IFEM will promote access to and lead the development of the highest quality of emergency medical care for all people.
From the President

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board and Executive, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2017.

As mentioned in our recent newsletter, my role as President 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. One of the most exciting fruits of collaboration with the WHO is the Basic Emergency Care Course publication, which will shortly be available. We hope this will be game changer for front-line clinicians in limited-resource settings all over the world.

Much of the past year’s focus has been on sustainability for our organisation. This is an immediate priority, but some good progress has been made. Our members can be assured that an enormous amount of work is done on a relatively meagre budget.

Our Federation is an umbrella organization which helps facilitate all the great work that is being done around the world to improve emergency care. It survives on the goodwill of our members. I encourage all of you to continue to participate so that patients in their hour of need receive the care that they should – no matter where they are in the world.

Lee Wallis (Professor)
South Africa
Membership

As at September 2017, IFEM has 45 Full and Founding members, 14 Affiliate members and 5 Ex-Officio Members.

This year we welcomed the Egyptian Society of Emergency Medicine, and the Libyan Emergency Medicine Association (upgraded from Affiliate to Full membership).

Applications are currently under consideration from the Egyptian Trauma Society, the Gulf Federation for Emergency Medicine, the Emergency Medicine Physicians Association of Turkey and the Norwegian Society for Emergency Medicine.

Upcoming International Conferences on Emergency Medicine

ICEM 2018, 5-9 June, Mexico

ICEM 2019, 12-15 June, Seoul, South Korea

ICEM 2020, 16-20 June, Buenos Aires, Argentina

ICEM 2021, 8-11 June, Dubai

ICEM 2022, Melbourne
Over 300 delegates attended this joint Symposium to collaborate on the issue of Crowding in the Emergency Department. This meeting was hosted by the Dutch North Sea Emergency Medicine Conference. Speakers included Lee Wallis, Menno Gaakeer, Martin Land, Eddy Lang, Clifford Mann and Bob Derlet. Ties Eikendal and Crispijn van den Brand of the Netherlands Society hosted the event.

Strategic Focus

Those members who attended our last meeting in Las Vegas in October 2016 took part in a review of IFEM’s vision and mission and discussed opportunities for sustainability. The Report of the Workshop is available upon request. Using this feedback, the Executive and Board finalised a new Vision and Mission. This was circulated to Members and approved in February 2017.

VISION: IFEM will promote access to, and lead the development of, the highest quality of emergency medical care for all people.

MISSION: IFEM’s mission is:

- To advance the growth of high quality emergency medical care through education and standards.
- To lead the collaboration and networking necessary to establish universal equality in service and care.
- To promote the creation and growth of the specialty of emergency medicine in every country.

In February, the Executive also developed a three-part financial strategy (refer Treasurer’s report).
Collaborations

Contact has been made with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), to explore working together with its Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group and its Disaster Medicine Special Interest Group. A further approach was received from the Global Resuscitation Alliance, to help with its aim of improving survival from Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest.

We continue to affiliate with a variety of groups such as the Global Sepsis Alliance. Meanwhile, a longstanding agreement with the Guidelines International Network came to a close.

Advocacy

Letters were written to various Ministries of Health in support of national campaigns to establish emergency medicine as a specialty in Guatemala, Spain and Tonga.

Policies and Guidelines

A General Procedures Manual has been developed to formalize procedures for IFEM including its corporate entities. IFEM’s Emergency Ultrasound Special Interest Group developed an Emergency Ultrasound SHoC Protocol document, following publication in the *Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine*.

This year extensive work has been undertaken on IFEM’s Bylaws. The new Vision and Mission has been incorporated, requirements for nominations to Board positions have been clarified, the goals of the organisation as stated have been rationalised and the means to enable email voting by the Assembly has been drafted, so that business can proceed without having to wait for the next Assembly meeting, which may be up to 12 months. These amendments have been published on the website and will be ratified by the Assembly at its meeting in October 2017.

IFEM Foundation

The IFEM Foundation became fully operational a year ago and serves to financially support the activities of IFEM. The Foundation is a registered U.S. nonprofit organization so all donations to it are fully tax deductible under U.S. law. Donations to the Foundation may be made by postal mail or via the Foundation’s online donation platform at [www.ifemfoundation.org](http://www.ifemfoundation.org).

