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IFMSA envisions a world in which medical students unite for global health and are equipped with the knowledge, skills and values to take on health leadership roles locally and globally, so to shape a sustainable and healthy future. IFMSA is recognized as a nongovernmental organization within the United Nations’ system and the World Health Organization; and works in collaboration with the World Medical Association.
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Dear IFMSA members,

Dear readers,

It is an extreme honor to be presenting you with this report that highlights the achievements of this amazing past term 2016-17.

The start of the term got us very anxious, wondering whether we were ready for the job, asking ourselves what expectations our members have towards us and what we can do to meet these expectations.

Today, one year later, when looking back at the work done and all the meetings attended, we can only be proud of what we have accomplished. We have successfully been following the Annual Working Plan that we presented at the start of the term, while respecting the values set at the beginning.

We would like to thank you all for choosing us as leaders of the Federation for the past year, for trusting us and for supporting us all along the way. One thing for sure is that we could not have accomplished all of this without you.

Respectfully,

The Team of Officials for 2016-17.
The Executive Board 2016-2017 has taken up the tasks of (1) evaluating the execution and outcomes of the previous strategy and (2) drafting a new three-year Strategy for the period 2017-2020. The process was extensive and spanned almost the entirety of the term.

The Executive Board reached out to Mr. Henning A. Bendtsen, an external consultant from Denmark, who had previously helped IMCC Denmark in laying out their own strategy. A first meeting took place from the 18th until the 21st of November, in Aarhus, Denmark, where Mr. Bendtsen and the Executive Board discussed the basics of strategic planning, drew a map of all IFMSA stakeholders, and laid out a plan for face-to-face and online consultations with our members.

Consultations took place throughout different meetings (in Burkina Faso, Croatia, Peru, Lebanon, and Montenegro), as well as online for the European and Asia-Pacific Regions. We additionally consulted different other stakeholders, such as our Alumni and Board of Recommendation members, International Assistants and Program Coordinators, External Partners, the Academic Medical Center and NMOs with big Secretariats.

All input was collected, categorised, and analysed by the Executive Board in the period between early March and end of April. A round-up discussion took place with officials during the 4th Team of Officials’ Meeting in Casablanca, Morocco, leading up to the first draft of the Strategy 2017-2020. The Executive Board and the Executive Board-elect then met with Mr. Bendtsen for a second time from the 18th until the 21st of June, in Agra, Switzerland, to finalise the document, which was later submitted for adoption by the IFMSA General Assembly.
The Strategy 2017-2020 has four pillars, each having a number of goals that the Federation is expected to work towards achieving by 2020:

1. **Secretariat and Financial Administration:**
   - Unlock benefits of engaging IFMSA Alumni
   - Professionalize IFMSA’s fundraising
   - Increase the resilience and sustainability of IFMSA’s administration
   - Increase the financial stability of IFMSA meetings

2. **Participation and Representation:**
   - Create a system that allows for NMOs’ individual development
   - Establish an integrated approach to regional representation
   - Improve NMO involvement in decision-making

3. **Alignment of Work:**
   - Ensure consistency and establish global priorities
   - Have clearly-defined tasks and responsibilities
   - Achieve a high-quality of work
   - Work towards appropriate and valuable impact assessment

4. **Visibility and Promotion:**
   - Unify the IFMSA brand and representation throughout all media
   - Have comprehensive and user-friendly online platforms

You can check the full document of the Strategy 2017-2020 via [this link](#).
Internal Meetings

Team of Officials Meeting (TOM-1)
30 September - October 5, 2016
The Netherlands

Training New Trainers (TNT)
October 26 - October 28, 2016
United Kingdom

SCORAction
October 26 - October 28, 2016
Colombia

1st Strategy Meeting
November 18 - November 20, 2016
Denmark

SRT The Netherlands
November 2 - November 6, 2016
The Netherlands

SRT Alps
November 23 - November 27, 2016
Austria

Training New Trainers (TNT)
November 28 - December 2, 2016
Germany

African Regional Meeting
December 15 - December 18, 2017
Burkina Faso

Team of Officials Meeting (TOM-2)
December 28 - January 1, 2017
Croatia

Americas’ Regional Meeting
January 13 - January 16, 2017
Peru

Eastern Mediterranean Regional Meeting
January 28 - February 4, 2017
Lebanon

Training New Trainers (TNT)
February 3 - February 5, 2017
Austria

Winter Camp
February 5 - February 7, 2017
Egypt

Team of Officials Meeting (TOM-3) and 66th General Assembly March Meeting
February 26 - March 8, 2017
Mornenegro

European Regional Meeting
April 18 - April 25, 2017
Turkey

Training New Trainer (TNT)
April 27 - May 1, 2017
Slovenia

Team of Officials Meeting (TOM-4)
April 28 - May 4, 2017
Morocco

Training New Trainers (TNT)
May 5 - May 7, 2017
United Kingdom

SRT Paraguay
May 13 - May 16, 2017
Paraguay

PRET Sarajevo
May 18 - May 21, 2017
Ecuador

SRT Middle of the World
May 26 - May 28, 2017
Ecuador

Training New Trainers (TNT)
June 8 - June 10, 2017
Honduras

Training New Trainers (TNT)
June 24 - June 27, 2017
Colombia

SRT Africa
June 15 - June 18, 2017
Nigeria

Go SCORP
June 16 - June 30, 2017
Ecuador

Trainer Madness
July 15 - July 22, 2017
Bulgaria

Team of Officials Meeting (TOM-5) and 66th General Assembly August Meeting
July 27 - August 7, 2017
Tanzania

Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting
September 14 - September 19, 2017
Japan

T4All
September 4 - September 8, 2017
Portugal
The March Meeting 2017 in Budva was without a doubt the highlight of our term. It was not only one of the biggest in terms of number of participants, but also was the first of its kind to try a new agenda structure. IFMSA members who had the chance to participate in previous meetings certainly knew about the stress and workload that was accompanying our meetings, which is the reason why we have decided to change the agenda and allocate more time for participants to breathe. 87% of participants were satisfied or very satisfied with time management.

This meeting was also very important as it gave us the opportunity to gather all our members from all regions of the world in one place, and consult them on the future of our Federation, as we were drafting the Strategy 2017/20. The strategy session was coordinated by our Strategy Consultant, Mr Henning Bendtsen, who graciously agreed to support us throughout the entire year to develop the Federation’s next Strategy. All NMOs were given the chance to express themselves on what they believe should be the top priorities of the Federation in the upcoming three years.

During the meeting, we also elected the new Executive Board 2017-18.

Lastly, we had the chance to work on and adopt the Budva Youth Declaration, a call to Action from IFMSA on Non-Communicable Diseases. Data was gathered from 128 National Member Organisations about the inclusion of NCD prevention and upstream factors to NCDs in medical curricula. The main call to action is to increase financial investments in action to address NCDs now, in order to curb the economic and social impact of these diseases in the future.

