

ICLAM International Committee for Insurance Medicine

founded in 1901

ICLAM E-Newsletter

Dear Colleague,

Here comes a new issue of the ICLAM e-Letter bringing us some fresh news from our associations and insurance medical societies throughout the world as well as some relevant information about the current state of progress of the next ICLAM congress that will be held in Maastricht in 2016.

We have rejuvenated our statutes and the ICLAM's structure at the MADRID congress in 2013, and ICLAM is now widespread and active, aside the National societies. Discussions, forums have started and sustained through Internet, via our website and LinkedIn and we're happy to consider that the number of ICLAM members increases from week to week.

Robert Kneepkens is not only the key man of the website of ICLAM but also the organizer of our congress in Maastricht in 2016. No doubt this will be a great one; the scientific program will soon be discussed at the next Board meeting, and a number of important information are available on the website by now and will be regularly updated.

We also will discuss soon the place where the 2019 ICLAM congress will take place and that will be announced in due time through the website. This congress will likely take place out of Europe, maybe in Asia, India or Latin America... In case there would be any other Nation as candidate, the file should be sent to the General Secretary, Dr Pieter Coetzer as soon as possible. The congress guidelines are available on the website:

(https://www.iclam.org/sites/default/files/attachments/ICLAM_Congress_Guidelines_2013_July.pdf)

This e-Letter is quarterly issued and its goal is to provide all the ICLAM members information about colleagues and scientific societies dedicated to insurance medicine over the world. All our members are welcome to bring us information or reporting about meetings as contributors. Any contribution should be sent to Pieter Coetzer.

I'd like to thank all the contributors of the e-letter and call for all of those who would have the will, in the future, to send us their contributions for the next issues of the ICLAM letter.

With kind regards,



Fabrice CHOUTY
ICLAM President

1. **ICLAM2016:**

Robert Kneepkens

The XXVth ICLAM Congress – 22-25 May 2016 Maastricht, the Netherlands – has its own Newsletter, which has been attached to this general ICLAM Newsletter.

2. **New items on ICLAM website:**

Robert Kneepkens

As everybody will know by now, ICLAM has three discussion groups on LinkedIn:

1. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4464301> = Public discussions, public access.
2. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4640375> = For MDs, CMOs, underwriters and claim assessors only.
3. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=7418625> = Insurance Medical congresses, discussions accessible for members of the public discussion group.

A still growing number of insurance medical professionals has found their way to these forums. The latest discussion in the public discussion group has over 20 comments from 10 group members (MDs, CMOs and underwriters), coming from 3 continents. Apparently our discussion groups offer a suitable platform for discussing our industry's future.

The ICLAM 2016 account on LinkedIn has over 900 contacts and over 500 connections.

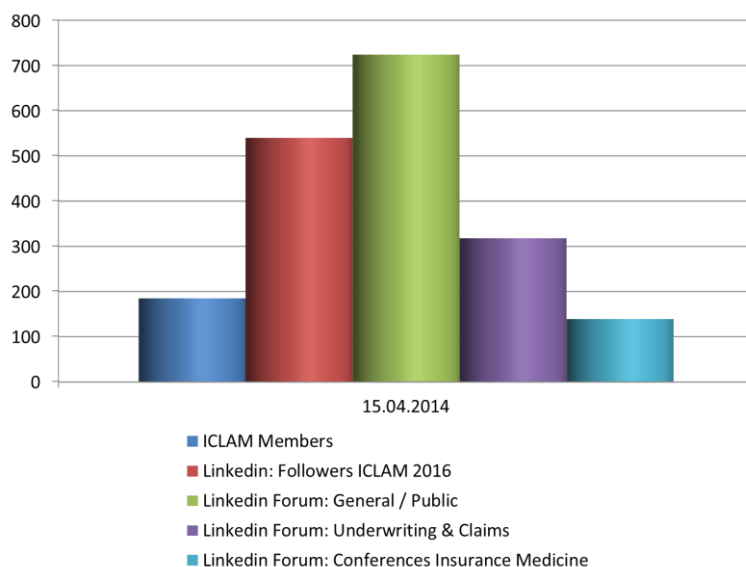
Connect to our account at <https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=193900664> to keep yourself informed on new developments and to promote ICLAM and ICLAM 2016 Maastricht.