If you know of potential donors, please contact the Foundation Board members (their contact information is on the Foundation website).
Treasurer’s Report

Members will be aware that the focus of IFEM’s Finance Committee, the Executive and the Board over the past year has been ensuring sustainable income for IFEM.

In February, the Board approved a business plan that aimed to ensure financial independence, sustainability and security. Core activity was identified as maintaining the Secretariat. Desirable activities are committee support and related activities, and following discussions at our last Assembly meeting, there is an agreed strategic aim to expand activities in line with the new Vision and Mission.

It was noted that current funding just matches expenditure and that the significant external source of funding (via ACEM) is anticipated to cease in June 2018.

Three options to increase funding were agreed:

1. Increase the ICEM royalty payment per delegate incrementally to $75 over the next five years. This was considered to be the least impactful on members.

2. Approach IFEM Founding members for contributions, either recurring or ‘one-off’.

3. Development of an Academic Institute, responsible for projects which could produce a revenue stream in the future.

4. IFEM Foundation

Progress continues but none of the above options have yet managed to produce an immediate source of income. In light of this IFEM may need to reconsider its fee structure for 2018.

IFEM has continued its policy of suspending members that have not paid membership dues for more than two years.

Preparation of the Budget and reporting was improved, as IFEM is now accountable for all of its expenses. External auditors have reviewed the Accounts and have identified no issues. The Audited Financial Statements have been circulated to members and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in Washington, in October 2017.

I would like to thank members of the Finance Committee for their assistance during the past year. I would also like to acknowledge the support received from the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians for their ongoing support of the Secretariat.

A. Cross (Australia)
COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A full list of Committee members involved in the past year is attached as Appendix 2.

Clinical Practice Committee

The Committee continued to focus on oversight of the Special Interest Groups. Detailed reports from the SIGs are included later in this report, but some of the projects over this year were:

- Development of a paper on triage history, types and recommendations by the Triage SIG;
- Review of standards for emergency care of children and curriculum templates for paediatric emergency medicine training, and development of a Paediatric Emergency Medicine Road Map by Paediatric Emergency Medicine SIG;
- Consideration about whether to broaden the Gender Specific Issues SIG terms of reference to include other minority groups;
- Sessions on Geriatric Emergency Medicine at the at the Inter-American EM Conference by GEMSIG, and participation in the Emergency Care of Older Persons Summit in Melbourne and IFEM endorsement of the resulting consensus statement;
- Work on a project to look at sepsis guidelines by the Public Health SIG; and
- Development of definitions about quality and safety for comparison of different countries by the Quality & Safety SIG.

Several new SIGs were established, including the Behavioral Emergencies, Critical Care, and Trauma SIGs. A proposal for an Informatics SIG is also under consideration.

The IFEM Bylaws have now been changed to allow those whose organisations are not IFEM members to join SIGs, as long as such members do not account for more than 40% of the membership of a SIG.

I thank Tudor Codreau who retired as Chair of the Disaster Medicine SIG during the year. Tamorish Kole has now stepped into this role.

As CPC chairman, I remain beholden to all our Special Interest Group Chairs and members, and want to commend them for all of their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

Terrence Mulligan  (USA)
Chair,
Clinical Practice Committee
Core Curriculum and Education Committee

Tasks

1. Develop a leadership curriculum
2. Generate a new manuscript on certification
3. Explore a manuscript on IFEM curriculum implementation
4. Generate new project ideas
5. Present accomplishments at ICEM 2018

Results

1. This project was endorsed by the executive committee and underwent concept generation followed by development and discussion at the two 2016 meetings. Janis Tupesis is leading a team that is actively working on this project. Timeline for a DRAFT document is 2018.

2. Work continues. Previously collected information has been updated. Andrew Singer is leading the team. It is hoped that a DRAFT will be available in 2018.

3. This two part project includes a database of on-line EM educational resources and a survey / collection of case reports about how emergency medicine develops in individual countries. Preliminary work is encouraging. Janis Tupesis, Janet Lin, Lisa Moreno – Walton, Constance LeBlanc, Ruth Brown and Glen Bandeira are part of the team working on this project.

4. Many ideas were discussed including collaboration with the American Board of Emergency Medicine or the Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine. Progress was made in collaboration with the IFEM Research Committee on a curriculum to help teach principles of emergency medicine research. This work group will first meet at the fall 2017 meeting. The project is slated to continue through 2018.