Pre-General Assembly Workshops (list):

1. Public Health Leadership on Antimicrobial Resistance (PHLT on AMR)
2. Essential Leadership Skills (ELS)
3. From Idea to Impact
4. Global External Focus Areas and External Representation in IFMSA
5. HIV Education and Advocacy Training (H.E.A.T.)
6. International Training on Disaster Medicine (ITDM)
7. Training New Human Rights Trainers (TNHRT)
8. Presidents’ preGA
9. Training Medical Education Trainers (TMET)
10. Training New Exchange Trainers (TNET)
11. Training New Trainers (TNT)
12. Transforming Our World by 2030: Reaching the SDGs
13. Team of Officials Meeting 3

Winners of the Rex Crossley Award:

1st Place: Dean Arthu by AMSA-Ireland;
2nd Place: National Smoking Awareness Campaign: Put it Out! by IFMSA-Jordan;
3rd Place: Project Immuno by SloMSIC-Slovenia.

Winners of the Activities Fair:

1st Place: Free Medical Day - Your Health, Your Right by LeMSIC-Lebanon;
2nd Place: Project Burans by AMSA-Australia and Federal Lobby Day by CFMSA-Canada.
The August Meeting 2017 in Arusha, Tanzania, was a meeting that everyone will remember for sure.

The first highlight of this General Assembly to be mentioned was the meeting itself. The Organizing Committee has not only organized an amazing meeting, very structured and financially sustainable, but they have also shown the skills and pride of an entire region that was delighted to host delegates from the entire world. Furthermore, this was the biggest IFMSA General Assembly ever in terms of represented nations, as we had 102 countries present.

One of the most important outcomes of this meeting, if not the most important, was the adoption of the Federation’s Strategy 2017/20. This has been a process that we all worked on during one entire year, consulting our stakeholders and literally writing down the future of IFMSA. We are very proud to have been able to achieve this.

Additionally, next to all the important decisions the plenary has made, such as the adoption of new policies, bylaw changes and reports, we have elected a new Team of Officials and Supervising Council members. Right after the end of the General Assembly, a three-days meeting took place for handover purposes to prepare the new team to enter into office.

Pre-General Assembly Workshops (list):
1. Presidents’ preGA
2. Training New Trainers (TNT)
3. Public Health Leadership Training on Mental Health (PHLT on MH)
4. From Idea to Impact
5. Women’s Reproductive Health and Safe Abortion
6. Training New Medical Education Trainers (TMET)
7. Human Rights for Medical Practitioners (HRMP)
8. Training New Exchange Trainers (TNET)
9. Team of Officials Meeting 5

Winners of the Rex Crossley Award:
1st Place: Ultrafest Ljubljana by SloMSIC-Slovenia;
2nd Place: Villages Free of Hepatitis C by IFMSA-Egypt;
3rd Place: Orphanage Health Day by LeMSIC-Lebanon.

Winners of Activities Fair:
1st Place: Donate Life by Associamed-Tunisia;
2nd Place: Rare Diseases Event by AMSA-Hong Kong;
3rd Place: “Health Care in Danger” Workshop by IFMSA-Quebec.
African Regional Meeting
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso • December 15-18, 2016
130 participants from 21 countries

The ARM was a huge success for the region. It was the first to be held in a French speaking country, which enables many French speaking medical students to attend. Through this, we realised that language should not be a barrier.

At the ARM, we embarked on a journey towards a regional strategy. We did a consultation to define priorities. By this date, the Strategy is almost finalised, and it will be voted on by the African NMOs before the end of the term.

The theme event of the meeting was on Climate Health and Health. Our Liaison Officer for Public Health issues helped us create a call to action, the so called Ouagadougou Declaration, which was handed to the Government of Burkina Faso and shared with all NMOs of the region.

As it is a tradition at our Regional Meetings, African Delegates share their culture, to reach other cultures.

Pre-Regional Meeting Workshops (list):
1. Training Medical Education Trainers (TMET)
2. Training of Old Trainers (TOT): Capacity Building Training
3. Maternal Health and Access to Safe Abortion
4. Training on Climate Change and Health

Americas Regional Meeting
Lima, Peru • January 13-18, 2017
181 participants from 22 countries

The AmRM was the biggest regional meeting so far in terms of participants and countries represented in the Americas. We held 5 workshops during the Pre-RM and the RM stretched over 4 working days. We updated our Internal Operating Guidelines, to give them a new vision and to acknowledge the importance of external representation and the procedures around it on a regional level.

We also approved the creation of a Small Working Group on Regional Collaboration working on the areas of internal development, involvement, finances and publicity in the Americas. We aim to increase the interest of Presidents and NMO members in policy processes of the Federation. The meeting set amazing dynamics for the follow-up of the outcomes of the Standing Committee sessions, and the work with the NMOs.

Pre-Regional Meeting Workshops (list):
1. Training Old Trainers (TOT): Capacity Building Systems
2. Training Medical Education Trainers (TMET)
3. Global Health within Exchanges
5. LEAD (Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy & Development).
6. Public Health Leadership Training (PHLT)
EMR Meeting
Beirut, Lebanon • January 28 - February 4, 2017
173 participants from 13 countries

EMR13 holds the record for highest regional representation in the last 3 years in terms of NMOs represented. The meeting gathered them under the theme of Crisis & Disaster Management. Pre-RM workshops were conducted, as well as 6 Capacity Building Workshops during the RM itself, which spanned over 3 working days. We held 6 Morning Sessions (Presidents’ Sessions and Standing Committee Sessions), which were offered by the Regional Team with the support of the Team of Officials, which ensured that reliable and accountable information reaches the region. We also adhered to the regional priorities and to guide us in structuring these sessions.

We also offered Open Space Discussions and Networking between members of the region, which played a significant role in setting up a platform for creativity and engagement. During this particular meeting, the fundamental milestone of the EMR Regional Strategy was established. Phase One out of Three in the drafting process of the strategy was accomplished. The Regional Meeting has optimized the motivation and enthusiasm of members of the region, which is exemplified by the great outcomes of the sessions.

Pre-Regional Meeting Workshops (list):

1. Public Health Leadership Training on Antimicrobial Resistance (PHLT on AMR)
2. International Training on Disaster Medicine (ITDM)
3. Ipas Workshop
4. Training Old Trainers (TOT)
5. Professional & Research Exchange Training (PRET)

European Regional Meeting
Antalya, Turkey • April 18-25, 2017
188 participants from 28 countries

EuRegMe managed to bring together over half of the region. 20 participants received a grant to attend the Human Rights for Medical Practitioners workshop, meaning the workshop was open to a wider group of people with fewer financial barriers.

