President – Winnie Yip  
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health  
Dr. Winnie Yip is Professor of Global Health Policy and Economics in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and also Director of the school wide Harvard China Health Partnership. Dr. Yip was previously a Professor of Health Policy and Economics at the University of Oxford. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research focuses on the design, implementation, evaluation and scaling up of health system interventions, for improving affordable and equitable access to and the efficiency and quality of health care delivery, especially for the poor. Her approach typically involves large-scale social experimentation of health system interventions that integrate the transformation of financing, incentives, organization, management and technology. With a network of Chinese universities, Dr. Yip’s ongoing research projects cover over 25 million people in the low income provinces in China. In addition to China, Dr. Yip also has major projects that assess the Indian health system’s performances and design/evaluate innovations in health system interventions for improvements. She has also studied and advised health care reforms in the wider Asia region, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam, and she has extensive experience in executive training courses for senior health policymakers. Dr. Yip is a Senior Editor of Social Science and Medicine (Health Policy), Associate Editor of Health Economics and Health Systems & Reform.

Past President – David Bishai  
Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health  
David Bishai is currently professor and director of the Interdepartmental Health Economics Program at Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is an associate editor of Health Economics. His research focuses on the econometric analysis of national, state, and local public health policy effects on life expectancy, mortality, and health disparities using time series and panel methods. He has published over 200 peer reviewed papers and has collaborated with co-authors in Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, UK, USA, and Vietnam. He received his Ph.D. in Health Economics from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1996. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In 2015 he was voted by students to receive the Golden Apple teaching award as well as awards for advising and mentoring PhD students. Dr. Bishai teaches courses on health economics and macroeconomic development in both undergraduate and graduate campuses as well as a heavily subscribed Coursera course on health systems. He is currently leading Teaching Vaccine Economics Everywhere -- a partnership of universities who teach economics to government policy makers in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.
President-elect – Audrey Laporte  
**University of Toronto**  
Prof. Audrey Laporte is an Associate Professor with the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME) at the University of Toronto. She has expertise in advancing econometric modelling of efficiency in health care including quantile regression and dynamic econometric modelling and also theoretical dynamic modelling of the demand for health. She was the co-Chair of the iHEA meeting in Toronto and for the last 3 years has served on the iHEA Finance committee. She is the Founding Director of the Canadian Centre for Health Economics and recently stepped down after 14 years as Chair of the Canadian Health Economists Study Group.

Treasurer – Rosalie Viney  
**University of Technology Sydney**  
Rosalie Viney is Professor of Health Economics and Director of the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation at the University of Technology Sydney. She received her PhD from the University of Sydney in 2005. Her research interests include health technology assessment and priority setting, measurement and valuation of quality of life and health outcomes, consumer preferences for health and health care, evaluation of health policy, and the impact of funding arrangements on utilisation and outcomes of health care.

Rosalie has also had longstanding involvement in the fields of health economics and health services research in Australia, through the Australian Health Economics Society, of which she was President from 2000-2015, and the Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand. Rosalie is currently a member of the Australian NHMRC Research Committee. She has been a member of the IHEA Finance Committee since 2011.
John Ataguba  
*University of Cape Town*  
John Ele-Ojo Ataguba is an Associate Professor and Director of the Health Economics Unit, University of Cape Town. He serves as the interim South African Research Leader (Chair) in Health and Wealth. He is also the Deputy Executive Director in charge of Capacity Building for the African Health Economics and Health Policy Association (AfHEA). He is a research fellow for the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) network and was a Mellon Mandela Fellow (20016/17) at Harvard University, USA. John has a PhD in Economics from the University of Cape Town and he has several years of research and teaching experience in many African countries. Currently, he teaches topics in health financing, quantitative health economics and applied microeconomics to graduate students at the University of Cape Town. He has served as a member of the iHEA Governance and Bylaws ad-hoc committee in 2017 and on the iHEA International Scientific Committee for recent World Congresses. He is the recipient of several competitive awards, both locally and internationally and he has also served as an advisor nationally, and to international agencies including the World Health Organization. His research interests in economics include poverty, inequality, equity in health and health care, social determinants of health, health financing and recently the economics of ageing. He serves as an editorial board member of the journal Applied Health Economics and Health Policy, and BMC Health Services Research.

