

Morbidity and Mortality Committee Report
Executive Council
May 9, 2004

The principal activity to report in this interval is the status of the Basic Mortality Methodology Course for 2004. AHOU had requested that AAIM sponsor a session of BMMC at the AHOU annual meeting in 2004. The Committee and the Executive Council concurred in support of this effort to enhance mortality assessment skill among our underwriter colleagues.

The AHOU meeting coincides with AAIM annual meeting in 2004. Because of desire for BIM certification following the 2003 Triennial, for which BMMC is a requirement, the BIM urged that BMMC be made available to AAIM members in 2004 even though it will not be given in conjunction with the 2004 annual meeting.

Input from Committee members via email discussion led to consensus to offer BMMC in Fort Wayne, IN, making use of Swiss Re facilities. Alternatives required either an instructor other than Dr. Ivanovic, or considerable expense for another facility and to compensate extra travel by Dr. Ivanovic. The Committee does not endorse hosting the course in a proprietary setting on a regular basis, but agreed that the importance of availability of at least 1 session of the course to AAIM members outweighs that consideration this year.

To avoid a repetition of this difficulty, the Committee will develop additional instructors for BMMC, and avoid schedule conflicts so that BMMC will remain a fixture of the annual meeting.

The sole action item for Executive Council is to consider the fee for the special session this year in Ft. Wayne. Because Swiss Re provides meeting space and equipment, the direct course costs are minimal. To offset the cost and inconvenience for students who must make a special trip, could we lower the usual fee (\$300)?