126 people participated in the theme event out of 188 participants, which is a very respectable percentage, and the theme event was well received. Several discussions were held about the future of the region and outcome documents were created, to be followed up on in the upcoming term. A wide variety of training sessions were held from “Advocacy” to “Motivation,” that were consistently rated highly. Presidents received further training on fundraising and an important session was held where Presidents could give joint input to the European Commission’s One Health Action Plan on AMR.

A particular highlight of this EuRegMe were the open space discussions, where member organizations could host their own discussions that were open to all participants. In total we had 10 of these discussions, all of which were well attended and tackled important issues for our member organizations. Presidents’ Sessions had 40 participants and were rated 4.56 out of 5.

Pre-Regional Meeting Workshops (list):

1. Public Health Leadership Training (PHLT) on Mental Health
2. Human Rights for Medical Practitioners (HRMP)
3. Policy Master Class
4. Essential Leadership Skills (ELS)
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Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting
Tokyo, Japan • September 17-21, 2017
156 participants from 15 countries

The APRM has managed to gather a majority of the countries within the Asia-Pacific Region of the Federation. Held in the heart of Japan’s capital, the meeting provided a space for our members in the region to gather and discuss pertinent regional issues in the six thematic fields of our Federation.

During the meeting, the region managed to update the Asia-Pacific Internal Operational Guidelines, provided the leaders of the region with information on recent changes within the Federation, and provided capacity building opportunities for the participants of the events. Other notable achievements during the meeting was the theme event given by several experienced speakers on the fields of nuclear disarmament and treatment of refugees within the region, both issues which are important in the current geopolitical climate of the world.

Pre-Regional Meeting Workshops (list):
1. Training New Trainers (TNT)
2. Training New Human Rights Trainers (TNHRT)
3. Training Medical Education Trainers (TMET)
In this first meeting of the term, Officials gathered to learn about the basics of IFMSA, be it about external representation, reporting, corporate identity or finances. We successfully grew closer as a team, and gathered valuable insight into the term as a whole.

After the first few months, TOM2 provided the Team of Officials a first space to collaborate and discuss things, such as the promotion of the Rex Crossley Award, how to involve communities in the Strategy 2017/20, and how to improve IFMSA’s fundraising.

Furthermore, the Team of Officials agreed on a new way to calculate financial coverage for flight tickets, which is based on the Swedish Taxation System.

The Team of Officials took the opportunity to meet before the General Assembly to discuss last details, notably their stances on all submissions to the General Assembly. There were intense discussions regarding a proposal that would have allowed non-medical students to serve in the TO, as well as a proposal that would have prompted the call for Officials positions to be reopened if one gender was overrepresented within the pool of candidates.

Following the tradition to look into the future of the Federation during TOM4, the Team of Officials took the chance to give their input to, and directly work on, the IFMSA Strategy 2017/20. Next to this, a variety of topics were discussed, such as regional distribution in various processes of the Federation, the mechanisms of red flags to EB decisions and internal research guidelines for IFMSA.

As for TOM5, Officials gathered before the GA to finalize its planning, and also to coordinate last efforts in the term. Due to time shortage before the March Meeting, the Team of Officials decided to extend TOM5 for one more half day compared to TOM3.

The Team of Officials was invited to join the first half of TOM0 alongside their successors. Valuable insight could be offered to the next term’s team, so that this year’s achievement would continue to benefit the Federation.
During this term SCOME focused on three main areas which were capacity building, including SCOME members in the leadership of new Medical Education initiatives through SWGs and Visibility and Archiving.

**Capacity Building:**
- Following-up on the past TMET workshops and finalizing the certification process;
- Finalizing the TMET manual which will be a support for SCOME members worldwide to ensure high-quality TMET workshops;
- Following-up on SRTs and TMETs worldwide;
- IFMSA Meetings: Themed TMET Pre-Meetings workshops, Sessions Team and Support Persons selection and empowering. Themed beginners and advanced sessions.

**Small Working Groups (SWGs):**
- SWG on TMET Manual;
- SWGs in the Americas: Capacity Building in SCOME and Educational Research Activities;
- Using mid term SWOT analysis to develop sessions for the August Meeting and preGA;
- Finalizing the NOME manual to support the NOMEs and provide them with relevant information they need. To be published before the end of the term.

**Visibility and archiving:**
- Updating activities and NOMEs database;
- Updated monthly IT reports;
- Reviewing the SCOME public folder and increasing its accessibility.
We wanted by the end of our term to have increased the Quality of our Exchange Program, to have more sustainable actions and to be more accessible to our Medical Students. Following these goals, we performed the initial implementation of the Strategy 2016-2019.

Some highlights of our achievements were: Exchanges Week 2017 (online campaign to raise awareness of our Exchange Program worldwide), Student Handbook (development of more endorsed checklists, translation to Spanish, Portuguese and French aiming to increase intra-regional exchanges and proposed a reform for the upcoming term), Educational Activities (worked in the implementation of the Pre-Departure Training workshops within the NMOs especially in the field of Ethics in Exchange which was endorsed by UNESCO), New SCOPE-active NMOs (Moldova, Syria, Georgia, Honduras and Sierra Leone), Capacity Building (up to date Capacity Building Database for Exchange Officers, PRETs spread worldwide and expansion of the TNETs to the Regional Meetings), Global Health Implementation (Global Health Guidebook for members and Promotional Video), signed the Maintenance Contract of the Exchange Platform (giving us more autonomy to modify/add features and to achieve an error-free database).

Most importantly we had fun, especially because we are everywhere - even underwater!

Standing Committee Director:
Rodrigo Enrique Roa, Brazil
Liaison Officer: multiplet
The SCOPH has been a very challenging environment to work in this year - with an ever larger number of activities and members, and an increasing need for higher quality capacity building and networking.

In the beginning of the year much attention was focused on building a strong International Team that could cater to all the needs of each Region.

**Capacity Building:** A large effort was put into standardizing the Public Health Leadership Training workshop. It now has standard content, methods, and a new trainer certification process to ensure that all trainers meet our standard. New trainers are being trained through the first IFMSA online course (“PHLT-T-Online”), to improve Regional Representation. There now are over 10 trainers, spread worldwide.

**Publications:** The World Diabetes Day Manual was published, and work was performed on the Mental Health Manual (still to be published), as well as an Organ-Marrow and Tissue Donation Manual. Work is also still being performed on Vector-Borne Diseases manuals in collaboration with SCORA.

