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Election of New Chair and Vice Chairs of The International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA)

The International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA) is delighted to announce that it elected the European Medicines Agency's Executive Director Professor Guido Rasi as its new chair at a plenary meeting in San Diego on 23 June 2019. Two vice chairs were also elected: Dr Yasuhiro Fujiwara, Chief Executive of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), Japan, and Prof John Skerritt, Deputy Secretary of Health, Commonwealth Department of Health, Australia (for a second term). The appointments will take effect from 1st October 2019 for 3 years.

ICMRA brings together the leaders of regulatory authorities around the world to provide strategic direction for enhanced cooperation on common scientific, regulatory or safety challenges, improved communication and information sharing and effective global crisis response mechanisms.

Professor Rasi will succeed Dr Ian Hudson, Chief Executive of the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority (MHRA) in the role, who congratulates Professor Rasi, Dr Fujiwara and Professor Skerritt in their election.

At the San Diego meeting the Heads of Regulatory Authorities expressed their gratitude for the work achieved by UK as Chair and COFEPRIS (Mexico) and TGA (Australia) as Vice-Chairs in the past 3 years.

About ICMRA

ICMRA (International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities) is a voluntary, executive-level, strategic coordinating, advocacy and leadership entity of regulatory authorities that work together to:

- address current and emerging human medicine regulatory and safety challenges globally, strategically and in an on- going, transparent, authoritative and institutional manner
- provide direction for areas and activities common to many regulatory authorities' missions
- identify areas for potential synergies
- wherever possible, leverage existing initiatives/enablers and resources

ICMRA will provide a global architecture to support enhanced communication, information sharing, crisis response and address regulatory science issues.

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