



## **International Epidemiological Association (IEA) Business Meeting**

August 18, 2014

Dena'lina Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage, Alaska, USA

### **Minutes**

The IEA Business Meeting was opened at 18:00 by the President, Cesar Victora, who welcomed participating IEA members. The agenda was reviewed and approved by those at the meeting.

**A tribute to Pat Buffler**, who was the IEA President-Elect but had died suddenly in 2013, was led by Kirk Smith. The IEA presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to her family.

**Minutes of last IEA Business Meeting**, in Edinburgh in August 2011, were presented and approved.

**President's report, 2011-2014**, by Cesar Victora, noted that the goals set by him and the Council were mostly met during the last three years. He was congratulated for expanding many aspects of IEA's work and for being an influential ambassador for epidemiology and for the IEA.

**Treasurer's report, 2011-2014**, prompted discussion of the IEA's financial position and reserves. It was suggested that the IEA should establish a level of reserves needed in case of unforeseen instability.

**Farewell to outgoing Council members.** The President thanked the outgoing Council Officers and Regional Councillors, whose terms would end at the conclusion of the Business Meeting.

**Welcome to new Council members.** Neil Pearce, IEA Past President presented the newly elected IEA Executive Council and Regional Councillors, who received a warm welcome from members.

**Presidency hand-over.** Cesar Victora introduced Valerie Beral, the new IEA President for 2014-2017.

**President's plan for 2014-17.** Valerie Beral presented her plan for the next three years, in particular to increase international visibility of IEA, strengthen membership from and support for low and middle-income countries, and stabilize the finances.

**Plans for the 2017 IEA World Congress of Epidemiology (WCE2017).** Yosikazu Nakamura, Chair for WCE2017 to be held in Saitama, Japan, 19-22 August 2017 in Saitama, Japan, discussed the theme of the Congress: "Epidemiology in a Changing World".

**Bids for the 2020 IEA World Congress of Epidemiology** were presented from Dublin, Cape Town, Ibadan, Saskatoon, Melbourne, and Lyon, made their bid presentations for 2020 World Congress of Epidemiology location. The official vote to select the future WCE will be held in the spring of 2018.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 20:30pm