**Development:** (a) In collaboration with SCOPE, the SCOPH has created and activated the framework for Exchanges in the domain of Public Health. This means that the first Public Health Exchanges will be able to start taking place during the next term. We consider this one of the biggest achievements for the term (special thanks to the work of the RA for the EMR, Ahmad). (b) During this term, the new SCOPH Strategy 2018-2021 was developed, and the Regulations were updated. These documents were voted on by the National Representatives at the NPO Plenary sessions during the MM and AM SCOPH sessions. Further work was performed on the Strategy after the August Meeting, following input from SCOPHeroes.
SCORA has focused a lot on capacity building and creation of more options of critical thinking within the committee. The term saw the creation of 4 trainings, so that we now have at least 1 training per focus area. We have also created the SCORA Exchange Regulations, giving members the opportunity to formally evaluate and also build a capacity building space overseas. We believe this has improved the organization of the exchanges, and has introduced the international certification of these events. We have developed various “ground work” activities for the members such as the publication on how to write an MSI article in SCORA. We have updated the SCORA Manual and as well introduced the SCORA database that mixes relevant publications in SRHR knowledge but also the ideas and main documents needed for the SCORA daily life. A last example is the SCORA map which contains all emails of all NORAs worldwide. We have maintained all co-operations and also renewed SECSE with a more formal proposal of regulations. We have sent the call to host the SCORA Africa Bootcamp which will work as the cooperation for this region.

In terms of creating more opportunities, we have focused most work on finding external opportunities for all regions. However from the internal side the process has been also parallel since we have been opening member’s knowledge on a constant basis by providing alternative spaces for CB such as the SCORA Basics Series and also the IT CB spaces we offer the members to attend to. This was allowed us to promote much more critical thinking which is reflected in the publications that have been launched this term such as but not limited to: The booklet on LGBTQ+ inclusion in medical education and also the Women’s Rights Argumentation package which we hope function as resources for students for the time to come. Lastly, we have introduces two new international dates to our SCORA agenda based on the assessment of social minorities in our federation making the 28th of September (International Day on Access to Safe Abortion) and the 25th of November (Day on the Eradication of Violence Against Women) part our our celebrations/advocacy opportunities throughout the year. 9 NMOs have activated SCORA this terms and we have 4 in the process of activating that will be handovered to the next term.

Standing Committee Director:
Carlos Andres Acosta, Brazil

Liaison Officer:
Carles Pericas Escale, Spain
During this term SCORE focused on developing sustainable growth, keeping up with the new innovations that were implemented such as the SCOPE-SCORE exchanges, GAP, and following up the recently activated NMOs for further improvement.

In the Educational Activities, we worked in the implementation of the Pre-Exchange Training endorsed by UNESCO in the field of Ethics in Exchanges, which includes Research Ethics.

The new SCORE-active countries for this term are Burkina Faso, Singapore, Syria, Bolivia, Ukraine and Iraq-Kurdistan.

In Capacity Building, our highlights are the creation of the SCORE Resource Center, the development of PRETs in all 5 regions and expansion of the TNETs.

During IFMSA meetings, such as Regional Meetings or General Assemblies, a good cooperation and working environment was created for the NOREs for discussions and training.

Together with SCOPE we hosted the Exchanges Week, an online campaign for our Exchange Program, which reached more than 15’000 people.

A new maintenance contract for the exchange platform was signed, which will allow us to fix bugs faster and modify/add features.

Finally, the entire SCORE Regulations were restructured and the Manual on Research Exchange (MoRE) was updated according to those.
During this first year working according to the SCORP Strategic Plan 2016-2019, SCORP has aimed to continue processes started during the previous year in order to improve our institutional memory, to ensure transparency and member participation, and to increase the quality and impact of our activities. The International Team has strived to improve the evaluation and reporting procedure of activities such as international campaigns, Training New Human Rights Trainers (TNHRT) workshops and regional meetings. Regulations and manuals were further developed in order to standardize events and clarify roles and responsibilities.

This year saw the creation of the TNHRT Regulations, GoSCORP Regulations, SCORP Camp Regulations as well as the completion of the NORP Manual. We also completed the first revision of the SCORP Standing Committee Regulations and drafted regulations for the International Training on Disaster Medicine. New opportunities to get involved in international work was offered to the members, for example by inviting observers to International Team Meetings, by arranging online voting options and having webinars on relevant issues.

SCORP launched major campaigns for World Human Rights Day, World Refugee Day and International Day of Peace, including online learning materials and resources for members to use on a local or national level. Furthermore, the International Team did their best to support National Member Organisations (NMOs) based on the needs of each country; to design fruitful, innovative and enjoyable sessions during General Assemblies and Regional Meetings; and to remain available, approachable and supportive for all SCORP members. Eighth NMOs have activated SCORP during the term, and 13 TNHRT workshops alongside several other SCORP related capacity building events have been held across the globe. Lastly, the SCORP International Team is pleased to see that several countries have their expressed interest in developing more advocacy and policy related activity in order to create a more sustainable change in society.

Standing Committee Director:
Jessica Zhang, Sweden

Liaison Officer:
Majko Sedlak, Slovakia
Africa

We’ve had many successes in different aspects of the work in the African Region this year. We mainly worked towards improving the already existing initiatives created by our predecessors. We also focused on supporting our NMOs: The International Team provided guidance to NMOs by attending national events to help in Capacity Building. The Region held a successful SubRegional Training in West Africa, which saw many trainers trained who are committed to serve the region.

The Region started the journey to ensure the sustainability of our Activities, namely the initiation of the regional strategy, which is currently in its final stages of development. We fostered NMO partnerships: A pilot project was initiated by FUMSA-Uganda, MSAKE-Kenya and MEDSAR-Rwanda, whose successes will be shared with the region.

Americas

The Americas Team has worked to support the NMOs in many different ways, from internal guidance for international processes of the Federation, to recruitment, to external representation and by holding face to face trainings in NMOs that we had the chance to visit. We increased the number and quality of SubRegional Trainings, for the benefit of our members and the NMOs.

We were able to improve the national relationships in the region in the work towards achieving the SDGs and the 2030 agenda. We implemented a mechanism for NMO-NMO collaboration, and we created a SWG on Regional Collaboration to develop strategies to increase participation, and to make NMOs more sustainable in terms of finances, involvement Local Committee management and publicity.

Last but not least, we followed up on the activation of new Standing Committees in our NMOs and we worked closely with them in order to develop advocacy and campaigning skills.

Asia-Pacific

During the year, the Asia-Pacific Region has managed to achieve many significant things in its daily operations. We managed to established contact with NMOs with whom contact have been lost before and established contact with people in countries in which the Federation is currently unrepresented.

During the term, three National Member Organizations have been upgraded to full membership. The Regional Team has also managed to create several guidelines and tools to improve information dissemination for our members in the region. Topics that became the team’s foci includes: procedural information, management of finances at the national level, and external representation opportunities offered by the Federation. An adequate level of contact was maintained with the Region’s leadership and assistance was offered when necessary.

The Federation’s presence at the regional level was also maintained by the attendance of the Regional Director in the Regional Committee Meetings of WHO’s Western Pacific and Southeast Asian offices.