Emma Frew  
*University of Birmingham*  
Emma Frew, Reader in Health Economics at the University of Birmingham, holds a PhD in Health Economics, and a prestigious NIHR Fellowship. Emma has over 70 publications and in last 5 years has been an Investigator on £7m of research grants. Her research focuses on the economics of public health with a specific focus on the prevention of childhood obesity. She is an elected Trustee Board member and Secretary for the Association for the Study of Obesity, is a member of the Student Paper Award Committee and has served on the International Scientific Committee for several iHEA World Congresses. Emma leads the iHEA Special Interest Group (SIG) on the Economics of Obesity. Together they have responded to several national government policy consultations and regularly share news and research through monthly email circulars, all coordinated by Emma. She is passionate about fostering collaboration between health economists and with advancing the careers of early and mid-career health economists. She is an award-winning PhD supervisor and is fully committed to iHEA’s vision. Emma’s academic career spans over 2 decades. She works very closely with policy makers and is passionate about increasing policy impact both at the national and local level. Emma aims to promote greater representation of women and to represent the needs of early and mid-career research in iHEA’s leadership and management team.
Kara Hanson
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Kara Hanson is Professor of Health System Economics and Associate Dean for Research in the Faculty of Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She holds degrees from McGill University, the University of Cambridge and Harvard University, and has nearly 30 years’ experience in health economics research, focusing on low- and middle-income countries. From 1988 to 90 she was an ODI fellow in the Ministry of Health Swaziland and she has spent extended periods of time working and researching health economics issues in Africa and, more recently, in Asia. She has been a member of iHEA since 1999 and was on the scientific committee for the 2017 congress. She has published in leading health economics, health policy and public health journals and has led large, multi-partner research programmes applying health economics to critical health policy issues. Her research interests address a variety of areas of health economics, including health care financing, the operation of healthcare markets, human resources, and the economics of delivering priority health interventions. She has previously been Editor of Health Policy and Planning, the leading journal for health systems research in low- and middle-income settings. She is supporting the development of a new initiative to link together the 50+ economists working across the Faculty of Public Health and Policy at LSHTM.

Tony LoSasso
Anthony T. Lo Sasso, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the DePaul Driehaus College of Business and Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, Chicago, Illinois. He previously served as the Executive Director of the American Society of Health Economists.

Dr. Lo Sasso is an economist whose research spans several dimensions of health and labor economics. Dr. Lo Sasso is keenly interested in how government policies affect private sector decisions. Dr. Lo Sasso has studied the impact of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program on insurance coverage among children and the extent to which public coverage “crowded out” private coverage. In addition, he has examined how community rating provisions affected individual health insurance coverage. Dr. Lo Sasso also studies the effects of health savings accounts and other aspects of health insurance benefit design on service use, spending, and health outcomes.

Dr. Lo Sasso received his doctorate in economics in 1996 from Indiana University, Bloomington, and his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in economics from DePaul University in 1991 and 1993, respectively.
Jui-fen Rachel Lu
Chang Gung University

Jui-fen Rachel Lu, is a Professor in the Graduate Institute of Business and Management and Department of Health Care Management, College of Management, at Chang Gung University in Taiwan, where she teaches comparative health systems, health economics, and health care financing and has served as department chair (2000-2004), Associate Dean (2009-2010) and Dean of College of Management (2010-2013). She earned her B.S. from National Taiwan University, and her M.S. and Sc.D. from Harvard University, and she was also a Takemi Fellow at Harvard (2004-2005) and is an Honorary Professor at Hong Kong University (2007-2017) and a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Stanford University (2015-2016). She cofounded Taiwan Society of Health Economics (TaiSHE) in 2008 and currently serves as President of TaiSHE (2014-2017). Rachel is a member of the Arrow Award Committee for iHEA (2014-2016), and has served on the International Scientific Committee for several iHEA World Congresses. Her research interests are in the impact assessment of the NHI program on health care market and household consumption patterns, and comparative health systems in the Asia-Pacific region with a focus on equity performance. She is a long-time and active member of Equitap (Equity in Asia-Pacific Health Systems) research network. Rachel has also been appointed to serve on several advisory boards to Taiwan Ministry of Health and Welfare and National Health Insurance Administration. She received the Minister Wang Jin Naw Memorial Award for Best Paper in Health Care Management in 2002 and was the recipient of IBM Faculty Award in 2009.

