Egypt
Main Topics

Physicians

- Medical Disaster Response; is it a Speciality?
- Extrication and immobilisation
- Interactive pre-hospital case studies
- Paramedic Leadership in Trauma
- Pre-hospital factors associated with patient outcome in major trauma
- EMS in Egypt ...current state of play!
- Abdominal Trauma Managing the open abdomen
- Setting standards in trauma care in Egypt (Regional road map)
- Trauma Radiology in Egypt....what stage?
- Damage Control Resuscitation – ‘How to do it’
- Innovative resuscitation techniques (ECMO)
- The Mangled Foot
- Interventional Radiology in Major Trauma
- Injury prevention.... Translating statistics to action
- The role of charities in national injury prevention
- Effective communication under pressure
- The NICE Major Trauma Guidelines:
- Major Trauma Education

Nursing/ Paramedics

- Overview of National Nursing Competencies
- Updates on trauma training initiatives
- Nursing burns management
- Primary/Secondary Assessment
- What’s a time critical injury?
- The truth about pelvic binders
- Spinal immobilisation: what’s the latest?
- Trauma Moulage
- Major Trauma Education
- Hospital triage system
- Prehospital Skills for paramedics
- Prehospital training and education
- Aeromedical evacuation

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