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Directory of Geneva Global Health Actors

WORLD FEDERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS | WFPHA

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) is an international, nongovernmental, multi-professional civil society organisation bringing together public health professionals interested and active in safeguarding and promoting the public's health through professional exchange, collaboration, and action. Founded in 1967, it is the only worldwide professional society representing and serving the broad area of public health, as distinct from single disciplines or occupations. The Federations' members are national and regional public health associations, as well as regional associations of schools of public health presently numbering more than 100.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- public health
- health promotion
- global cooperation for public health
- strengthening and capacity building of national public health associations

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

WFPHA focuses on public health advocacy along the lines of its 'protection, prevention, promotion'- framework outlined in the Global Charter for the Public's Health. Mandated to represent the various national and regional public health associations, WFPHA supports organisational development by promoting information sharing and transfer of skills and resources among its member associations. Through its official relations with WHO, it also promotes pro-health policies and best practices for public health around the world. Smaller working groups appointed by the Federation work on specific issues, such as environmental health and women's, children's and adolescent's health. WFPHA also undertakes specific health

promotion projects with external funding, and currently works in oral health in partnership with private sector actors.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Federation is governed by a governing council, which includes representatives of member countries. The current president of the board is Professor Michael Moore. The organisation has its headquarters and small secretariat in Geneva. The Executive Director is Professor Bettina Borisch.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The Federation has an annual budget of approximately 200,000 US dollars. It is funded by grants and congress fees, fundraising activities and membership fees.

PUBLICATIONS

For all WFPHA's publications, see: <http://www.wfpha.org/publications>

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