Thorhildur Ólafsdóttir

Thorhildur Ólafsdóttir received her PhD in Economics from University of Iceland in 2016 and was a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Iceland until 2018 when she joined DeCODE genetics as a research scientist. As a health economist specializing in applied microeconometrics her main research areas include health evaluation using the subjective well-being method and exploring the effects of macroeconomic shocks on health and health behaviors. She has co-authored papers and written research proposals with health economists from Europe and the U.S. and publications include papers in Journal of Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Review of Economics of the Household and European Journal of Health Economics. She has presented her work in numerous conferences in the Nordic countries and in the U.S., served as an advisor for B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. students in health economics and has taught microeconomics and health economics at undergraduate level and econometrics at graduate level at universities in Iceland.
Claire de Oliveira
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Claire de Oliveira is a Reader in Health Economics at the Centre for Health Economics and the Hull York Medical School at the University of York. In addition, she is a Health Economist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Toronto, Ontario, an Associate Professor (status only) at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, an Adjunct Scientist at ICES and expert lead in cancer economics at the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. She holds a PhD in economics from McMaster University. Her main areas of research are in health economics and health services research applied to mental health and child health. Part of her program of research focuses on the role of mental health among high-cost patients, quality of care among patients with severe mental illness, and health and wellbeing among children.

She has authored/co-authored over 70 peer-reviewed articles and has secured just under $1.4 million as principal investigator and $17 million as co-investigator in research funds from several competitive funding agencies. Her career achievements have been distinguished by local and international awards. In 2016, she was recognised as one of CAMH’s most promising young researchers in the CAMH Breakthrough Challenge. In 2017, she was the recipient of the prestigious Alan Williams fellowship awarded by Centre for Health Economics, University of York (UK). More recently, she was selected as one the recipients of the visiting scholar fellowship at Monash University (Australia). Claire has participated in several IHEA Congresses and is a convenor of the Mental Health Economics Special Interest Group.

Paul Rodriguez-Lesmes
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Paul Rodriguez Lesmes is an Assistant Professor at Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá, Colombia), graduated from University College London. His expertise is in applied microeconomics with an emphasis on the economics of health using tools from programme evaluation, "natural" experiments and structural models. His projects are in the areas of design of health systems, pharmaceuticals regulation, family economics, child development, water and sanitation, health-related behaviours and infectious diseases.

Product of his research, he has published in journals such as Economics and Human Biology, World Development, among others. On top of his academic position, he has worked as a research assistant for the World Bank, the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), and took part of the "Jovenes Investigadores" programme at Universidad del Rosario during the MSc. His PhD studies were funded by Banco de la República, Colfuturo, and with a pre-doctoral fellow from the NBER-IFS International Network on the Value of Medical Research.
Lise Rochaix, Ph.D., is full professor in the economics department of the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne since September 2014 and holds the Paris School of Economics chair in health economics, Hospinomics endowed by the Hospitals of Paris (AP-HP). She holds a Masters and a PhD in Economics from the Department of Economics and Related Studies, at York university (UK). She started her career as a researcher in the French National Institute for Scientific Research (CNRS) and subsequently became lecturer in economics at Dauphine university. She became full professor through the French national competition in 1994 and was first appointed at the University of Western Brittany and then at Aix-Marseille University.

She has taken part in various governmental reports and was seconded to the forecasting division of the French Treasury (90-93). In 2006, she was appointed by the President of the Senate to join the French National Health Board (Haute Autorité de Santé –HAS) where she set up HAS’s economics remit and a new dedicated committee: the economics and public health evaluation committee (CEESP – Commission d’Evaluation Economique et de Santé Publique), in charge of the evaluation of health care strategies and new technologies, which she chaired until the end of her mandate in January 2014. In October 2015, she was appointed chair of the board of directors of the technical agency in charge of hospital information ATIH (Agence Technique d’Information Hospitalière). Her research interests focus on the evaluation of public policies, from an international comparative perspective. She has published widely on topics related to regulatory issues in the healthcare sector, with both equity and efficiency considerations. She was appointed President of the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA) in July 2018 for a two-year mandate.

Anthony Scott
University of Melbourne

Anthony Scott is a Professorial Fellow and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Principal Research Fellow, and leads the Health Economics Research Program at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne. He jointly co-ordinates the 30-strong University of Melbourne Health Economics Group. He is also an Associate Editor of Journal of Health Economics and Health Economics, and jointly organizes the Australasian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, now in its 7th year. He was a member of the Arrow Award Committee for iHEA from 2013 to 2015, and is President of the Australian Health Economics Society.