The number of ICLAM members grows with 5 per week.

In May 2013 ICLAM was turned into an association. Since July 2013 more and more people applied for membership. With the current growth rate, we expect to have 200 members 1 year after the introduction of membership.

Members can enjoy a number of benefits listed on <https://www.iclam.org/?q=node/2>. If you want to apply for membership, please use the form at <https://www.iclam.org/?q=node/54>.

The form can only be used one time per day from the same IP-address (spam protection), so if the form gives you a warning, please try again the next morning.



3. **International News**

3.1 **ASISA and SASIMU (South Africa):**

Pieter Coetzer

The planning of the second ASISA Underwriting and Claims Conference is making good progress. This conference was very well received in 2013 and there is very keen interest amongst medical advisors, underwriters and claims assessors for the next one.

The second conference is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday 9th and 10th February 2015, on Spier wine estate outside Stellenbosch in the Western Cape. We have been fortunate to attract ample sponsorships from the local insurers, and the provisional scientific programme promises another event not to be missed. More information will be available on the website soon at www.asisa.org.za.

Quarterly SASIMU meetings have been well attended, with last the meeting being addressed on the latest advances in treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

3.2 **UK:**

Ray Gill

The last meeting of AMUS was in November 2013: Kevin Somerville gave a good talk on Insurance and Clinical Medicine.

The next meeting and AGM are scheduled for the 26th March with 3 speakers on:

- Best Practice
- Australian Disability
- New Ways of obtaining Doctors reports for insurance.

3.3 **EUMASS (Europe):**

Robert Kneepkens



The 20th Biennial EUMASS Congress on Insurance Medicine and Social Security in Stockholm, Sweden will be held from 11 to 13 September 2014.

The Scientific Committee received 173 abstracts and are reviewing these now.

Early bird fees were originally offered till 30 April, but the organization committee decided to expand the discount period with 2 weeks. You can save up to SEK 1,000 (€ 115) by registering early. Until May 16, the entire convention programme, including dinner at Stockholm City Hall on Saturday, 12 September 2014, will cost SEK 6,400 (€ 720).

3.4 **France**

Fabrice Chouty

1. The next scientific annual meeting of AMCAP that will be held in Paris on April 11th (one day meeting). The program is available on internet (<http://amcap.blogspot.fr/2014/03/journee-scientifique-du-11-avril-2014.html>) and will be focused on the Alzheimer's disease, Dementia and long term care policies. Some 200 attendees are expected. Information is available at the following e-mail address c/o Dr Sylvie Doussard : webamcap@wanadoo.fr.
2. The number of colleagues doing medical expertise for claims management has been dramatically decreasing in France during the past 10 years and very few colleagues amongst the younger doctors seem to be interested to join the medical insurance business so, we started to think about a strategy for recruiting new Experts in the near future either by Board certification (education pathways) or by advertising at the occasion of the annual congress of Residents so that the future doctors will perceive that there is here an interesting field to consider for their future.
3. The annual congress of the French Federation of Medical Experts for claims management in the field of liability will take place in Nancy from May 22nd to May 24th, focusing on the facial trauma. (http://ameedoc.du.nord.est.free.fr/congres_France_NANCY_2014.pdf)

3.5 **Japan**

Yasuharu Izumi

The 110th AIMJ congress was held on October 10-11, 2013 in Tokyo successfully.

Special presentations were made by 2 guest speakers. Dr. Bhatia (SwissRe India) lectured us on the role of cardiac CT in insurance medicine. Dr. Takeru Kaido (one of the most famous Japanese medico-detective-novelists) talked about the role of Autopsy imaging (ie, postmortem imaging to decide the true cause of death) in the field of life insurance.

