

ERAS Support Services Overview

ECFMG Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program 2008 Conference

Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia
September 23, 2008

Anna M. Iacone, Manager, ERAS Support Services
aiacone@ecfm.org

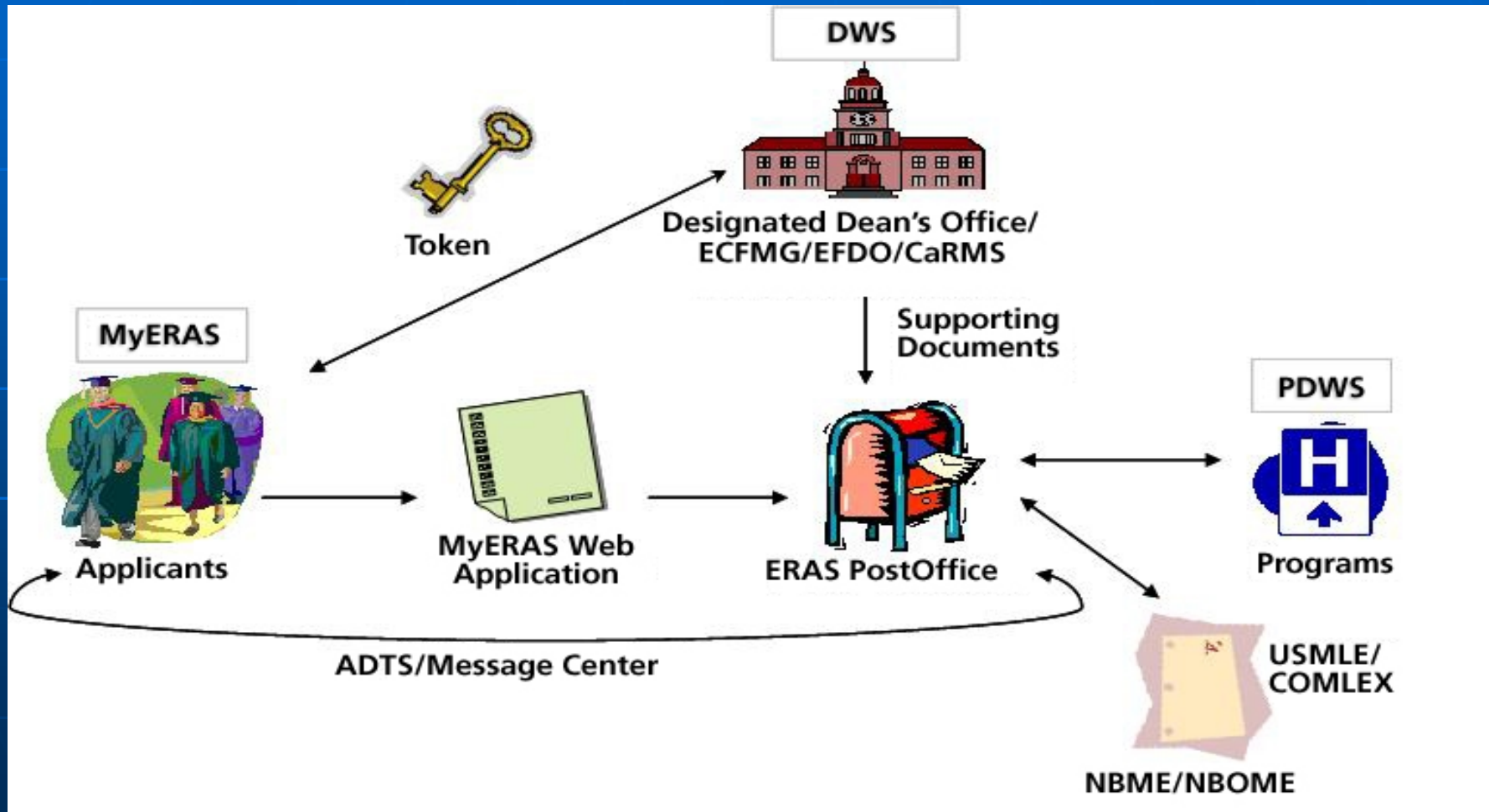
Organizational Collaboration

**Association of American
Medical Colleges
(AAMC®)**
