



World Health Students' Alliance Prague Declaration

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On October 28th 1939, during one of the biggest demonstrations against the occupation of Czechoslovakia, the student Jan Opletal was shot, dying few days later on November 11th. His funeral on November 15th, originated the last big demonstration, led by students of city of Prague, against the occupation by the Nazi army. In November 17th 1939, the Nazi army retaliated and stormed all the student dormitories in Prague, sending more than 1000 students to concentration camps and executing 8 leaders of national and international student unions and 1 professor. Since 1941, this date is recognised as the International Students' Day.

Fifty years have passed and the power of the students have always proven to be essential in actions against repressive regimes and injustice. In November 17th 1989, the students once again led the protests, escalating later in the Czech Velvet Revolution, one of the key events leading to the end of the Cold War.

Student action was always marked by its resilience and fighting against the odds. As it is stated in the memorial of November 17th 1989: *"When - if not now? Who - If not us?"*

Seventy five years also passed since November 17th 1939 and the challenges related to student action didn't end. Right now, students' all over the world continue their commitments to struggle for human rights, better conditions in the communities and for right to access education.

Dental, Medical and Pharmaceutical students understand that it is fundamental to have a common action on the challenges that are now present in our communities and not to act in different silos.



In order to foster collaboration and empower their future efforts, the three organizations decided to unify and form an alliance to help accomplish their visions. November 17th, 2014 was then chosen as the date to start the Alliance, in order to honour students being the key agents of change and to underline their responsibility for communities that surround them, and to commemorate the past and present efforts of all students' worldwide.

Day by day, through both little and big steps, the three organisations of the Alliance, work together to promote the advancement of health at a global, regional, national and local level.

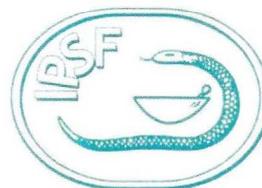
We acknowledge to be fully engaged in this Alliance, as this is, indeed, about our and future generations. We therefore commit to:

- Advocate for the best interests of our communities to improve patient outcomes
- Improve the culture related to health professions collaboration.
- Work together in common advocacy topics related to
 - Social Determinants of Health;
 - Human Resources for Health planning and forecasting;
 - Promotion and advancement of interprofessional education and collaboration
 - Other areas relevant to mission of the Alliance.
- Work in common capacity building projects that promote interprofessional collaboration.
- Share good practice experiences that promote the development of the organizations in the Alliance.

Signing this Declaration, we hereby express our commitment to advance the implementation of Human Rights, the development of health care, education at global level and support the global efforts of students in the advancement of mankind.



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