Other institutions with whom relations were maintained includes the Western Pacific Association for Medical Education, a member of the World Federation of Medical Education. Additionally, many capacity building and training opportunities has been given to the Federation’s members in the region, mostly in the form of Sub Regional Trainings and a Regional Meeting.
Internal Activities

Regions

Eastern Mediterranean

In the term 2016/17, the Eastern Mediterranean Region have jumped into a different era of development, internally as well as externally. Having open channels of communication with National Member Organizations of the region played a major role to get into this new field of work. Having started with 14 NMOs in 13 countries, we are now honoured and proud to represent 16 NMOs in 15 countries: Qatar and Yemen have joined our Federation as new candidate members. In addition, SMSA-Syria has been upgraded to full membership. We have reached out to a new organization in Saudi Arabia, which has not been represented in IFMSA for some time.

With regard to external representation, the EMR has managed to increase the number of IFMSA delegates at the WHO Regional Committee from 2 to 5. The collaboration with UNRWA reflects the outcome of the work between the EMR Regional Team and the Liaison Officer for Human Rights issues. Another collaboration that is currently going on is called Global Bridges, which will initiate collaborative work on common projects between NMOs, such as on tobacco dependence treatment. We have also planned the first ever EMR Camp, which will provide a platform for capacity building and training for members of the regions in the following term.

Europe

This year the European Region achieved a number of things and made good progress towards realizing its three-year strategy. The following is a small sampling of our achievements:

1. We successfully applied for a Council of Europe Grant in collaboration with the SCORP IT.
2. We had good representation at the European Youth Forum, resulting in a thematic workshop on refugee health and rights (one of our priorities) and managed to insert IFMSA’s priorities into the European Youth Forum negotiating position on the next European Youth Strategy.
3. We created the European Toolkit on Policy Making and Usage to rave reviews. In addition, the NMOs of the European region rated the support they were getting on policy work to be highest among all regions.
4. We also created the IFMSA Guidelines on Giving Input to External Meetings with the LOs.
5. Follow-up plans were created for all NMOs in the region and used to triage our NMOs throughout the term. As a result, no NMOs were at risk of losing their IFMSA membership after March Meeting 2017.
6. We welcomed a new member organization from Northern Cyprus at August Meeting 2017, and upgraded two candidate members to full membership status (Ireland and Cyprus).
7. We were chosen as partners for Yo!Fest and delivered five high quality activities that were well attended. One of these activities was done in collaboration with the European Commission.
8. As a result of our work with the European Commission on Antimicrobial Resistance, IFMSA was chosen as one of the stakeholders for the European Union’s Joint Action on AMR.

Regional Directors:
Magnifique Irakoze (Africa); Ivan Fabrizzio Canaval (Americas); Satria Nur Sya’ban (Asia-Pacific); Sharif Ba Alawi (EMR); Priit Tohver (Europe)
The term 2016/17 marked the second fully functional term for IFMSA Programs. Numerous achievements could be celebrated throughout the term. After their appointment, a Capacity Building scheme was developed for Program Coordinators together with the Vice-President for Capacity Building, inspired by the competency model. To date, 6 Capacity Building modules have been delivered to PCs.

A new unified enrollment form has been developed, through which one can enroll Activities to all 18 Programs. The form simplifies the enrollment process and led to a better overview of Activities by the Vice-President for Activities, who can now issue certificates to Activity Coordinators for enrolling their Activities under Programs.

The role of Program Coordinators at General Assemblies has been expanded. Interested PCs had the opportunity to offer Program Sessions at both March and August Meeting 2017. The layout of Activities Fair and Rex Crossley Awards was adapted to ease the collaboration between PCs and Activity Coordinators. Program Flyers were distributed at both GAs.

Then, at the March Meeting, Program Coordinators started to tackle two key issues for Programs: the significant overlap between Programs and the low quality of Program Descriptions. One working group among PCs produced a directive explaining how to write a Program Description, featuring more concrete descriptions of terms to be used. A first Program Proposal on Maternal Health and Access to Safe Abortion has been produced according to these new guidelines and was adopted by NMOs at the August Meeting 2017. Furthermore, Program Focus Areas were analysed and obvious overlap was eliminated. A roadmap for the process in future terms has been developed.

The layout of the Program Annual Impact Report has been updated to provide NMOs with more concise information on the Federation’s Impact. This term, 213 Activities were enrolled under Programs. This is an 81% increase compared to last year. All Program Impact Reports were adopted at the August Meetings.
The Capacity Building International Team has focused on revising and improving the already existing entities in the IFMSA. A bulk of our work has focused on helping NMOs organise SRTs on a diverse array of topics. The amount of SRTs that were approved in the term 2016/2017 was 22.

Additionally, we have developed two new workshops, that has been conducted in Pre-GAs and Pre-RMs. The first one is the Essential Leaderships Skills (ELS) workshop, which followed the European Strategy. The three-day-workshop focuses on three aspects of leadership: self-leadership, team leadership and organisational leadership. Topics included identifying values, setting vision (personal and organisational), communication in teams and finally strategic planning. The workshop was conducted twice and showed a lot of promise and received valuable feedback.

The second workshop was a revised Training Old Trainers workshop, which focused more on upgrading the knowledge of existing trainers, by teaching them how to use their skills more strategically and how to make sure that the sessions and workshops they conduct serve a very specific and important purpose. This workshop has not enjoyed so much success as the ELS, however, we have received very useful feedback for its further development.

Lastly, and arguably the biggest achievement of the term, we have revised the NMO management sessions, which were received exceptionally well. The difference this term was that we offered participants a choice of four streams, from which they could chose two. The streams were divided into Strategic Planning, Finances, External Representation and Communication in NMOs. Because the participants had to choose, they were exposed to the topics to greater depth, which they found useful.

There were further efforts made to improve the quality of the TNTs, Training Sessions and revise the Trainers Resource Centre. They will be handed over the next VPCB, who will then be able to pick up the work where we left off.
This year, an important part of the work focused on developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to describe in detail all processes the Secretariat is involved in. The Secretary developed the SOPs, which were then approved by the Executive Board. 16 SOPs have been adopted (and 9 of them already extensively updated) so far. They document such processes as issuing of documents at the start of the term, handling of submissions for the General Assemblies, the registration of the EB and the SupCo at the Chamber of Commerce, and many more. The SOPs are of great value to the sustainability of the Secretariat.

Furthermore, a lot has been done to further develop the Secretariat this term. Firstly, for the first time, an intern has been recruited, which has supported the Secretary during 4 weeks with administrative tasks and has contributed greatly to the digitalizing of IFMSA’s archives in the AMC. The SOPs have proven their usefulness in handover of several tasks. Secondly, the Secretary has visited the Secretariat of IMCC-Denmark, particularly to learn how the Secretariat could contribute to fundraising and for what tasks interns can optimally be deployed. The visit resulted in an extensive report containing several valuable lessons for IFMSA.

Also, this term has again shown the inherent value of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to legal support. The Secretary has facilitated our access to timely pro bono legal advice in numerous delicate situations, and has played an important role in communication with the lawyers.