5. The International Conference of Emergency Medicine 2018 Mexico City organizers have invited our committee to present four thirty minute didactic sessions. Final details are being developed. This will be another important ICEM showcase for the good work this committee does. Special thanks to Dr. Jesus Daniel Lopez Tapia and the Mexico City team for the invitation.

Nicholas Jouriles, (USA)
Chair
Core Curriculum and Education Committee
Continuing Professional Development Committee

The main tasks and responsibilities of the CPD Committee are:

1. To form a Venue Selection Committee to review the bids for the now Annual ICEM.
   The 5 member Venue Selection Committee for ICEM 2023 has made a recommendation of what it judged as the best of the 4 bids to the IFEM Board and Assembly for ratification as the host for ICEM 2023. The VSC asks would-be bidders to ensure the greatest possible detail about the scientific and social programmes is included in any bid rather than the bid being overly focused on the generic strengths of a host city. There needs to be prominence given to a proposed conference theme; details of the programme and how it would be optimally delivered to delegates.

   At the Assembly meeting in 2016 it was agreed that ICEMs should in future take place in June of the calendar year (rather than May or June as in the previous guidance). It was further agreed that an IFEM symposium should not be approved to take place in the two months either side of this.

   In the light of the fact that ICEMs will now be held annually the committee has recommended an accelerated timeframe from the timing of the call for expressions of interests to the announcement of the successful bid at the IFEM Assembly. This will ensure that the process takes place completely in the year between the two IFEM Assemblies. The CPD Committee intends to request the IFEM Board and Assembly to consider taking bids for two successive years at the same time in future i.e. seek bids for 2025 and 2026 at the same time. This will both lessen the workload on IFEM but also reduce the duplication of effort for would-be bidders.

2. To consider meetings and symposia seeking IFEM endorsement.
   One IFEM Symposium took place in the past year in the Netherlands. This symposium on ED crowding took place in June 2017. It was a success both in terms of addressing an important topic but also in raising the profile of IFEM.

   The committee continues to receive requests to endorse meetings and has simplified its process in the case of meetings that have previously been endorsed and where the upcoming meeting doesn’t represent a significant change from that approved previously. In this situation the decision to endorse can be made by the committee chair. For new requests for endorsement the request is considered by the full committee. A total of 9 meetings were approved for endorsement since the 2016 Assembly meeting.

3. To continuously update the Scoring Grid and Checklist used for selection of the successful ICEM hosting bid

   The committee has updated its entire suite of documentation pertaining to the application to host and hosting an ICEM over the 2016/17 period.

Fergal Hickey (Ireland)
Chair
Continuing Professional Development Committee
**IFEM Research Committee**

**Prizes for Research Excellence**

A suite of prizes for research excellence at ICEM has been designed by the Committee and approved by the Board. They include Best Paper at ICEM, Best Paper by a Young Investigator, Best Paper by a Trainee and Best Paper – Evidence into Practice. There is inadequate time for these to be awarded at ICEM 2018 but a detailed document for application/assessment/awarding of these prizes is in development and will be available to assist the ICEM 2019 organising committee.

**Research Primers**

The IFEM Research and Education Committees have begun discussion into the development of a suite of Research Primers. It is acknowledged that a number of these exist. Hence, these primers will principally focus upon international research initiatives.

**IFEM involvement in external surveys**

Recently, IFEM has been requested to ‘approve’ and/or distribute a number of surveys neither directly related to IFEM activities nor developed by its membership. There is the potential for IFEM to be flooded with such requests if it is seen as an easy conduit for wide distribution. This could be problematic. The committee will discuss this issue at length at ACEP 2017 and develop a draft guideline for the IFEM Board to consider.

**Endorsement of Research Projects and Collaborations Subcommittee**

This subcommittee, chaired by Jonathan Benger, reviewed the process of application and assessment of research projects and collaborations that are seeking IFEM endorsement. Due to the very low numbers of applications, a waiver of the application fee for a 12 month period (until April 2018) was recommended and accepted by the Board. Since then four applications for project endorsement have been received – three of which were unsuccessful.

**ICEM 2018**

The Committee is working with the ICEM18 conference organisers to establish a pre-conference Research Workshop and assist in the scoring of submitted research abstracts. A panel of assessors has been developed with many Committee members volunteering.

**Research Training subcommittee**

This subcommittee, chaired by Anna Navio, was established to develop and facilitate initiatives for the research training of young emergency physicians and trainees. It is developing an ICEM 2018 pre-conference research workshop and sourcing suitable Internet research training modules/websites for inclusion on the Research Committee webpage.

