

ECMWF PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION



July 2024

Dear fellow Pensioners,

Here are a few dates for your calendar and information that may be relevant for you.

Change to Pensioners' Association constitution

You should have received an email from Madeleine concerning a proposed change to the Pensioners' Association constitution. If you did not, please email Madeleine at secretary@ecmwfpensionersassociation.org Responses, if any, are required by 21st August 2024.

2024 AGM

The AGM this year will be held on **Thursday 28th November** in the Council Chamber at ECMWF starting at 09:30. It will also be possible to join the meeting online. Details of the arrangements for the meeting and lunch afterwards, together with the draft agenda, will be sent out in October.

Annual tax declaration

If you reside in the UK you should have received an email from ISRP notifying you that your annual statement of benefits for your tax declaration is available on the ISRP website www.ipsi-kiosk.org/login . If you have not received the email then you could check your spam or login to the kiosk directly.

While you are logged in to the kiosk please remember to check your payslip – it is a good idea to do this every month. If you are contributing to the Pensioners' Association and/or our legal fund you should see these itemized on your payslip. If they do not appear and you would like to contribute please contact pensions@ecmwf.int .

Social events

We plan to meet for lunch on **Wednesday 21st August @ 12:30am at The Bull Inn, Sonning, RG4 6UP**. Either meet at The Bull in time for lunch or optionally meet at Thames Valley Park and walk along the river to Sonning. It is a pleasant, gentle 40 minute walk. Suggestion to meet at Thames Valley at 11:30 am. All welcome – please email social4pa@gmail.com to let Madeleine know if you plan to attend to enable a table booking.

We plan to arrange a cinema outing at The Biscuit Factory in October but are awaiting the cinema schedule to secure a date.

Cigna health insurance

As a reminder, the new Cigna Benefit Overview document which describes the cover available under ECMWF's policy is available on the Cigna website. Go here to login:

[Plan member login | Cigna \(cignahealthbenefits.com\)](#)

Choose the "My Plan" tab then "Description of benefits" and download the pdf.

If you have forgotten your login details, please email pensions@ecmwf.int and someone will be able to help you.

Cigna International is now Cigna Healthcare

Cigna International has rebranded itself **Cigna Healthcare**. You may notice that emails from Cigna now come from the new domain @cignahealthcare.com and that contact emails have been updated. This may mean that future messages from Cigna end up in your Spam folder until you mark them as "not Spam".

For the time being, the old email addresses will still be active, and your messages will be received whether they are sent to the new (ecmwf@cignahealthcare.com) or old (ecmwf@cigna.com) email addresses. There is no impact on the insurance policy or benefits provided.

For clarification the new dental treatment cap, introduced earlier in the year, is per person.

If you experience any problems with Cigna, please contact Jens Alfs directly, best via email using the pensions@ecmwf.int mailbox.

ECMWF 50th anniversary

The Pensioners Association is considering putting together a collection of pensioners' memories of their time at ECMWF to mark the 50th anniversary of ECMWF next year. If you would like to contribute or have other ideas about how we could celebrate the anniversary please get in touch with Madeleine at secretary@ecmwf-pensionersassociation.org.

Save the date - NEXT YEAR - in case you missed the email

ECMWF is planning a series of three events in 2025 to mark ECMWF 50th Anniversary.

Those relevant to pensioners are as follows:

- Bonn - w/c 7 April - a drinks reception
- Bologna - w/c 15 September - a drinks reception
- Reading - w/c 1 December a drinks reception on 3 December 2025.

Neither ECMWF nor the Pensioners' Association will be able to contribute to your expenses for attending ;-)

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 and your enquiry is urgent you may call Helen on 0118 949 9671 during normal working hours; this is her direct line and is not continuously monitored. 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.

Best wishes to you all,

Sylvia Baylis
Chair, Pensioners' Association