For the future, IFMSA counts on continuing its partnership with Academic Medical Center at the University of Amsterdam for the Secretariat. The contract has been renewed for another term.
United Nations TF

This Task Force aim to improve IFMSA’s understanding and active participation within the UN structure. Throughout the term, there were several major achievements which include:

1. Pre-GA “Transforming our World by 2030”, which was part of the efforts to build capacity internally in IFMSA at the local and national level, and give NMOs an opportunity to accelerate action on SDG3 and other SDGs.
2. Inform and encourage NMOs about shadow reporting on national progress on the SDGs, particularly SDG3. A webinar was organised leading up to HLPF and one NMO wrote a shadow report, which gave IFMSA legitimacy and attention at HLPF.
3. Active and high level participation at UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF): IFMSA was a lead discussant in the SDG3 session, hosted a side event together with other youth organisations and actively worked with other NGOs on questions to countries on their progress etc.
4. One regional forum on the 2030 agenda was attended.
5. The TF led the delegation to the 2nd Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs.

NMO Participation Barriers TF

This Task Force aimed at looking at the barriers NMOs face in their participation in IFMSA. The Task Force made a survey to be answered by NMO Presidents and the Team of Officials. They based their actions on the findings in this survey.

1. Visa Procedures: They decided to propose bylaw change proposal to make GA host more responsible for ensuring visa. NMOs found it unrealistic, and so it did not reach \( \frac{2}{3} \) majority.

2. Remote voting and live streaming: The Task Force decided to propose a new Task Force focusing on this issue. If possible live streaming will be tried at MM18. Based on consultations about online voting and potential consequences, the Task Force will come up with a proposal for AM18.

International Team Structure TF

The aim of this Task Force was to look into International Teams of IFMSA. This included how they are selected, requirements for Assistants, their tasks, how they are held accountable and in what instances they can be removed from office. The Task Force carried out a survey answered by NMO Presidents, general members and the Team of Officials. At AM17 they proposed several bylaw changes. Not all of them reached \( \frac{2}{3} \) majority. NMOs decided that assistants shall still be selected by the Team of Officials and requirements for Assistants were adopted. The Task Force made a mandate for the EB to look into possible funding for assistants and to propose a timeline of selection of Assistants.

Fundraising TF

The Task Force on Fundraising was created at MM2017, after a Bylaws Change Proposal that would have given the EB the power to preliminarily approve sponsorship proposals was not adopted. NMOs were particularly concerned that there was no recent framework outlining which kinds of sponsors are acceptable for IFMSA. The Task Force conducted a survey with NMOs, and with this input produced a framework and a policy on Ethical Financing. Both documents will serve the EB in future years as guidelines on what sponsors to recruit. The EB 2017/18 has been mandated to follow the framework until MM2018.
Internal Activities

Task Forces

Gender Representation and Empowerment TF

The task force was created to look into the potential gaps in gender empowerment and representation within the Federation and suggest ways to overcome the same. The taskforce devised two questionnaires, one aimed at Presidents and the other aimed to other NMO members. The questionnaire aimed at Presidents was to gather demographic data and understand gender representation within NMOs. The questionnaire aimed at members was to understand the common perception of gender dynamics and included a section on specific incidents of discrimination they may have experienced.

Ag AM17, the Task Force presented its analysis and asked for an extension to further delve into this topic and gain perspectives from all regions.
Recruitment Procedures

As a consequence of the lack of procedures related to recruitment of National Member Organisations (NMOs) the Vice-President for Members and Regional Directors for the term 2016/17 decided to review this process. The newly established process includes specific steps and deadlines from the first contact to a potential NMO through their Candidate Membership until they become Full Members. Several new changes have been adopted to the IFMSA Bylaws, namely a completely revised Annex 2: Firstly, a Membership Review Committee was established with the purpose of reviewing the validity of all membership applications, and a change for applicants to submit amendments to solve validity problem. Furthermore, Regional Directors will create a follow-up plan for their new NMOs and report on them yearly. We hope these new procedures, even though they add an extra workload on IFMSA, will ensure quality recruitment and better support to our new members.

Code of Conduct Committee

The Code of Conduct was adopted in AM 2015 in Macedonia. It aims to formulate the parameters of behavior and to make the General Assembly a safe and comfortable environment for everyone. Throughout this term, we aimed to implement the Code of Conduct in General Assemblies and orient our members about the importance of respecting it.

In March Meeting 2017, we created a Code of Conduct Committee which consisted of members of the EB, TO, SupCo, NMOs, and Organizing Committee representatives. Their role was to ensure the implementation of the CoC during the meeting and manage any reported violations.

Mental Watch

Special attention this year was given to burnout prevention within the TO. Results of regular stress evaluation forms showed that stress levels are high within the TO. The Mental Watch existed to give immediate support and counsel to those who express a need for it, as well as to reduce stigma, and “mentally unhealthy” behaviors within the team.

It is recommended that further work be performed in this domain in the future terms. The EB-elect was recommended to ‘outsource’ the Mental Watch for the next term, as it has been very difficult for two TO members to support all of the “psychological needs” of all the other Officials who request it or who could benefit from it.

GA Agenda Revision

IFMSA meetings are considered as the best place for future health professionals to come together, interact and exchange. One of our priorities this year was to re-structure the agenda of our General Assemblies to increase the free time given to delegates to interact. We therefore introduced several changes, such as parallel sessions to technical plenaries and other agenda items, start of sessions at 9am, and networking and NMO Buddies sessions. We also introduced Program Sessions to the Agenda, to highlight their importance in the Federation. This new GA Agenda Structure got a rate of 87% of participants satisfied or very satisfied after the MM17.
External Activities

GEFAs

August Meeting 2016 was the first time we adopt Global External Focus Areas (GEFAs), which have been the guiding framework for external representation during this term. During the term 2016-17 the TO defined strategic goals for the external representation, consulted with the NMOs, and followed up on the progress throughout the term. The TO members, especially the LOs, VPE and to some extent RDs, worked together guided by the GEFAs during the term 2016-17.

With this strategic approach to external work we have had many successes, including strategic outcome documents for each of the GAs (check later sections), improved partnerships e.g. with UNAIDS, NCD youth organisation, Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition. We have also elevated the agenda on meaningful youth participation for health both in WHO and UN settings, as well as with partners. Lastly, aligning the work between LOs and being transparent to NMOs about the external work, we believe has been very effective to achieve a cohesive external representation of IFMSA.

Non-Communicable Diseases

By having a GEFA on Non-Communicable Diseases, IFMSA focused on strengthening its position in the external arena with specific goals. Namely, IFMSA was present actively at key events. Delegates were present to deliver speeches or statements, but also to network and advocate for specific topics. Furthermore, NCDs was selected as one of the Pre-WHA streams. It was a good opportunity to build capacity and develop an advocacy strategy in line with the WHA priorities. In regards to the upcoming UN High Level Meeting 2018 on NCDs, IFMSA engaged in the process from a youth and health perspective and were supported to develop our own theme event at the March Meeting 2017 (see Budva Declaration below).