Electronic Residency Application
Service (ERAS®)

ECFMG®
Designated Dean's Office

**National Resident Matching
Program (NRMP®)**

How ERAS Works



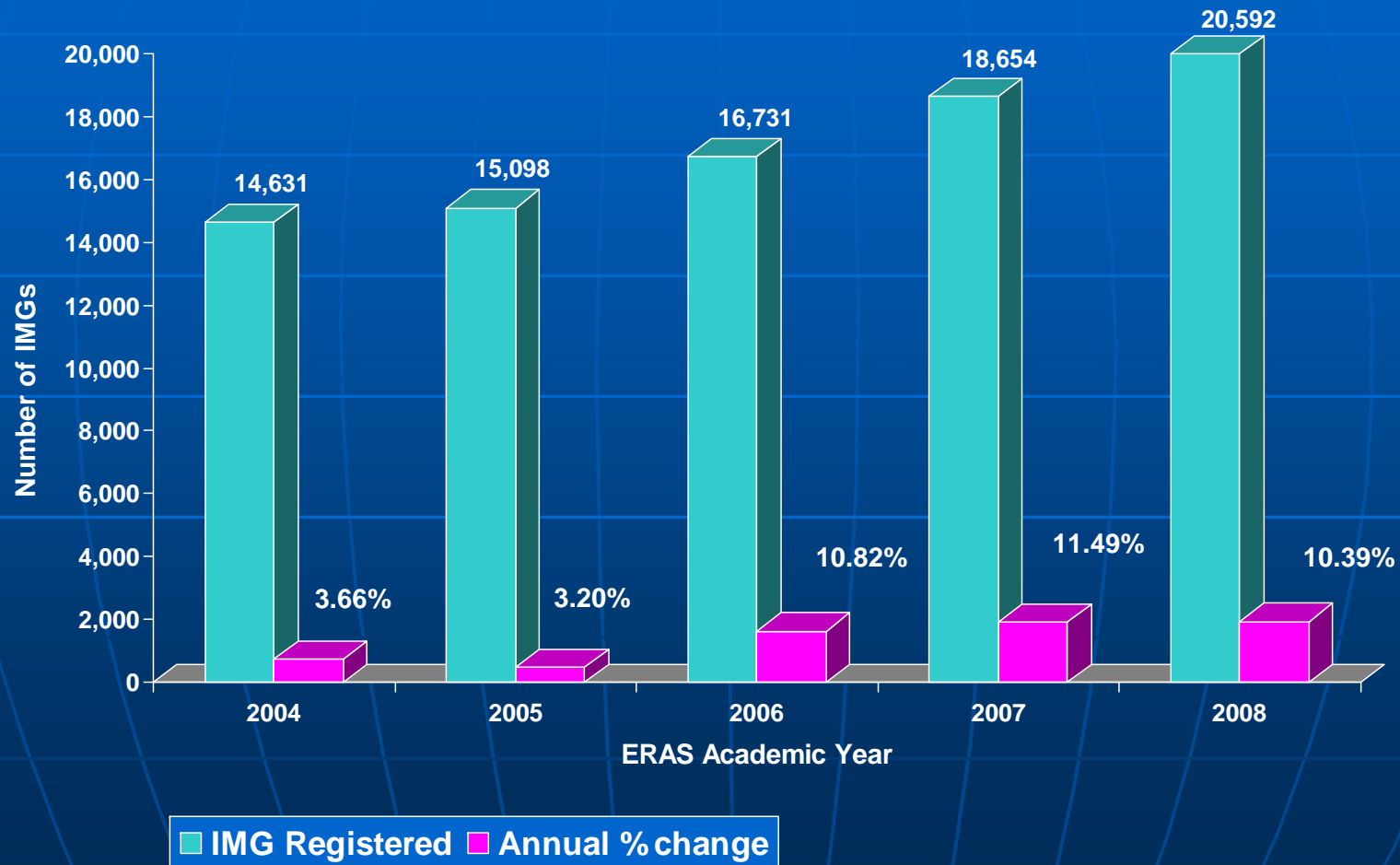
Documents Viewable in the Program Directors' Workstation (PDWS)

- Letters of Recommendation
- Medical School Transcript
- Photograph
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation

Primary Source Verified Documents

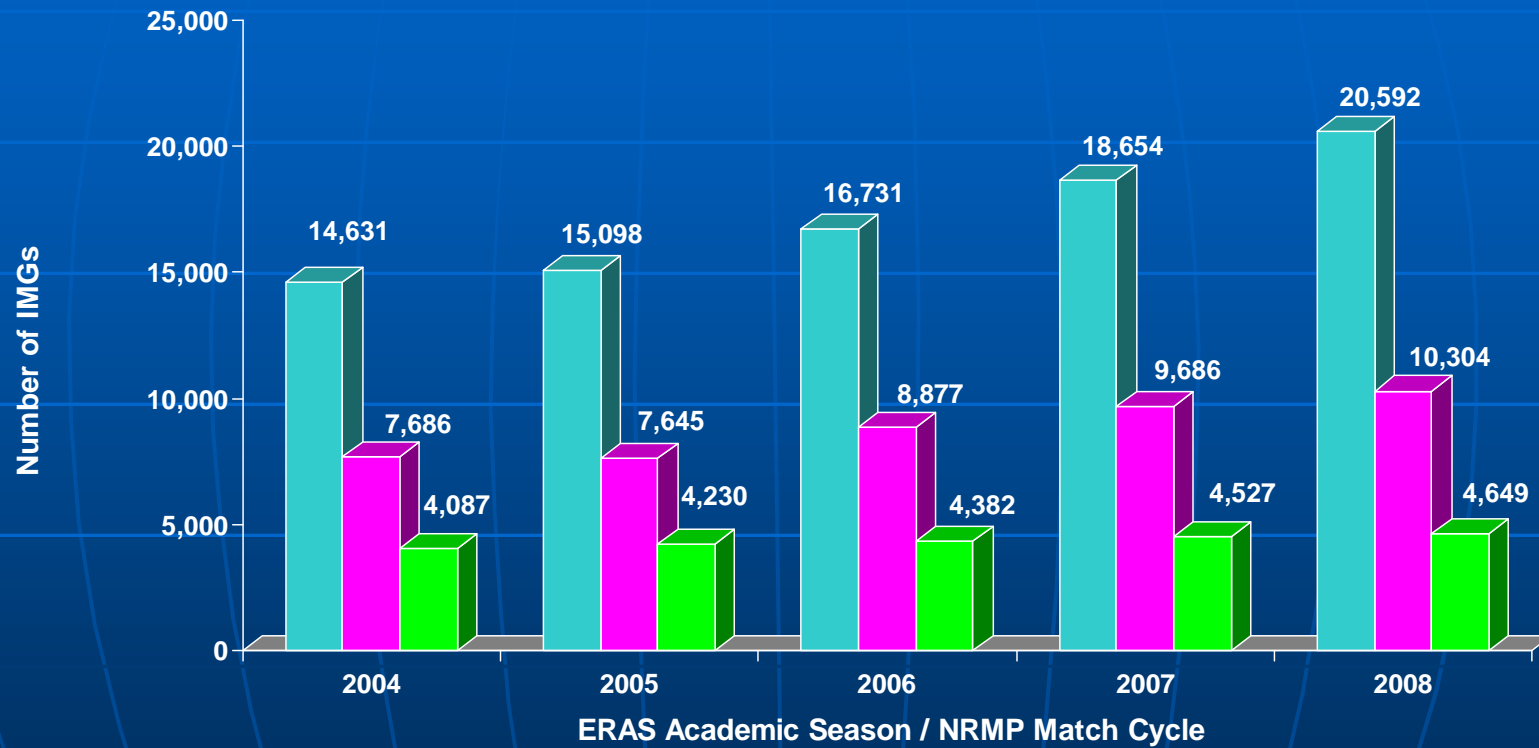
- ECFMG Status Report; USMLE Transcript
 - Visa and licensure requirements
- PDWS access available

Annual Percentage Change of IMG ERAS Registrants



Source: AAMC Deans Workstation (2004-2008)

