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## PCSI Elections

Several PCSI executive committee positions were contested at the General Assembly in Fukuoka.

New and re-elected executive committee members include:

- Poul-Erik Hansen (President)
- Ceu Mateus
- Olaf Steinum
- Jason Sutherland

We wish them luck on their three year appointments!

## BMC Health Services Research

PCSI is once again excited to support the publishing of 20 abstracts from the PCSI annual conference in BMC Health Services Research. Electronic publication disseminates our members' workplace advances and promotes our organizations' objectives of facilitating communication between members.

The abstracts can be found at:  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/9?issue=S1>

Look for new publications for next year's conference.

## 25th Annual PCSI Working Conference In Fukuoka, Japan

The ACROS Fukuoka conference center served as the beautiful setting for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual international conference held from November 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Fukuoka, Japan. Excellent preconference preparations and conference support provided a forum for members to share experiences, meet colleagues and gain knowledge of issues related to case mix, clinical classifications and health system funding.

The prize for the best paper was entitled: "Visualization model for medical care processes by utilizing Japanese case-mix classification and its application to the variance analysis of clinical pathway" and was awarded to Toshiaki Tasaki and Drs. Kuwabara, Babazono and Soejima from Kumamoto and Kyushu, Japan.

The Annual General Assembly hosted the election for several PCSI executive committee positions. A new president, **Poul-Erik Hansen**, was elected for a three year term. Committed to restoring democracy in Haiti, and long-term association member from Denmark, Poul-Erik is excited to promote the organization and address issues facing members.

A new PCSI Website is on the way! Long-time PCSI member and current executive committee member, Ms. Jugna Shah has been leading an initiative to update the association's website. By drawing content from the previous website plus adding new information, users will greatly benefit from the simplified format.

The website will serve as the association's primary gateway to share information with members, and will contain information regarding:

- Aims and objectives of PCSI
- Upcoming conferences
- PCSI educational programs
- Contact information

The thoroughly revised PCSI Website address is <http://www.pcsinternational.org/>, and the site is active now! Please contact us if you would like to share your thoughts on content or user-friendliness of the site.



## 2010 PCSI Initiatives and Partnerships

- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
- PCSI Summer School
- PCSI Winter School

This year's annual conference meeting will be in Munich, Germany.

Submit an abstract today and make your trip plans.

The organization continues its support of education activities. This year will see the PCSI summer school held in Evora, Portugal.

The PCSI is expanding its course offerings. A PCSI winter school will build from content covered in the summer school and will emphasize practical implementation of case mix systems for health system funding. More information will be available on the PCSI Website shortly.

## Contact Us

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:  
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## Upcoming Events

**26<sup>th</sup> PCSI Annual Conference**  
Munich, Germany  
September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Organization for the next annual conference is proceeding. The theme for this year's conference is "Case Mix: What do we get for our money?" The conference is expected to draw on experiments in pay-for-performance and quality being conducted in many countries. The conference is being held before Oktoberfest and will be heavily attended.

Conference organizers, Drs. Wilke and Neubauer, welcome potential participants to the conference and encourage early submission of abstracts. Information regarding the conference is already available and can be found at: <http://www.pcsi2010.org/>.

**2010 PCSI Summer School**  
Evora, Portugal  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

PCS International is pleased to announce another edition of its successful Summer School. If you are interested in case mix and wish to have a broad perspective about its implementation and uses around the globe, then you won't want to miss this opportunity. Further queries regarding the Summer School as well as hardship fund availability should be addressed to the school director Ceu Mateus at [ceum@ensp.unl.pt](mailto:ceum@ensp.unl.pt), while questions regarding registration should be directed to [sspim.secretariat@chu-st-etienne.fr](mailto:sspim.secretariat@chu-st-etienne.fr).

## Around Fukuoka...