The determination of cause of death is not so accurate in Japan and in many Asian countries compared with Western countries. This is due to a low autopsy rate and high cremation rate (i.e. 100% in Japan), which relates to religious concepts like MUJO (transience). It is a very interesting paradox that life insurance is widely accepted in such MUJO countries. The question is whether the psychological differences between Asians and Westerners about life, death and happiness can explain the paradox? If the answer is found, it may suggest the successful way in the Asian insurance market.

The AIMJ website now has several English pages which can be viewed at <http://aimj.org/english/index.html>

4. **Upcoming International Conferences on Insurance Medicine**

- CLIMOA 69th Annual Scientific Meeting
April 27-30, 2014
Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto
www.climoa.com
- EUMASS 20th Biennial congress
September 11-13th, 2014
Stockholm, Sweden
www.eumassstockholm.com
- AAIM Sept 27 – Oct 1, 2014
Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia
<http://aimedicine.org>
- ALUCA October 18-22, 2014
Maroochydore, Queensland
www.aluca.com
- DICIM Dutch International Congres on Insurance Medicine
November, 5-7, 2014
Almere, The Netherlands
www.dicim.eu
- ICLAM International Committee for Insurance Medicine
May, 22-25, 2016
Maastricht, The Netherlands
www.iclam2016.nl
- ELHUA European Life & Health Underwriters' Association
September, 2016
Madrid, Spain
www.elhua.eu
- EUMASS 21st Biennial congress
2016
Ljubljana, Slovenia
www.eumass.com

ICLAM 2016 Maastricht Newsletter April 2014



Follow us online till 22-25 May 2016

- <http://www.iclam2016.org> : a site that redirects to ...
- The official congress site.
- Connect to our ICLAM 2016 account on LinkedIn
- Download some [slides](#) with general information



Committee news

Scientific Programme Committee

The members of the Scientific Programme Committee have now been published.

- *President* : Jan Bronsema MD MSc
- *Vice-President* : Jan Buitenhuis PhD MD
- *Members* : Nico Croon PhD MD, John Evans MD, Max Hendriks MD, Liesbeth Wijnvoord MD

Social Events Committee

The members of the Social Events Committee have now been published.

- *President* : Astrid Blaauw-Hoeksma MD
- *Members* : Gerda van Beelen MD, Monique Tolsma-Piegza MD, Joyce Vink MD, Frans van den Wildenberg MD

Organizing Committee

The members of the Organizing Committee are.

- *President* : [Robert Kneepkens MD MScEBP](#)
- *Treasurer* : Jan Buitenhuis MD PhD
- *Members* : Jan Bronsema MD MSc, Astrid Blaauw-Hoeksma MD



Promotion video

Visit Youtube and watch the [Promotion video](#) of ICLAM 2016 Maastricht

Delegate news

Fees differ per country

To give all colleagues a fair chance of visiting the congress, the fees for delegates will depend on the economy of the delegate's country. Visit the [World Economic Outlook](#) of the International Monetary Fund for the list of Advanced Economies - whose delegates have to pay the full price, and lists of Emerging Market Economies and Low-Income Countries, whose delegates can participate for a lower fee.

Early Bird fees

"Early birds" will have a 20% discount. Visit <https://congress.iclam.org/node/16> for the latest fee overview. Early Bird fees are offered until January 31, 2016. The payment has to be in at this day. If you pay by invoice, please take into account that the bank transfer can take a few days.

Included services and events

Services include help with finding the best route to get to Maastricht, the Welcome reception on Sunday evening, the Gala dinner on Tuesday evening, the All participants tour on Tuesday afternoon, and depending on the type of registration either participations to the Scientific Programme, or Tours on Monday and Wednesday. More specific information will follow in the coming years.



This is the Newsletter of ICLAM 2016 Maastricht, the XXVth ICLAM Congress. It is sent to all ICLAM Members, ICLAM Congress delegates of 2007, 2010 and 2013 and to people that informed us of their interest in the next ICLAM congress.

Sponsors ICLAM 2016

Gold sponsors

hannover **re**[®]

SCOR Global Life

Silver sponsors

Munich RE 

Other sponsors

Swiss Re