IMG Activity ERAS / NRMP Outcomes

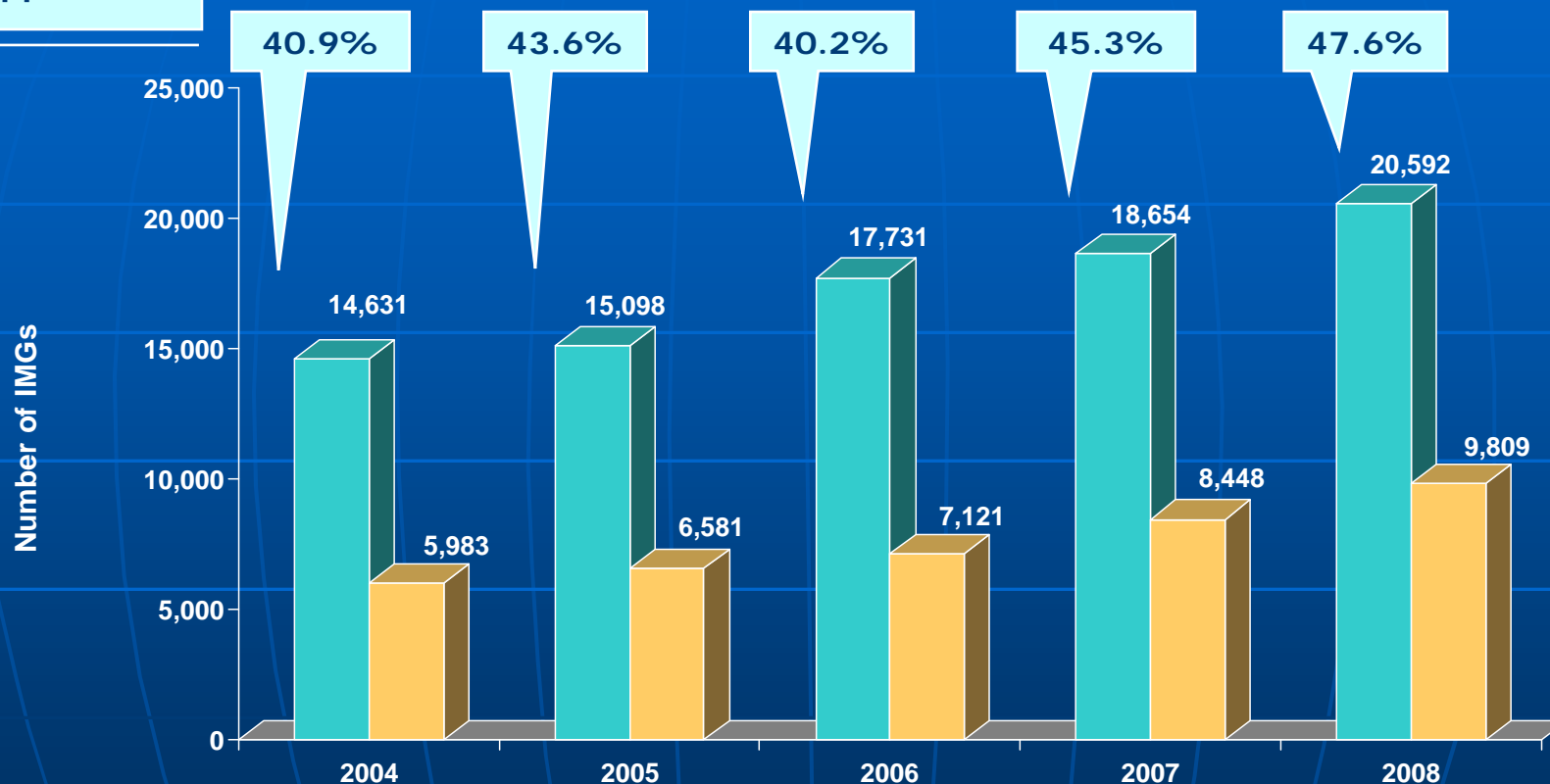


■ IMG ERAS Registered Applicants ■ IMG NRMP Active Participants
■ IMG NRMP Matched Applicants

Source: NRMP Data Tables / AAMC Deans Workstation (2004-2008)

IMG ERAS Registrants Repeat Applicant Statistics

Annual % of
Repeat
Applicants



■ Total IMG ERAS Registered Applicants ■ Total Number of IMG ERAS Repeat Applicants Registered

Source: AAMC Deans Workstation (2004-2008); ECFMG Data File

ECFMG

“Original Document” Policy

Effective since June 2006

- Submission of Original
 - Letters of Recommendation (LoRs)
 - Medical Student Performance Evaluations (MSPEs)
- Policy Consistent with U.S. Medical School Practices

Original Document Policy (Continued)

“Visual Inspection” **not** “Primary Source Verified”

If document is determined to be a “copy”, the ECFMG annotation reads:

**Copy–Original Required for this Document Type
ERAS Support Services**

Note to Program Directors / Administrators

IMG ERAS applications are NOT to be discounted solely based on the copy stamp annotation!

AAMC

ERAS 2008 Satisfaction Survey - Results

Question?

How effective are the ECFMG stamps (*Original, Copy, Source Document, etc.*) to your application process?

Explanations

- Not aware of stamps
- Don't consider/interview many IMGs
- Programs assume verification is done since documents gone through ERAS
- Does not determine decision

Response	Frequency	Count
Very Effective	24.5%	338
Effective	56.0%	772
Not Effective	6.7%	92
Explain	8.8%	121

ECFMG Medical Education Credentials Committee

Committee Charge

To review all reported allegations of “irregular behavior”

Reported allegations to the ECFMG and AAMC

- Falsifying or altering Letters of Recommendation submitted through ERAS

AAMC ERAS Redesign

AAMC / ECFMG Collaboration

- Define and develop technical solutions to create a seamless and accessible ERAS application process for all end-users (ECFMG, U.S. Residency Programs, IMG ERAS Applicants, international medical schools)
- ECFMG technical interfaces to provide primary-sourced documents, via ERAS, to U.S. training programs
 - Medical Student Performance Evaluations
 - Medical school transcripts
 - Possibly on-line letters of recommendation