



SECRETARY GENERAL'S UPDATE TO MEMBERS 8 MARCH 2019

a) REVIEW OF TARIFFS

The ZiMA National Tariff and Liaison Committee met with AHFoZ to deliberate on tariffs review. ZiMA noted that the 40% upwards review if the AHFoZ Tariffs (effective 11 February 2019) is a welcome reduction on the shortfalls that patients were having to pay for services. The AHFoZ Tariffs were however still below the gazetted tariff and ZiMA will therefore continue to charge the gazetted tariffs and charge shortfalls. ZiMA and AHFoZ agreed to issue a joint statement to urge government to address key economic fundamentals (availability of forex, trading currency, price stability) that will allow meaningful discussions on tariff levels and reimbursement between ZiMA and AHFoZ.

b) HOSPITAL DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

ZiMA continues to play its advisory and mentorship role in resolving the HDA leadership crisis. We will continue offering the new and the old HDA executives the platform to resolve their differences amicably and constitutionally. A committee has been set up to oversee the constitutional running of elections and the smooth transfer of power.

c) ZiMSA

Congratulations to Lynette Ndlovu on her appointment as the First Ever FAMSA Female President. ZiMA continues to support the future of the Medical profession. Another ZiMSA student, Allister Mukondiwa has been supported to attend the IFMSA congress in Slovenia.

d) FUEL FACILITY

The fuel Facility is going on well. Members are encouraged to pay their 2019 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS to access the fuel facility:

Members with more than 10 years in practice \$300

Members with less than 10 years in practice \$50

Corporate subscriptions \$400

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERS CAN MAKE PART PAYMENTS TOWARDS THEIR 2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS

e) ZiMA ANNUAL CONGRESS

The 2019 ZiMA Annual Congress will be held from 21-25 August 2019 under the theme "**PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE**" The congress will be held at the Rainbow Towers in HARARE. Our suppliers are currently unable to quote us in RTG\$ for any services and payments to be rendered and received after 30 days. We have thus maintained our USD rates for the congress. Please contact the ZiMA office for further details.

f) ZiMA MALPRACTICE FUND

The Board of trustees intend to hold the fund's AGM during the first half of 2019. Please ensure that you have renewed your Malpractice cover to enable you to attend the AGM. Contact Minerva or the ZiMA office for more details.

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