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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

The International Pediatric Association (IPA) was founded in Paris in 1910. It has since evolved into a worldwide NGO with a membership of 144 national pediatric societies, ten regional pediatric societies and 13 international pediatric specialty societies. The IPA works with pediatricians and other newborn and child health providers worldwide, as well as with other global healthcare professional organizations including FIGO and the International Confederation of Midwives. It also works with a number of other global organizations including WHO, UNICEF, GAVI, and the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health. IPA promotes mental and social health for all children, with a vision of realizing the highest standards of health for newborns; children and adolescents throughout the world so that every child has the opportunity to grow, develop and fulfil his or her human potential.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Adolescent health
- Child health in humanitarian emergencies
- Immunization
- HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis
- Newborn and child health
- Nutrition

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

IPA provides consultation and assistance in all areas of child health throughout the world and holds an International Congress of Pediatrics every three years. It often works in conjunction with organizations such as WHO and UNICEF in conducting workshops and seminars to address key child health issues. IPA is now working to mobilize its extensive network of pediatricians for advocacy and programmes in child health, working whenever possible with UN agencies and other global organizations.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

The president of IPA is Zulfiqar Bhutta and the executive director is William J. Keenan. IPA is a volunteer-staffed organization, governed by a council of delegates comprising one representative from each member society. The council elects the standing committee, the president and the executive committee, which function in the interval between congresses.

**FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

National and member societies pay membership fees based on their per capita membership.

Regional and specialty member societies pay fixed member fees. Total income varies by year due to income from the congress, which is only held every three years. Total income in 2015 was USD 45'641.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

For recent news, see: <http://ipa-world.org/society-news-archive.php>

For the IPA newsletter, see: <http://ipa-world.org/page.php?id=154>

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