**White Paper on the Ethical Challenges in Emergency Medicine Research**

This document will now take the form of a single, comprehensive document, for the IFEM website, that focusses exclusively on the ethical challenges of international emergency medicine. A shorter, more accessible document will be prepared for journal publication. It is hoped to have this completed by the end of the year.
Research Resources

A very large number of on-line research resources have been compiled to assist junior investigators develop research skills. For example, *Acad Emerg Med*: ‘Stats & Research Methodology virtual issues’. These resources are available on both the IFEM Home Page (Resources link) and the Research Committee page.

David McD. Taylor (Australia)
Chair
Research Committee

To note: the following reports were not received at the time of publication:
Communications Committee, Governance Committee, Specialty Implementation Committee

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Behavioural Emergencies Special Interest Group**

The idea of forming this SIG germinated last year at the 6th Inter-American Emergency Medicine Conference in Mendoza, Argentina. Terry Mulligan and I agreed over lunch that behavioural emergencies in emergency departments were getting less than optimal care and he encouraged me to set up this SIG. I am thrilled that our Operational Guidelines and Terms of Reference were accepted and recently the Board has approved the establishment of the Behavioural Emergencies SIG.

Currently our SIG membership stands at 13 (refer Appendix 2), and we are actively looking to add members, in particular from continents other than North America and Australia. We are also looking forward to our first official meeting at ICEM in Mexico City in June of next year.

David Hoyer, (USA)
Chair
Behavioural Emergencies SIG
Paediatric Emergency Medicine Special Interest Group

PEMSIG Report 2016-17

PEMSIG has been as busy as ever with core projects underway and we are also now involved in assisting with the PEM stream and running of PEM Marketplace event at Mexico ICEM 2018. The PEMSIG membership has continued to grow and currently stands at over 70 members, representing many countries. We have made progress with each of our key projects as outlined below.

Dr Baljit Cheema

Standards Revision

The executive committee together with the Standards lead remain committed to revising our Standards Document (last updated 2014) for 2018. Through our numerous contacts around the world, we hope to put together an excellent revision of our Standards Document for international use. The standards document is a template for the Care of Children Internationally in developed and developing Countries. The Chapters are assigned and designated to represent broad geographic regions across the globe. A logistic plan is in place. We hope to achieve Major and minor revisions to various chapters and sections to achieve an up to date document. We hope to achieve this ambitious target on time.

Dr Rodrick Lim

PEM Education Curriculum

The PEMSIG group is developing an international pediatric emergency medicine curriculum that focuses on clinical presentations, procedural skill sets, and professionalism. A core group of the committee developed the initial list, which has now been circulated to other members of the group. The goal is to use a Delphi process to develop a consensus document that provides guidance on what would be considered minimal requirements in pediatric emergency medicine.

Dr Rahim Valani

PEM RoadMap

The purpose of the PEMSIG RoadMap project is to help countries who are in the process of developing paediatric emergency care in their countries by outlining an approach to evolution of the necessary PEM structures and organisations. By sharing the collective experience of a number of countries and organizations who have successfully been able to bridge the gap and develop pediatric emergency care systems, we will create a roadmap of how to develop and sustain a structure which is recognized by that nation’s government and professional healthcare network. The proposed goals include:

- Develop a comprehensive road map detailing the steps needed to develop Paediatric Emergency Medicine skills, and options for how to organize PEM care
- Describe initial steps to attempt recognition by governmental and educational institutions, and
- Identify and signpost existing resources, such as the IFEM International Standards for the Emergency Care of Children, curricula for doctors and nurses which are used in countries with formal PEM training, and ways of credentialing training programmes or setting up professional qualifications in PEM

Anticipated deliverables include:

1) Identification of ways of organizing paediatric emergency care, using examples from different nations
2) A comparison of the benefits and challenges of the different ways of designing and delivering paediatric emergency healthcare
3) Advice regarding engagement of politicians, health boards, hospitals, other healthcare staff and advice for implementing good basic organization and training for all emergency staff, including PEM as a specific sub-specialty where this is possible
4) List of PEM Societies worldwide
5) List of available resources to assist development of paediatric emergency care at local, regional and national level

Dr Baljit Cheema

Website, Tools and Resources

The work on the PEMSIG website ([https://www.ifem.cc/about-us/special-interest-groups/paediatric-emergency-medicine-special-interest-group/](https://www.ifem.cc/about-us/special-interest-groups/paediatric-emergency-medicine-special-interest-group/)) is ongoing. We are updating the PEMSIG website with the aim of making it more relevant to PEM in general and for the website to become the International PEM web portal.

