



# Patient Classification Systems International



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The Patient Classification Systems International (PCSI) Newsletter is dedicated to communicating the latest developments in case mix issues to the international community and provides a forum for the discussion of case mix issues. In this issue, details of the upcoming summer school and recent developments for this falls annual case mix conference in Portugal are described.

## The 2008 International Casemix Summer School Avignon France 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June

The PCSI and the Service de Santé Publique et d'Information Médicale are sponsoring the 2008 International Casemix Summer School. Held in beautiful Avignon, the conference is conducted within the majestic Pope's Castle. A week long event featuring international faculty, the school offers an opportunity to explore many aspects of casemix in a dedicated environment. Enrollment is limited, so register early!

Register Soon!

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Subjects include:

- Review and understanding case mix
- Health economic principles of case mix
- Data quality and case mix
- Costing and case mix
- Development of classification systems
- Non-acute care case mix
- Comparison and evaluation of case mix systems in use
- International developments in case mix

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## Case Mix Conference 2008 — Lisbon Portugal

Lisbon is proud to host this years PCSI conference from October 8th to 11. This year's theme is: "Case mix beyond funding: contributions for health policy."

The aim of the theme is to enable conference participants to identify, define and extend the role of patients classifications system issues in the shaping of health policy decisions.

*Abstract Submission Deadline has been extended to May 16.* The early bird registration deadline is July 15. Highlights of this years conference include:

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Distinguished Speakers

Elliott Fisher, USA

Enrique Bernal-Delgado, Spain

Margarida Bentes, Portugal

Michael Drummond, UK

Hardship Fund available: see website for award details.

Patient Classification Systems International (PCSI) will award a prize to the author of the best paper submitted, and presented, at the PCS International Working Conference. The €2,000 prize is sponsored by AMGEN. The prize is intended to reflect excellence in case mix research or case mix implementation research. Manuscripts can represent collaborative efforts. Submitted manuscripts are to be evaluated by a subcommittee of the PCS International members. See website for award details.

## Case Mix Conference 2007—Venice Italy



The PCSI organization would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work involved in organizing and presenting last years successful PCSI conference in Venice Italy.

Graced with perfect weather during the conference, many organization members made the enjoyable trip to Venice and contributed to a successful conference.

Pre-conference workshops were over-subscribed and will be a regular feature in upcoming conferences. If you have an idea for a workshop, please contact Céu Mateus at [ceum@ensp.unl.pt](mailto:ceum@ensp.unl.pt)

If you have regional conference dates, case mix developments or publications you wish to share with the case mix community in the next version of this newsletter, please contact Jason M. Sutherland at: [pcsi.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pcsi.newsletter@gmail.com)