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iHEA News is the official newsletter of the International Health Economics Association.

Holiday Greetings!

All of us at iHEA wish you all the best for the holidays and a healthy/prosperous New Year!
President’s Corner

This is my last month serving as president of iHEA. Let me leave with some thoughts on universal health coverage. Most of our members use economics to navigate public and private approaches to better health systems. Market imperfections ensure that the private sector will disappoint aspirations for efficiency and equity. Political imperfections also abound and conspire to make health systems serve power instead of need. Trusting in the wisdom of uninformed crowds in markets is as unpromising as blindly trusting the good intentions of politicians.

So what can be done? Health economists everywhere can develop local contextually actionable concepts of the ideal to serve as beacons. These standards need to be created with local participation and voice. People have every right to say, “nothing about us without us.”

If we co-produce authentic and feasible indicators to reflect local progress across the full measure of universal health coverage, we can repeatedly hold private and public actors to account using standards that emerged from their own stakeholders. We must ensure that benchmarks emerge that represent the full measure of what most people want everywhere—places that keep whole populations healthy and health care delivery systems that prevent, cure and rehabilitate without barriers of finance, geography, or discrimination

- David Bishai, iHEA President
iHEA at AEA

iHEA will be represented at the American Economic Association Annual meeting at the San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina (San Diego, CA), January 3 - 5, 2020. iHEA will be hosting a cocktail reception alongside ASHEcon, as well as two organized sessions.

ASHEcon/iHEA Cocktail Reception
Friday, January 3, 2020; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
The 2019 iHEA Arrow Award will be presented at this reception!

Session 1: The Intersection of Private and Public Action in Health and Health Care Internationally
Friday, January 3, 2020; 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Session 2: Innovative Programming to Improve Adolescent Health in Sub-Saharan Africa
Saturday, January 4, 2020; 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The program is available, alongside registration, online here.

Awards

Call for Submissions for the Arrow Award

Deadline: January 17, 2020

iHEA’s Arrow Award was created to recognize excellence in the field of health economics with the Award presented to the author or authors of the paper judged to be the best paper published in health economics in English in the award year. The Award was set up in honour of the late Kenneth Arrow and in recognition of the influence of his

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seminal paper from 1963 "Uncertainty and the welfare economics of medical care". Professor Arrow was involved in the creation of the Award and he presented the inaugural prize in 1993.

The Award is made every year. Each year the Award committee considers a short-list of up to ten papers, with each paper evaluated by all of the committee members in terms of importance and originality of contribution, appropriateness and innovation in methodology and clarity of presentation. You can view the most recent award winners here.

Nominations for the Arrow Award from members of iHEA are welcome and should be sent to the Chair of the Committee (Luigi Siciliani: luigi.siciliani@york.ac.uk), accompanied by a copy of the paper and a brief cover letter. The deadline for submissions is **January 17, 2020**.

**Call for Nominations for the 2020 Student Paper Prize**

**Deadline: January 13, 2020**

The International Health Economics Association (iHEA) is pleased to invite nominations for the Annual Student Paper Prize in Health Economics. Nominations should include a brief letter of nomination (250 words max) and a copy of the paper (preferably pdf).

A student is defined as someone currently studying (full or part time) at a higher education institution, at either Masters or Doctoral level. In addition, students who have completed their studies in the year previous to the announcement qualify as long as the paper was written while registered as a student.

Papers can be published or unpublished, but must be in comparable format to a published paper in Journal of Health Economics or Health Economics, of maximum length 8,000 words. Self nomination is acceptable. Papers should be in English. If a submitted paper has more than one author, the student contribution must be at least 75% overall and an accompanying letter must be signed by co-authors to support this, stating the nature of their contribution (conceptualization, analysis, writing etc.). A joint student paper with 50-50 contributions is acceptable. Previous winners are not eligible.

Papers will be reviewed by an **International Committee** chaired by Professor Bruce Hollingsworth.

The Prize will be subsidized travel and attendance at the 2021 iHEA Congress in Cape Town to present the paper in a Student Prize Special Organised Session chaired by the iHEA President, or Chair of the Prize Committee; the equivalent of US$1,000; and the offer (if the author wishes, and the paper is unpublished) of potential fast track publication in Health Economics, subject to Editorial approval. The papers in 2nd and 3rd place will receive the equivalent of US$250 each and free registration (but not
travel) at the 2021 Cape Town iHEA Congress. They will be invited to give brief presentations at the iHEA Congress Student Prize Special Organized Session. Please submit nominations, and address queries by email to: b.hollingsworth@lancaster.ac.uk.

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