We are currently compiling a directory of all the relevant National PEM organization, creating an education and training section, an overview of PEM related courses (ETAT+, PEMC, APLS, Paediatric Trauma course) and PEM related FOAMed links and a PEM Medical App Section and a research section linking to all relevant PEM research networks. We have also created a PEMSIG facebook site ([https://www.facebook.com/PEMSIG/](https://www.facebook.com/PEMSIG/)) and a closed facebook group ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/PEMSIG/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PEMSIG/)) for PEMSIG members to exchange and discuss PEM related matters.

We would like to encourage members to use the #PEMSIG to promote PEMSIG and PEM as a specialty in their social media feeds. If anyone would like to contribute or add anything to the website or facebook group could you either contact Sashikumar Ganapathy: sashikumar.ganapathy@singhealth.com.sg or Haiko Jahn haiko.jahn@gmail.com

Dr Sashikumar Ganapathy
Dr Haiko Jahn

News from the Pediatric Emergency Research Networks (PERN)

The last PERN meeting was held at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in San Francisco in May 2017. The public meeting was well attended by researchers from all over the world. With the fantastic support from participating pediatric emergency clinicians and researchers from all over the world, a number of PERN projects have reached journal submission stage including Pharmacotherapy Practice Patterns and Outcomes in Bronchiolitis (Dr Schuh, from Canada), the Global Pediatric Emergency Poisoning Surveillance System (Dr Mintegi), and the Pediatric Emergency Critical Skills project (Dr Craig, Australia).

The development of the Community-Acquired Pneumonia project (Drs Florin and Kuppermann) is progressing well and design work on a PERN Consensus Statement on Clinical Trials in Acute Severe Childhood Asthma (Dr Craig, Australia) has started.

It is likely that future in-person PERN meetings will be primarily conducted at International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM) conferences, rather than at PAS meetings.

Prof Franz Babl

PEMSIG Membership

I am pleased to report that we are continuing to grow as a Special Interest Group, and we now have 70 members, representing most parts of the world. We particularly welcome members from new countries where PEM is less developed – since the last newsletter we have added Fiji, Kenya and Nigeria to our network of countries. The full list appears at the end of this newsletter.

During the next year we will be promoting our group, ahead of the next ICEM conference in Mexico City. I shall be working in partnership with Dr Kathleen Berry, our Lead for promotion of our International Standards document, and we plan to promote the Group and the wonderful document, to IFEM member organisations and to EM national/international events.
If anyone knows of colleagues who might like to join our group, please ask them to email me on Ffion.davies@doctors.org.uk and attach a short CV/resume. The procedure is that I send this to our Exec team for approval, then confirm group membership with a welcome pack with information about us, and a copy of our latest newsletter.

Dr Ffion Davies

Emergency Ultrasound Special Interest Group

The Emergency Ultrasound Specialty Interest Group (EUSIG) has had a productive year. Point-of-Care Ultrasound (PoCUS) has never been so popular, especially with younger trainees in emergency medicine. The following are key areas we are concentrating our efforts on:

Research & Development

Promoting and supporting PoCUS research activity is a key area that EUSIG wants to keep high on the agenda. We are pleased to have published an innovative consensus paper regarding the use of ultrasound in cardiac arrest and in the shocked patient. This was led by Professor Paul Atkinson, our Vice Chair of R&D. The document can be viewed on the IFEM website https://www.ifem.cc/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/PS-7 - Sonography-in-Hypotension-and-Cardiac-Arrest-Consensus-Statement.pdf. We hope you find it useful to your practice.

Communications

In a world where social media continues to enhance and deliver innovative medical education, the EUSiG is determined to become more active. We will be looking to recruit a new Vice Chair of Communication to lead on this area imminently - if this really appeals to you, please contact Bob Jarman, Chair EUSiG via the IFEM office on admin@ifem.cc.

Education & Training

Professor Tim Harris, Vice Chair for Education & Training, is leading our initiatives to improve access to free online ultrasound education resources. This is a large endeavour but we hope that we will be able to signpost members to an increasingly comprehensive collection of images, clips, cases and teaching material.

