

Annual Report - 2018

On behalf of the WFSICCM Council¹, the Executive Committee presents our Annual Report to our member societies and federations. The current Council was inaugurated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in November 2017 and this report outlines accomplishments during the first year in office. This is the first Annual Report to be published by the World Federation and we intend to publish a formal review of our activities in all future years. This forms part of Council's determination to ensure our organisation is fit-for-purpose, modern, transparent and responsive and keeping you better informed about what we do and how we do it.



Executive highlights

- approving new applications for membership and expressions of interest from emerging new societies;
- working in partnership with the Associacao de Medicina Intensiva Brasileira (AMIB) to deliver a successful 13th World Congress in Rio de Janeiro. This was our first biennial rather than quadrennial event;
- implementing our modernisation agenda by launching a new logo and new website and updating our policies and procedures;
- establishing greater financial stability by prudent management and creating a firm financial foundation to enable future investments in projects and programs;
- establishing a commitment to diversity and gender equity across related activities.

New members

In 2018 membership applications were received and approved for ratification by the next General Assembly from;

The Critical Care Society of Namibia (CCSNA)
The Critical Care Society of Kenya

The addition of these societies extends our reach on the continent of Africa to 10 countries. There are a number of projects under evaluation to support the growth and development of intensive and critical care medicine in Africa. In addition there have been recent expressions of interest in submitting membership applications from societies in Yemen and Oman. We are also hoping our presence in Qatar and Taiwan will be strengthened by applications from these countries.

13th World Congress – No Frontiers for Excellence – Rio de Janeiro 2017



The Congress attracted more than 4,700 participants from approximately 70 countries with 261 national and 94 international speakers. The theme was “No Frontiers for Excellence” and brought together participants from all continents making it possible to discuss changes and the future of intensive care, planning the next steps and exchanging both theoretical and practical experiences. The program was held simultaneously in 14 different rooms, with industry-sponsored satellite symposia and hands-on activities. There were more than 1,000 abstracts approved and presented in three days. The event was attended by 47 exhibiting companies.

14th World Congress – Melbourne, Australia – October 14th to 18th 2019

Our hosts for the 14th World Congress are the Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS) and the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN). We are working in close collaboration with the Local Organising Committee and supporting them in their dedication to creating a valuable, inclusive and memorable experience for all. Please reserve the dates in your calendar, visit the congress website (www.worldcongressintensivecare2019.com) and plan to join us in Melbourne for this celebration of our specialty. Some important dates are:



Call for abstracts: 1st February 2019
Abstract submission closes: 3 June 2019
Registration opens: 1st February 2019
Early bird registration closes: 28th July 2019

Modernisation, Endorsement and Support



With effect from August 1st 2018 Council approved the adoption of a new logo for our organisation. This was the first occasion where the visual identity of our Federation had changed since our formation in 1977. It therefore represented a significant event in our evolution and an important step forward in our modernisation agenda. In the development of the new logo Council members worked very closely with a Creative Designer to capture the essential attributes and values of our global organisation. We wanted to clearly convey that we are global, we are inclusive, we are diverse and our mission is founded on encouraging collaboration and cooperation between all those involved in the delivery of intensive and critical care medicine.

With effect from December 1st 2018 we will launch our new website (www.world-critical-care.org) providing more evidence of Council’s determination to ensure our organisation is fit-for-purpose, modern and responsive. The new site retains the content from our previous site but it has a new, fresh and modern design. Further enhancements are planned during 2019 and so please make sure the site is listed as one of your “favourites”.

With effect from March 1st 2018 Council formally adopted a new policy for endorsing and supporting initiatives which are consistent with the objectives of the World Federation. The aims and purposes of the WFSICCM are defined in the Constitution, specifically *promoting the highest standards of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine for all humankind, without discrimination*. The pursuit of these aims includes the establishment of world-wide co-operation between international societies and the promotion of educational and research activities. The WFSICCM may grant endorsement or in-principle support of educational and research programs and initiatives from Member Societies and related organisations in accordance with the policy (see new website under About Us). A summary of endorsed and supported events is as follows:

Supported meetings and events:

- CRITICON 2018 – Bangladesh Society of Critical Care Medicine;
- World Day of the Critical Lung;
- VENTIBARNA training course on mechanical ventilation (Spain);
- African Sepsis Symposium;
- Annual Meeting of the Neurocritical Care Society;
- 4th Annual Meeting Critical Care Society of Nigeria (CCSN);
- 24th International Symposium on Infections in the Critically Ill Patient;
- 10th EURO NEURO meeting;
- 2nd World Sepsis Conference of the Global Sepsis Alliance
- 3rd Conference of the Nepalese Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Supported research studies and surveys:

- International survey on rounding practices;
- ICU Quality Indicators (Spain);
- Women in INTensive Care (WIN) study: A preliminary assessment of international data on female representation in the ICU physician workforce²;
- International survey of the acute medical and surgical management of tuberculous meningitis;
- Sepsis Guidelines Nursing Care.

Our commitment to modernisation must also be reflected in the key document that guides our affairs. In this respect Council members are conducting a detailed and comprehensive review of our constitution to ensure it meets the needs of an organisation in the 21st century. The recommendations from this review will be circulated to all society and federation members in advance of the General Assembly in October 2019 where they will be formally proposed for adoption.

Summary financial report 2018

Total income	\$309300 USD	Total expenditure	\$35888 USD
(World Congress)	\$276495	(CEO)	\$27400 USD
(Membership fees)	£32390		
Total assets	\$574555 (as at December 1 st 2018)		

Our main sources of income are from the payment of annual membership fees from societies and a share of the profits from our biennial World Congress. This means that during the year of a World Congress there is a significant increase in income which distorts year-on-year comparisons. For example, in the year under review income increased by 564% but this was entirely due to the injection of funds from the 13th World Congress in Brazil.

During the year under review total assets were \$574555, income was \$309300 and expenditure was \$35888, an increase of 7% over the previous year. This small increase in expenses was due to some one-off costs associated with designing our new logo and developing our new website. All other annual expenses including our CEO salary (\$27400) have remained unchanged from previous years.

The organisation is financially stable but to reinforce this stability Council recently voted to establish a reserve fund as a contingency against any future adverse financial events. We are also evaluating an investment strategy to safeguard our assets and to provide some protection against the effects of inflation.

Our collective commitment

At the first World Congress in 1977 members of the General Assembly established some firm foundations for our global organisation. As the current custodians of the mission of the World Federation we re-state our collective commitment to ***promoting the highest standards of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine for all humankind, without discrimination***. We must accept that for any global organisation, standing still is not an option and that it's time for our organisation to embrace change, to modernise and to move forward into an exciting future. We look forward to supporting our existing members and welcoming new members, to investing in new projects and initiatives and to maintaining our focus on what matters and what works.



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² Women in Intensive Care study; A preliminary assessment of international data on female representation in the ICU physician workforce, leadership and academic positions. Venkatesh *et al.* *Critical Care* (2018) 22:221