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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1951, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) is an independent, non-governmental and non-political federation of medical students' associations. In 2010, IFMSA had 97 national member organizations from almost 100 countries and represented more than 1,2 million medical students worldwide. IFMSA's stated mission is "to offer future physicians a comprehensive introduction to global health issues... and develop culturally sensitive students of medicine".

AREAS OF INTEREST

- improvement of medical education
- student and youth activities
- improving health in developing countries

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

IFMSA provides training for future medical professionals through which we aim to improve communication, coordination and cooperation between medical students internationally, and train them in skills such as conflict prevention, communication, strategic planning, health policy, financial management, fund-raising, advocacy, marketing and presenting. In addition, IFMSA acts as a consultative body for issues related to medical education. It also takes part in many community outreach, peer-education and health promotion projects in all of its member organizations, some of those implemented in association with other organizations/institutions.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The President of IFMSA is Ms Silva Rukavina. IFMSA is volunteer based organization with one staff member in Amsterdam.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

IFMSA derives its budget from membership fees paid by its national member organizations, depending on the per capita gross national product of their country.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Medical Students International journal*
- *eVagus newsletter*

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