Curriculum & Credentialing

The current ultrasound curriculum guidance document has been very popular and useful (available on https://www.ifem.cc/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/IFEM-Point-of-Care-Ultrasound-Curriculum-Guidelines-2014-1.pdf). This is a great resource to allow construction an ultrasound curriculum that fits your needs. However it is now three years old so we plan to release an update in 2018. We will also be looking at how ultrasound may be incorporated into undergraduate education and training.
Outreach & Development in Developing Nations

Work is continuing on improving access to a range of ultrasound tools and resources for developing nations. Ultrasound is especially useful in such environments and may be one of the only imaging resources available to clinicians.

We welcome any ideas from members - please email admin@ifem.cc.

Geriatric EM Special Interest Group

The members of the Geriatric EM SIG have been active on several fronts:

Standards

A core working group is drafting a statement of minimum standards for care of all older patients in all Emergency Departments in IFEM countries. We hope to have this ready to receive feedback at the October 2017 meeting and then circulated for wider international and interdisciplinary input. Ideally we will have a finished document for consideration by the Clinical Practice Committee and Board of IFEM by June 2017. Members of the GEM SIG also participated in Australia’s national initiative to craft a consensus statement about integrated emergency care of the older person.

Education

Members of the GEM SIG played a major role in several international events focussed on care of older ED patients. In October 2016 participants from five countries met for a four-day conference in Melbourne Australia: Integrated Emergency Care of the Older Person. We also supported the geriatric focus of the Irish Association for Emergency Medicine annual conference in October 2016. At the successful Inter-American Emergency Medicine conference in May 2017, organized by the Costa Rica national group, four members from four regions presented a well-attended Geriatric EM track.

Development

We have been successful in developing solid membership growth in Latin America and Asia. The entire annual conference of the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine will be focussed on Geriatric Care, and supported by several GEM SIG members.

The GEM SIG will be responsible for four hours of didactic programming at ICEM 2018 as well as replicating the successful PEM Marketplace for participants wanting to expand their geriatric clinical skills.
Gender Specific Issues Special Interest Group

The IFEM GSISIG has grown to a membership of just under 30 individuals. There are still geographical areas that are not well represented and these include Australasia, South America and certain countries in Europe. A focus of the group going forward will be to attract additional members from these areas.

A teleconference was held on 21 July 2017. Unfortunately, some participants experienced technical difficulties in connecting to the conference call and a quorum was not reached in order to address the agenda items. This has been resolved by email communication with the members as regards three important discussion points:

Terms of Reference

The question of broadening the SIG’s focus had again been raised and as this will have an impact on the terms of reference of the SIG and the effort going forward, it was decided that a survey would be created and sent to the SIG members. They are being asked whether they feel that the mandate of the SIG should also include equality and diversity by including racial, ethnic and sexual orientation disparate and minority groups or whether the focus of the SIG should be to topics relating to gender disparities in emergency medicine only. The results of this survey will be conveyed at the Clinical Practice Committee meeting to be held in Washington DC at the end of October 2017.

Survey

The IFEM GSISIG member organisation survey created almost 2 years ago and circulated had resulted in a limited response which did not provide the feedback required by the SIG to better understand the complexities of gender related issues in all the different IFEM member organisations. It was decided that a task force would be created that would re-examine the current survey and provide input as regards the content and questions and a plan for possible dissemination again. It was mentioned that this would be a valuable project to undertake and could result in the publication of a paper from the SIG in the future.

Position Statement

A second taskforce of interested parties will be created to start work on the position statement/document once the results of the member survey relating to the aim of the SIG has been completed. This document will undergo a process of internal SIG refinement and input and will also hopefully contribute to another publication by the group.

Dr Melanie Stander  (South Africa)
Chair
Gender Specific Issues Special Interest Group
Quality and Safety Special Interest Group

The Quality and Safety Special Interest Group (QS SIG) was founded in 2016 and had its inaugural meeting at ICEM 2016 in Cape Town. We currently have 31 members from 17 countries across 5 continents. We are keen to build our membership from interested Emergency Clinicians from all around the world, but Africa in particular. We have recently welcomed new members from South America – Drs Marcelo Rodriguez, Eliecer Cohen-Olivella and Luis Eduardo. In line with our terms of reference, we have selected a vice-chair, Dr Amy Cheng of Canada, and a co-ordinating committee.

