Executive Update

iHEA Board Elections

Thank you to those members who submitted nominations for the upcoming iHEA Board of Directors election. The nominations committee will meet shortly to review and finalize all candidates.

iHEA will hold elections in October-November for two positions: a member-elected Director, to be elected by the membership, and the President-Elect, who serves a six-year term (two years as President-Elect, two years as President, and two years as Past-President).

In advance of the elections, more information on each candidate will be uploaded and shared on the iHEA website, so please keep an eye out for this!

The full timeline for elections is as follows:

- October 14 – 25 | all documentation for each candidate will be uploaded online and shared with the membership
- October 25 - November 15 | campaigning, including opportunities for Q&A to candidates
- November 18 - 27 | online voting
- November 29 | results announced
- December | induction of new Board members

As a reminder, only current iHEA members are eligible to participate in the elections.
Congress Recordings

There are a variety of sessions that were livestreamed during the 2019 Basel Congress, which can be viewed on the iHEA Website here.

Awards

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Papers can be published or unpublished, but must be in comparable format to a published paper in Journal of Health Economics or Health Economics, of maximum length 8,000 words.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.

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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.

SIG News
Early Career Researcher (ECR) SIG

Early Career Researcher Interview Series: Interview 7 with Monica Aswani

The Early Career Researcher Interview Series is an initiative led by the iHEA Early Career Researcher Special Interest Group (ECR-SIG). The aim of this interview series is to showcase the diversity of people in the ECR subgroup in iHEA. By interviewing a variety of ECRs, we hope to describe the many interesting and emerging career paths available to ECRs in health economics, highlight the choices that individuals have made to help them to reach this point in their career, and reveal how ECRs are navigating the various challenges that they face.

The seventh interview of this series is with Monica Aswani. Monica is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Services Administration at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Health Professions. Her research employs econometric methods to investigate how national payment reform efforts relate to the quality of and disparities in healthcare delivery. Angela Esi Micah and James Buchanan, two of the conveners of the ECR-SIG, spoke to Monica in September 2019 to discuss her career to date.

To read the full interview on the ECR SIG webpage click here.
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 two organized sessions.

**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 preliminary program is available, alongside registration, online here.

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**iHEA Webinars**

**Assessing country progress in health financing: a qualitative approach**

*Presented by the Financing for Universal Health Coverage SIG*

Friday, October 4th, 7:00 AM ET

*check your timezone here*

**Objectives of the webinar:**

- To introduce a systematic qualitative approach to assessing country progress in health financing
- To understand early efforts, lessons, and results of country implementation
Agenda:

1. “How do we know if countries are making progress in health financing policy? A new qualitative assessment”
   Matthew Jowett, PhD, Senior Health Financing Specialist, WHO – Geneva
2. “An application of the Health Financing Progress Matrix in four countries: Laos, Myanmar, Peru, Tanzania”
   Soonman Kwon, PhD, Professor and Former Dean of the School of Public Health, Seoul National University
3. Q &A
   Moderated by Elina Dale, PhD, Health Financing Technical Officer, WHO – Geneva

Speakers:

Matthew Jowet, PhD, Senior Health Financing Specialist, WHO - Geneva
Soonman Kwon, PhD, Professor and Former Dean of the School of Public Health, Seoul National University

Past Webinar Recordings

All previous webinar recordings are available on our website here.

University Member News

Become a University Member to Access Additional Member Benefits!

In the last year, iHEA made changes to its University Membership structure and benefits. In addition to various congress-related benefits, university members’ training programs are featured on a dedicated page on the iHEA website, feature articles on university members will be published in the monthly newsletter and university members are entitled to advertise employment and postdoctoral fellowship opportunities on the iHEA job board and Twitter account at no cost.

To learn more about University Membership benefits, please click here.
The iHEA Career Center allows you to post your job openings and fellowships, find potential candidates and search new positions. It is open to members and non-members alike. You are able to search by Keyword, Country, Organization, Job category and more. We encourage everyone to click here to view this wonderful resource. We do hope that you utilize this tool and should you have any questions, please reach out to jobs@healtheconomics.org.

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