IFHIMA Report on the WHO-FIC Education and Implementation Committee (EIC) Annual Meeting 2019

The 2019 Annual World Health Organization Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Network meeting was held in Banff, Canada and it was a successful meeting for the Education and Implementation Committee (EIC), with many achievements to report.

There were two EIC sessions held on 8 and 9 October and there were many new countries joining the WHO-FIC network this year. The EIC meeting was very well attended and we started off by hearing from Malta, Israel, Poland and Iran (with a brief presentation by the Iranian contingent) with updates on their progress exploring the International Classification of Diseases, 11th Revision (ICD-11) implementation.

An update was provided by WHO which included information regarding the ICD-11 resolution, the transition and maintenance of the ICD and International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Implementation Database to the WHO server, the compilation of a diagnostic term set for enhancement of the ICD-11 index and ICD-FiT, WHO FIC Training and Education (including ICDFiT, the ICD-11 Education Tool and the formation of the WHO Academy) and the implications for EIC work in 2019/2020.
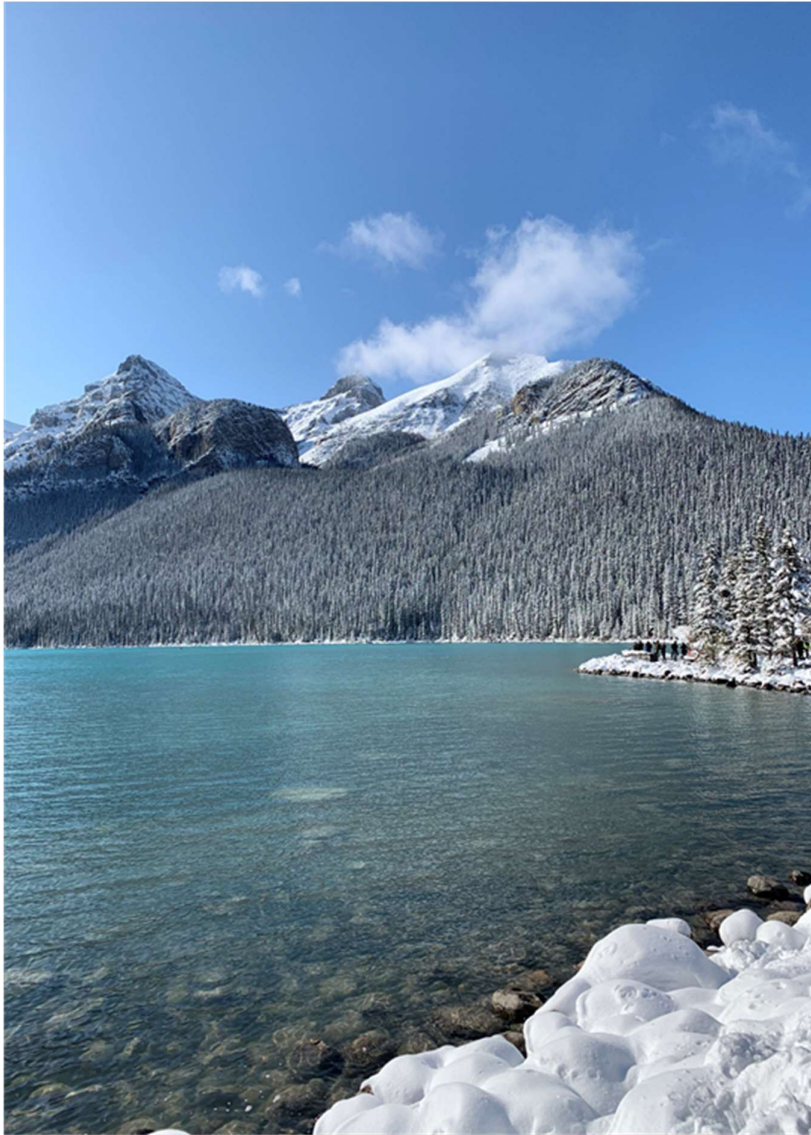
WHO also demonstrated ICDFit with the recent release of the integrated ICD-11 coding tool and browser. ICDFit now also includes coder feedback as to how the coder performed against the ICD-11 gold standard and there is capacity for peer comparison with team reports to view results and rankings of individuals within the teams.

A new EIC Website update was provided with an acknowledgement of the significant work that has been done by the EIC Co-Chairs and Secretariat along with the collaborative efforts of the UK WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre Team. The EIC Website is on a Kahootz platform, developed for both public and EIC member purposes. Material on the old EIC website was assessed and moved across where appropriate. As well, WHO FIC Information Sheets are being reviewed and updated before their upload to the new EIC Website.

The ICD-11 Education Tool was demonstrated at the meeting with an overwhelming positive response from the committee and its observers. The Education Tool provides introductory units which include the structure and use of ICD-11 as well as the tooling environment. There is a unit for each of the Mortality and Morbidity rules as well as chapter specific units that comprise classification structure, content and conventions. Additional information has been included for the new ICD-11 chapters/sections, as well as highlighting chapter specific notes from the ICD-11 Reference Guide. Units also include examples and exercises which, for education purposes are coded to the fullest extent (i.e. always assigning extension codes where applicable). Units generally include examples and practical exercises for learning consolidation.

Please visit the EIC Website which is still under construction, but is being updated quarterly. There are some very important WHO-FIC resources and links available here as well as the Beta version of the ICD-11 Education Tool and associated resources. The website is available at: https://hscic.kahootz.com/connect.ti/WHO_FIC_EIC/grouphome

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