



CLIMOA PRESIDENT YEAR-END MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

During this challenging time, I am pleased to connect with you before the end of 2020 to provide updated information on our planning for the near future.

The mission of our organization is to stay committed in unifying medical directors by providing multiple networking opportunities and connecting science with the high quality of practice of Insurance Medicine.

Our Annual Scientific Meeting has always been an exceptional opportunity to learn from others' expertise, to participate in scientific sessions that provide medical updates and to connect with colleagues and friends. However, the global pandemic has provided us with a series of unique challenges, resulting in the inability to (physically) hold our Annual Scientific Meetings in 2020 and in 2021. Regardless, staying closely connected with CLIMOA members and providing education for our colleagues remain both priorities and essential goals for the organization.

EDUCATION

In 2021, we will be offering all members a "virtual" educational series covering exciting topics relevant to insurance medicine and providing excellent opportunities to further improve our current practice in mortality and morbidity risk assessment. Our Scientific Chair, Dr. Georgiana Willwerth-Pascutiu and her committee have been working on an excellent program. Please continue to check the website for updates.

AGM

We also continue to work towards hosting a virtual AGM in 2021. This will include the presentation of our 2019 and 2020 financial reports, the introduction of the new Executive Committee and the transfer of the Presidency to the President-Elect.

WEBSITE

We have been making great progress in the development of our new website, which we expect to launch sometimes early-to-mid 2021. Our Website Committee (led by Dr. Parminder Ghura) and the Professional Relations Committee (chaired by Dr. Antoinette Le Roux), along with professional experts, have been putting tremendous efforts to build the new website with a brand-new look and content.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you very much to those of you who paid your dues in 2020. We have decided to consider any paid-up member from 2020 to be a paid-up member for 2021 and will not be asking for annual dues. For those of you who did not pay annual dues in 2020, we will be asking that you pay in 2021. Membership will provide access to the educational seminars which will be available in 2021. You will be able to renew on-line at www.climoa.com

I am honoured to have the privilege of continuing to serve as the President of CLIMOA for a second term, and to work together with so many outstanding CLIMOA members. I am especially grateful to my colleagues and members of the Executive for their commitment to CLIMOA, voluntarily spending so much of their valuable time to ensure the success of our organization's mission.

As 2020 draws to a close, on behalf of the CLIMOA Executive Committee, I wish you a wonderful Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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