Climate Change and Health

IFMSA continues to raise awareness about the linkages between climate and health. A few recent achievements still need to be promoted, such as the Training Manual on Climate and Health supported by the WHO, but also the advocacy efforts to put health in the Climate Agenda. IFMSA prioritized the 2 UNFCCC meetings and had delegations to carry this work and seek further opportunities to expand its work, such as the health co-benefits and what it also means to Climate Finances. IFMSA was also lucky to have 2 Regional Meetings on climate and health in 2 regions vulnerable to climate impacts. We therefore had the opportunity to build capacity and invite external experts on the topic.

Social Accountability of Medical Schools

IFMSA’s main achievements in the field of Social Accountability this year include co-hosting the World Summit on Social Accountability (April 2017, Hammamet, Tunisia), developing the Student Toolkit on Social Accountability that was released in September 2017 and drafting the Student Declaration on Social Accountability, that was endorsed by six other international student groups. IFMSA was honored to receive the Charles Boelen International Award on Social Accountability that rewards outstanding accomplishment in implementing the principles of social accountability in the academic world of health. Social Accountability will remain a priority and a GEFA for the 2017-2018 term.

Primary Healthcare

IFMSA is a strong supporter of primary healthcare as a key step in addressing Universal Health Coverage, but also a mean to reach health equity. In order to advocate
and work on it, many areas were offered to us such as the collaboration with WONCA, the Global Family Doctor Organization, through their initiatives, conferences, but also the Universal Health Coverage Day. Furthermore, rural health represented a strong area in addressing primary healthcare, while there is still a need to build more capacity on the topic for our members.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
As part of the SRHR Global External Focus Area, IFMSA managed to stay at the forefront of the HIV response as a youth led organisation through the work done with the PACT and UNAIDS. We also enhanced our activity around maternal health and access to safe abortion, carrying out the deliverables set in our grant agreement with Ipas. Besides establishing new collaborations with the World Association for Sexual Health and touch-basing with some Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression related partners, IFMSA also strengthened our collaboration with PMNCH.

Humanitarian Action
IFMSA effectively advocated for health and access to healthcare in humanitarian settings. IFMSA became one of the leading youth organisations in advocacy for protection of health services, mostly through various statements, joint efforts and capacity building, accompanied by becoming a member of the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition steering committee. IFMSA delegation attended the Global Platform for Disaster Risk reduction, promoted activities of our NMOs and presented a written statement. The Training Disaster Medicine Trainers course, which is organised in collaboration with CRIMEDIM, was featured and presented in numerous articles and promotion materials.

Refugees and Migrants Rights and Health
IFMSA engaged in partnerships and collaborations that strengthened the capacity of IFMSA members in this area. Several IFMSA meetings were joined by international and regional experts in the field of refugees’ and migrants’ health. IFMSA was represented at the 2nd Global Consultation on Migrant Health and the UNHCR annual NGOs consultation. Migrants’ health stream was one of the four integral streams during the Pre-World Health Assembly workshop and was followed by an advocacy initiative during the WHA. New policy document on Migrants’ Health was adopted at the General Assembly August Meeting 2017, which will accompany the previous policy on Asylum Seeker
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and Refugees’ Health and Rights and will support and improve our activities for the next term.

Health in All Policies

The Health in All Policies is a principle that IFMSA believes in and is applying to many fields of the abovementioned GEFAs, a strong example being the linkages between our environment, climate and health, but also migrants’ health. IFMSA supported at different occasions the implementation of health in areas where the linkages were not always obvious, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how they also all relate to health. IFMSA’s major achievement at the UN level this term was the active participation in shaping the New Urban Agenda by giving input during the preparatory processes with health and other experts, and by having a delegation at the HABITAT III meeting in Quito, Ecuador, organizing a side event on housing and health. IFMSA aims to further strengthen this engagement by collaborating with the WHO Social Determinants of Health (SDH) Department and in the Training Platform that they have developed.

Sustainable Health Workforce

IFMSA remained an active player in the field of Human Resources for Health and for Sustainable Health Workforce, presenting the student voice at the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth in Switzerland and organizing a stream based on Human Resources for Health at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2017. Most importantly, IFMSA hosted a theme event on Human Resources for Health in the context of Sustainable Development Goals at its August Meeting in Tanzania, regrouping speakers from several international physician association. The resulting Plan of Action, adopted by our member organizations, will help guide the Federation next year, including at the HRH Summit in Dublin in November 2017, where IFMSA will be leading a youth forum.

Meaningful Youth Participation

IFMSA has once more been a champion of meaningful youth participation in global health. A 3 day capacity building workshop on Advocacy and External Representation was organized during the Pre-March Meeting 2017 in Budva, Montenegro. Also, medical students made their voices heard during the 140th Executive Board Meeting of the World Health Organization and the 70th World Health Assembly where delegations representing IFMSA delivered statements on many relevant global health topics and approached policy-makers with briefs. Furthermore, this year’s edition of the Pre-World Health Assembly Workshop was a huge success and built the capacity of 50 participants to become world-class health advocates. When it comes to IFMSA’s collaboration with student organizations, IFMSA took the lead this year in activating the World Health Students’ Alliance. IFMSA worked with other student organizations on many policy briefs and statements in high level meetings. In addition, we aimed to connect our members with local chapters of international student organizations in their countries and encourage them to collaborate through connecting members’ initiatives. We had many collaborations on international campaign, such as on Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health, International Students’ Day and Tuberculosis. Furthermore, IFMSA is taking the lead in organizing the Youth Forum of the Global Forum on Human Resources for Health along with many youth organizations.
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European Sting
AMSA International
Federación Latinoamericana de Sociedades Científicas de Estudiantes de Medicina (FELSOCEM)

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International Veterinary Students’ Association (IVSA)
International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF)
Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+), Youth Voices Count (YVC) and Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (JYAN)
The World Organization of FamilyDoctors (WONCA)
The Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)
The Graduate Institute Geneva (adopted in MM2017, extended at AM17)
The declaration serves as an outcome of the 66th March Meeting General Assembly, which we use both internally and externally. Following the NCD youth caucus organised jointly with the World Health Organization, and held as a theme event of MM17, IFMSA adopted the Budva Declaration. It highlights the importance of addressing the growing burden of NCDs in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all people, at all ages. In particular, we look towards SDG target 3.4 which calls for a reduction by one third of premature mortality from NCDs through prevention and treatment by 2030, and the promotion of mental health and well-being.