His research interests include the role of financial and other incentives in changing the behavior and improving the performance of health care providers, with a focus on general practice and primary care and the labor markets of health care professionals. He is Principal Investigator on the Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment of Life (MABEL) panel survey of over 10,000 doctors (www.mabel.org.au). Funded by the NHMRC, this project focuses on labor supply and workforce participation decisions by doctors, including mobility across geographical areas and career choices.
Sally Stearns  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Sally is a Professor in the Department of Health Policy & Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also currently serves as a Co-Editor of Health Economics and as a Senior Advisor at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC. Her research focuses on reimbursement methods, incentives and outcomes in the Medicare program, which covers health services for the elderly and disabled in the United States.

Sally has been a member of iHEA since its inception and has participated in the Scientific Committee for several biennial Congresses, but her most rewarding interaction with the organization occurred when she helped develop the first iHEA “Mentoring Lunch” in Boston in 2017. The teamwork and enthusiasm for this event made it a successful endeavor for all involved.

Richard Smith  
**University of Exeter**

Richard Smith is inaugural Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor for the University of Exeter Medical School, and Professor of Health Economics. He was previously at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where he served as Head of the Department of Global Health & Development from 2008-2011, and as Dean of the Faculty of Public Health & Policy from 2011-2018. Following undergraduate and postgraduate studies in economics at the University of York in 1991, Richard worked in Sydney, Cambridge, Bristol, Melbourne and Norwich, before joining the London School in May 2007.

Richard has worked on a wide range of health economics topics, from willingness-to-pay to public goods and externalities, and topics from genomic technologies to antibiotic resistance. In the last decade he has focused mostly upon the interaction and interface between a nation’s health system and other systems – both within the nation (e.g. agriculture, manufacturing and finance sectors) and between different countries (e.g. through movement of health professionals and patients). This interest has been manifest in two areas: (i) macro-economic modeling of health (care), concerning the impact of communicable and non-communicable diseases and related polices; and (ii) economic analysis of the impact of trade and trade agreements. Richard has received research funding in excess of £30m, and has published more than 200 papers, chapters, reports etc (including many in Health Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Social Science & Medicine, The Lancet, Science, British Medical Journal).

Richard was a Charter Member of iHEA and has presented at every meeting, several times organizing sessions, and over the last year has been part of the ‘iHEA 2020’ committee working on strategies for the future development of iHEA. He has also been part of the organizing committees for two UK HESG meetings (and will no doubt be on a third when HESG comes to the London School!). He has been committed to advancing the work of health economics in every institution he has worked, including the development of MSc courses, growing capacity through appointments, and support for junior staff and students.
Erin Strumpf
McGill University
Erin Strumpf, PhD, is an Associate Professor and William Dawson Scholar at McGill University. She is a member of the Department of Economics and the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health, and a founding member of McGill’s Public Policy and Population Health Observatory (3PO). She is a Researcher in Residence at Quebec’s Institut national d’excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS). Dr. Strumpf holds a PhD in Health Policy (Economics) from Harvard University and a BA from Smith College.

Dr. Strumpf’s research focuses on evaluating the impacts of health and social policies on the health of individuals and populations, as well as on the performance of the health care system. She has studied primary care reforms, cancer screening, social policies and health inequalities, and clinical interventions in labour & delivery, prevention, and primary care. She uses methods for causal inference, principally quasi-experimental designs, to estimate the effects of interventions and reforms in real-world settings and actively collaborates with decision makers to generate relevant, usable knowledge to improve population health and health care system performance. She has strong expertise using administrative health data and large-scale surveys to evaluate the impact of health interventions and reforms in Quebec and Canada, as well as other jurisdictions around the world. Dr. Strumpf has participated in several iHEA Congresses and is active in the mentoring program. She is a member of the Executive of the Canadian Health Economics Association.

Virginia Wiseman
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; University of New South Wales
Virginia has been a health economist just over 20 years and a member of iHEA for 18 of those years. She currently lives in Sydney, Australia with her partner and three children and holds positions at both the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the University of New South Wales. Her research is very much at the ‘applied’ end of the spectrum, exploring how programs can be cost-effectively delivered to deprived populations under real-world conditions. Virginia’s studies evaluate the introduction of new technologies such as point of care tests for HIV, malaria and TB in Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Cambodia. Another focus of her research is the evaluation of health equity and financial protection, and she is co-convenor of a new iHEA Special Interest Group on Health Financing for Universal Health Coverage.