Our main achievements in the last 12 months have been:

- The Quality and Safety SIG webpage on the IFEM website was completely reviewed, and has been updated to include multiple links to resources for both high and low resource settings
- Selection of Vice Chair and Co-ordinating members
- Contribution by multiple members to a Utstein research process to develop Clinical Indicators in Emergency Medicine, led by Dr Lisa Kurland and Dr Katrina Hruska
- Development of a team to deliver a pre-conference workshop on “Delivering a Quality improvement Initiative” at ICEM 2018. We plan to develop an interactive session in which participants will feel empowered to conduct Quality Improvement projects back in their own health care setting.
- Nominations accepted by speakers to deliver separate Quality and Safety sessions at ICEM 2018. We hope to deliver informative sessions with adequate space for discussions in order to emphasise the important of Quality and Safety in Emergency Medicine, irrespective of practice location

Our priorities for late 2017 / 2018:

- Teleconference of all members planned for late 2017
- Informal meeting at ACEP 2017
- SIG Meeting at ICEM 2018
- Review and update the 2012 IFEM Quality Framework
- Continue to foster collaboration between individuals with an interest in Quality and Safety with a view to sharing knowledge of resources and improving standards of practice of Emergency Medicine across the globe
- Successful delivery of above mentioned sessions at ICEM 2018:
  - Pre-conference Quality Improvement Workshop
  - Quality session
  - Safety session

I would like to thank all committee members, and in particular Dr Amy Cheng, for their contributions to the work of our committee.

Kim Hansen (Australia)
Chair
Quality and Safety SIG
**Spanish Translation Taskforce**

The goal of the committee is to continue cooperating with the translation of documents, policies and guidelines of the IFEM.

During the last year the committee has collaborated in the process of translating several documents into Spanish. For example, the GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE (ICEM).

The Taskforce has also collaborated with the Inter American Conference in Costa Rica. Currently we are working actively with the next ICEM congress in Mexico (2018). We see this as a breakthrough regarding the active participation of Latin American spanish speaking emergency physicians, as this will be the first ICEM with simultaneous translation from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English.

*Edgardo Menendez, (Argentina)*  
Chair  
*Spanish Translation Taskforce*

**Sustainable Working Practices for the Emergency Physician**

Following the production of a very good document on this topic, the taskforce formerly chaired by Taj Hassan (RCEM) has now developed into a Special Interest Group. Expressions of interest are currently being sought.
Executive Officer’s Report

In November 2016 IFEM welcomed some additional administrative support with the engagement of Caroline Burrowes (0.1FTE from ACEM). Caroline supports IFEM’s Clinical Practice Committee, Continuing Professional Development Committee and Specialty Implementation Committee, in addition to maintaining IFEM’s database and other duties. ACEM is contracted to manage IFEM’s accounts through our Finance Officer, Leanne Bull (0.1 FTE). 

ACEP and CAEP continued to provide administrative support; from ACEP Maude Hancock-Suprenant and Dina Gonzales (ACEP International Manager, IFEM Core Curriculum and Education Committee) – this will be taken over by new appointee Veronica Mason. Nissi George (ACEP Staff Support, IFEM Research Committee) has now been replaced by Loren Rives. From CAEP, we acknowledge Mona Bates (CAEP Staff Support, IFEM Communications Committee) and Gisele Leger (CAEP Staff Support, IFEM Website). Support for the Governance Committee which was formerly supported by Mary Ellen Fletcher of ACEP, has now returned to the IFEM Secretariat in Melbourne.

My sincere thanks go to all of the above for their assistance.

So you may wonder goes on at the IFEM office? Here are just some of the things that keep us occupied:

- co-ordination of all meetings and conference calls involving the Assembly, Board, Executive, and 8 standing committees, including preparing of agendas and minutes and attendant correspondence;
- maintenance of the Website and preparation of newsletters; social media
- ‘marketing’ through displays at events
- processing applications for membership and liaison with members;
- managing the ICEM Venue Selection Process;
- co-ordination of applications for awards and organization of the Award ceremony;
- arranging the Board elections;
- responding to general enquiries;
- orientation of new Assembly members;
- monitoring the finances, preparation of the Budget and arrangements for the Annual Audit;
- liaison with ICEM host organisations;
- managing endorsement of events and symposia;
- maintaining policies and processes, drafting and preparation of Bylaws;
- management of the database, and
- liaison and advice to IFEM’s 12 Special Interest Groups.

I look forward to meeting those of you that can attend our next meeting in Washington DC.

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