

ECMWF PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION



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Dear fellow Pensioners,

I'm sure that you were shocked and saddened, as I was, to hear of Graham Holt's death earlier this month. He was Treasurer for the PA for many years and had only just ceased to be a committee member. I send condolences to his family and friends from the Committee. We will miss him. The funeral is on Monday 30th October in Bracknell – see the email that Madeleine sent last week for details.

Following is an update on items of interest including ways to contact ECMWF HR pensions staff.

Communications survey

In the last newsletter I reported that we are working with ECMWF to set up a website where you will be able to access reference documents of interest to pensioners. The current plan is to make the documents available via the ECMWF portal on the ISRP website. At the moment you can find the ECMWF Pension Rules there: [Home - SIRP \(sirp-isrp.org\)](http://Home - SIRP (sirp-isrp.org)) You need to login with username isrp-ecmwf and password WebECMWF98245 and then click on the "Rules and Regulations" tab.

There was considerable enthusiasm for social events and Madeleine arranged a lunch in Reading in September. Unfortunately, we had to change venue at the last moment as the chosen venue cancelled our booking. However, seven of us enjoyed lunch and a chat at The Lyndhurst. Madeleine is planning to organize another event in the new year. If you did not respond to the survey but would like details of social events, please email Madeleine at social4pa@gmail.com. And, if you would like to organize an event such as golf, darts, ten pin bowling etc., please contact Madeleine.

A message from Madeleine:

Where are you?

It would be very interesting to know where ECMWF pensioners are throughout the world and to have a little update on each of you.

To reconnect with former colleagues, I invite you to write a little about yourself and your current situation for inclusion in a document to be shared amongst pensioners before year end. You might like to include the period you spent at ECMWF, the department you worked in, your role, where you are currently residing, your family circumstance, your interests etc.

Please feel free to include as much or as little information as you wish. I will not publish your contact details unless they are included in the text you send so feel free to opt in or out of including your contact details.

Please send your text to: secretary@ecmwfpensionersassociation.org

I look forward to hearing from you.

Madeleine

Cigna health insurance

Human Resources are waiting for information from Cigna about possible minor changes to the Cigna cover. The annual meeting will take place in November and HR hope to have

agreed the changes, mostly to do with limits of reimbursement, by then. **If you have any feedback on Cigna services please send it to me by Monday 6th November.** Please do not include any personal medical details, other than type of claim, in your feedback. If you prefer to send your feedback directly to HR please email it to pensions@ecmwf.int with subject "Cigna feedback".

You should have received an email from Cigna at the end of September informing you of new telephone numbers for the International Employee Assistance Programme (IEAP). Contact options include toll-free telephone numbers, which you can use to access the service, depending on where you are located and Cigna would like to make you aware that **many of these toll-free phone numbers are changing.** You can find the new numbers and a new IEAP guide on the Cigna member site.

New PA Committee

The new committee has now taken over and these are our contact details:

Chair	Sylvia Baylis	chair@ecmwfpensionersassociation.org
Vice Chair	Tony Bakker	vicechair@ecmwfpensionersassociation.org
Secretary	Madeleine Cotter	secretary@ecmwfpensionersassociation.org
Treasurer	Stuart Mitchell	treasurer@ecmwfpensionersassociation.org

Unless you have a specific query for one of the committee members, please contact the Secretary in the first instance.

Contact with HR

Just a reminder, if you have any queries to raise with HR the best way to contact them is to email pensions@ecmwf.int. It is helpful if you use the subject line to indicate the nature of your enquiry so that HR staff can route the email to the person who is most likely to be able to deal with it. Also, if your personal circumstances change, please inform HR. The Centre HR staff are now able to answer direct telephone calls remotely. If you are unable to email you may call Helen on 0118 949 9671 during normal working hours; this is her direct line. Alternatively, or if there is no reply, please 'phone the switchboard 01189499000 and, if they cannot put you through to the pensions team, please ask them to email your name and phone number to pensions@ecmwf.int and someone will ring you back.

If you have any items of general interest to your fellow pensioners, please send them to the Secretary for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

And finally, a reminder of the PA AGM on Friday 24th November either in person at ECMWF or via Teams. Details were in the recent email that Madeleine sent out.

Best wishes to you all,

Sylvia Baylis
Chair, Pensioners' Association