

American Council of Life Insurance-Medical Section

The American Council of Life Insurance-Medical Section and its officers send greetings and congratulations to the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. A hundred years of leadership and service is a milestone that few organizations ever attain and one which your members should be justly proud. Congratulations!

Curtis R. Lashley, M.D.
Chairman

The Canadian Life Insurance Medical Officers Association

L'Association canadienne des directeurs médicaux en assurance-vie

Even in our culture where 'billion' is commonplace, the passage of one hundred years of time makes us stop and wonder. In 1889 William Osler who had left Montreal for Philadelphia moved to Baltimore. It is said of Osler, as he blended Canadian training with American practice, that he had 'continents of friends' and there is no better phrase to describe the relationship today between ALIMDA and CLIMOA—we are a continent of friends. The fondness, the respect, the admiration CLIMOA has for ALIMDA comes into sharp focus on your 100th birthday. Congratulations and happy birthday!

Thomas Porter, M.D.
President of CLIMOA

International Congress of Life Assurance Medicine

The first International Congress of Life Assurance took place in Brussels in 1899 and among the participants were 14 from North America. The last congress of ICLAM — International Committee for Life Assurance Medicine — was held in The Hague in the Netherlands in May 1989. Then, for the first time, it was agreed that participation granted entitlement to credit points for Continuing Medical Education to attendees coming from USA. 32 members of ALIMDA availed themselves of this. Medical officers and directors from all over the world are members of ALIMDA and take part in the annual meetings. A joint meeting with ICLAM and ALIMDA in 1995 is under discussion.

Thus, it is a great pleasure to see how contacts between ALIMDA and ICLAM are getting closer. On behalf of ICLAM (which is now only 90 years old) I am delighted, and honoured, to congratulate ALIMDA on its one hundredth anniversary and pass on best wishes for the future.

Hans Dunér, M.D., Ph.D.
President of ICLAM

Assurance Medical Society of Great Britain

On behalf of the Council, Fellows and Members of the Assurance Medical Society of Great Britain I, as President, have great pleasure in sending sincerest best wishes and congratulations to the President, Office-bearers and Members of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America as they celebrate 100 years of the existence of the Association and all it has stood for in the promotion of insurance medicine. I think I can also speak for the several Fellows and Members of the Assurance Medical Society who are also members of ALIMDA in sending their special congratulations to their colleagues across the Atlantic.

The centenary of ALIMDA in 1989 has reminded me that the Assurance Medical Society will also be celebrating its own centenary in 1993.

Dr. Mary Reynolds MB., BS., FBIM., FAMS
President

Life Assurance Medical Officers in Europe

Unfortunately as yet there is no Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of Europe on behalf of which I could take the liberty of congratulating the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America on the occasion of their Centenary.

In Europe, Life Assurance Chief Medical officers and medical advisors may—depending on the individual countries—belong to national professional associations, participate in larger bodies encompassing all those engaged in the insurance sciences, be members of eclectic local clubs, or only meet occasionally for educational purposes on individual initiative.

All, however, have in common a great admiration for, and gratitude towards, the achievements of their American colleagues' Association in promoting assurance medicine and securing its due place within the medical establishment.

I am therefore confident that all my European colleagues will join me in sending warm and sincere wishes to the President, the officials and the members of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America.

As we say in Europe, inter alia:

“Félicitations les plus sincères et voeux chaleureux pour les années, décades et lustres à venir”

“Herzlichste Gratulationen und beste Wünsche für die nächsten Jahre und Jahrzehnte”

“Nuestras más cordiales felicitaciones y mejores votos para los años venideros.”

Dr. Max L. Hefti, M.D.
Switzerland

Association of Life Insurance Medicine of Japan

May I extend to you on behalf of the Association of Life Insurance Medicine of Japan, my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the centennial celebration of your Association of Life Insurance Medicine Directors of America.

It is my greatest pleasure for me to attend your centennial meeting in Seattle, and to congratulate you on a very successful and influential achievements in the past hundred years since your ALIMDA was founded in 1889.

It was the year of American Bicentennial when I attended the ALIMDA meeting in Washington DC in 1976, to report on hypertension mortality in Japan. Coincidentally, this time I am participating in your own centennial meeting in Washington State with a special feeling.

We, ALIMJA, will also have the centennial meeting in Tokyo 2001. Toward the beginning of the 21st century, I hope ALIMDA and ALIMJA will jointly contribute to the world-wide development of insurance medicine from both sides of the Pacific.

Hiroshi Tsukamoto
President