The declaration has been used for several impactful purposes since; it has been mentioned by Dr. Mikkelsen, the Director of the WHO GCM/NCD on several occasions, it was used to draft several joint statements from youth-serving or youth-led organisations during WHA and HLPF - and it has been shared widely within the WHO network. The declaration was also used to give formal input to the Montevideo Roadmap, and has been used by several NMOs at the national and/or local level. It is the strongest political document created by a youth organisation about NCDs throughout the last years, and particularly well-timed due to the upcoming UN High Level Meeting on NCDs in 2018.

Read more via [this link](link).
IFMSA Plan of Action: Human Resources for Health—within the SDG3 Framework • AM2017

The General Assembly's August Meeting 2017 theme was the Crisis in Human Resources for Health: Innovative Health Financing within the SDG3 Framework. This theme event brought together several high profile and national speakers to engage participants and try and find possible solutions to the problems at hand regarding Human Resources for Health.

All discussions resulted in the drafting of the IFMSA Plan of Action: Developing Human Resources for Health within the SDG3 Framework, which was written in the context of increasing high level action on the topic, ahead of the 4th Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, in November 2017. National Member Organisations were invited to provide written feedback on the document throughout the General Assembly. Additionally, the IFMSA consulted other stakeholders including the WHO, non-governmental organisations and other members of civil society. Generally, this document sets the implementation plan for the IFMSA under 4 main goals: international advocacy, national advocacy, capacity building and gender empowerment. With the continued belief in the role of youth and their leadership, IFMSA is co-organising along with the WHO Health Workforce department, the Youth Forum on Human Resources for Health.

Read more via this link.
The Supervising Council is responsible for overseeing the work of the IFMSA Executive Board as well as that of the Federation.

The members of the Supervising Council 2016-2017 were:

- Mr. Diogo Martins, from Portugal
- Mr. Koen Demaegd, from Belgium
- Ms. Salma Abdalla, from Sudan
- Ms. Stijntje Dijk, from the Netherlands

We would like to acknowledge the following individuals that have worked actively within the Supervising Council

- Ms. Camille Pelletier Vernooy, in office until April 2017
- Mr. Diego Mendoza, in office until July 2017
- Mr. Jonathan Schuetze, in office until July 2017
At the end of the term 2016-2017, IFMSA comprises 136 National Member Organisations (NMOs) from 127 countries.

We would like to note the following changes in status of some NMOs:

### New Candidate NMOs
- NAMS – Yemen
- QMSA – Qatar
- TTMSA – Trinidad and Tobago
- MSANC – Turkey (Northern Cyprus)
- FNESS – Senegal
- IFMSA – Saint Lucia
- CAMSA – Cameroon

### Upgrade to Full Membership
- SMSA – Syria
- MSA-DRC Democratic Republic of Congo
- AEMP – Togo
- CyMSA – Cyprus
- FJMSA – Fiji
- AMSI – Ireland
- AMSA – Singapore
- Phenomenon – Uzbekistan
- AEM – Guinea
- IFMSA – Honduras
- UniGaMSA – Gambia

### Lost NMOs
- AFMS – Antigua and Barbuda
- AEMB – Benin

### Suspensions of Membership
- IMSA-Iran was suspended for the term 2016-17
- EMSS-UAE will be suspended for the term 2017-18
Council of Europe Grant

IFMSA received funding from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe for its Work Plan titled “Medical students for health and rights of refugees and migrants”. The total size of the grant was 16 000 euros, which covered the relevant costs to organize two workshops: “Human Rights for Medical Practitioners” (4-day workshop executed at the European Regional Meeting) and “NORP Weekend” (3-day event executed as a separate event in May). The grant covered accommodation costs for all participants, including trainers, for both workshops as well as providing for travel support.

Through the grant we trained a total of 52 participants from 27 member organizations on how to better harness human rights for the sake of health. All events led up to World Refugee Day upon which a campaign video was released, as well as campaign materials for our member organizations to better integrate refugee health into their national activity bases. A toolkit, a database and presentation materials were produced for the sake of this grant.

Ipas Grant

Under Ipas’s year 3 partnership with the International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA), IFMSA’s Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health including HIV/AIDS (SCORA) conducted five three-day student workshops on abortion care. The following trainings were delivered:

- IFMSA African Pre-Regional Meeting - Burkina Faso, December 2016
- IFMSA Americas Pre-Regional Meeting - Perú, January 2017
- IFMSA EMR Pre-Regional Meeting - Lebanon, February 2017
- Sub-regional Training - Ecuador, May 2017

Overall, a total number of 67 participants were trained in workshops supported by the grant agreement. This contrasts quite a lot with the 51 participants from last year (despite having one more workshop then) which denotes that supporting strategic spaces beyond IFMSA’s Regional Meetings and General Assemblies can enhance the participation of our members in this kind of capacity building events. For a second year thanks to our partnership we also had the possibility to have a financially supported delegation attending CSW and CPD. The delegations had representatives from all regions and actively participated during both events.
Charles Boelen Award for Social Accountability

IFMSA is honored to have been awarded the Charles Boelen Award for Social Accountability, that rewards outstanding accomplishment in implementing the principles of social accountability in the academic world of health.

This award of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada - named after Dr. Charles Boelen, a world leader in Social Accountability - aims to celebrate groups of people or organizations whose professional accomplishments are an example of the principles of social accountability implemented as defined in the Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools.

Grants for the Youth Pre-WHA

UNAIDS is the leading advocate for global action against HIV/AIDS. Its mission is to guide, strengthen and support worldwide efforts to turn the tide against the epidemic. Such efforts are aimed at: preventing the spread of HIV, providing care and support for those infected and affected by the disease, reducing the vulnerability of individuals and communities to HIV/AIDS and easing the socioeconomic and human impact of the epidemic.

The Stop TB Partnership is leading the way to a world without tuberculosis. Founded in 2001, the Partnership’s mission is to serve every person who is vulnerable to TB and ensure that high-quality diagnosis, treatment and care is available to all who need it. Together their 1500 partners are a collective force that is transforming the fight against TB in more than 100 countries. They include international and technical organizations, government programmes, research and funding agencies, foundations, NGOs, civil society and community groups and the private sector.

We would like to thank our partners, the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute Geneva, the Global Health Workforce Network of the World Health Organization, the Stop TB Partnership, and UNAIDS for their continuous support to bring the Youth Pre-World Health Assembly Workshop once again to a great success.
The purpose of the WHO Global Health Workforce Network is to promote the implementation of the Global Strategy’s vision to: “accelerate progress towards universal health coverage and the UN Sustainable Development Goals by ensuring equitable access to health workers within strengthened health systems through inter-sectoral engagement.” The Network, in supporting WHO, will aim to maintain high-level political commitment, promote inter-sectoral and multilateral policy dialogue, including, as appropriate, through public–private collaboration, facilitate the alignment of global health initiatives to the HRH investment priorities outlined in the Global Strategy, and foster global coordination and mutual accountability.
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