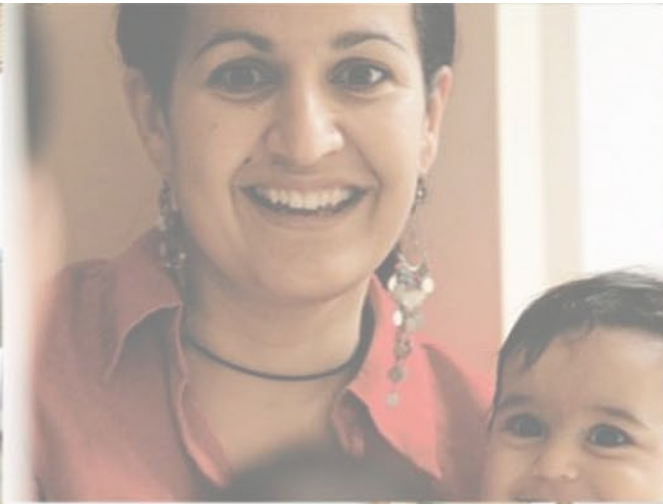


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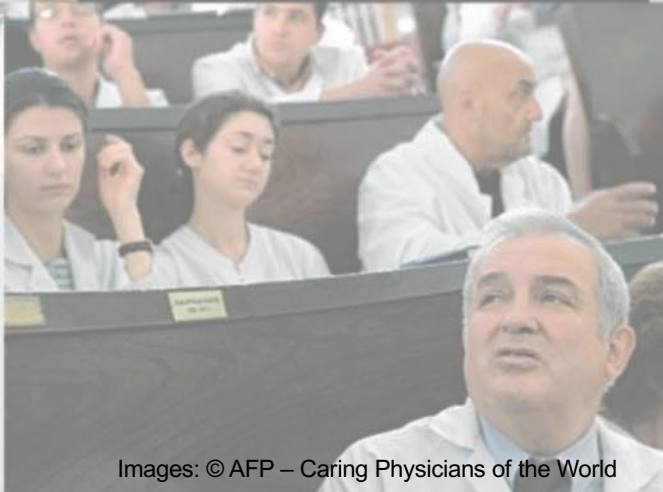
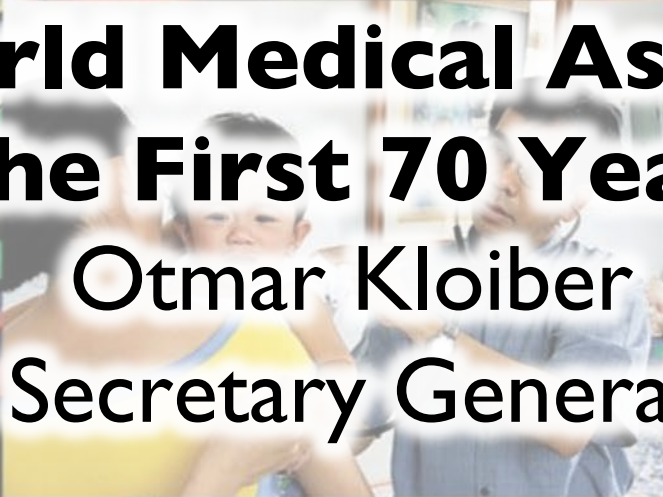
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The World Medical Association

The First 70 Years

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Preliminary Meetings



The WMA Organizing Committee

- Dr F. de Court, France
- Dr Pierre Glorieux, Belgium
- Dr Dag Knutson, Sweden
- Dr John A. Pridham, Great Britain
- Dr T. Clarence Routley, Canada (Chairperson)
- I. Shawki Bey, Egypt
- Dr Lorenzo Garcia Tornel, Spain
- Dr A. Zahor, Czechoslovakia
- Louis H. Bauer, USA
- Elmer Henderson, USA
- Treasurer 1946-1947: Dr Otto Leuch, Switzerland
- Joint Secretaries 1946-1947: Charles Hill (Great Britain) and Dr. Paul Cibré (France)

Informal gathering at BMA House, London, July 1945

- replacing the “**Association Professionnelle Internationale des Médecins APIM**” which was founded in 1926 and had a maximum of 23 member *organizations*

- Preparing a new international medical association

First Formal Preparation Conference in London, September 1946

- Medical associations from 31 countries invited - 29 sent representatives
- The name was decided
- “The World Medical Association” should have broader activities and wider membership than APIM
- APIM officers turned over its remaining funds to the WMA

Second meeting of the Organizing committee in Paris, November 1946

- Progress on Articles and By-laws
- Dr Louis H. Bauer designated as first Secretary General of the WMA

Third meeting of the Organizing committee in London, April 1947

- Final draft of constitution
- Planning for a first Assembly in September 1947

Fourth meeting of the Organizing committee in Paris, 17 September 1946

- Turned into the WMA by adopting the Constitution

Nuremberg Doctors' Trial

9 December 1946 to 20 August 1947



Foundation

17-20 September 1947
Paris:

1. WMA General Assembly
29 National Medical Associations as
founding members



42 NMAs in attendance (2 excused)

President: Prof. Dr Eugène Marquis, (F)

President-Elect: Dr Jar. Stucklik (CS)

Treasurer: Dr Otto Leuch (CH)

Initial Secretary: Dr Charles Hill (UK)

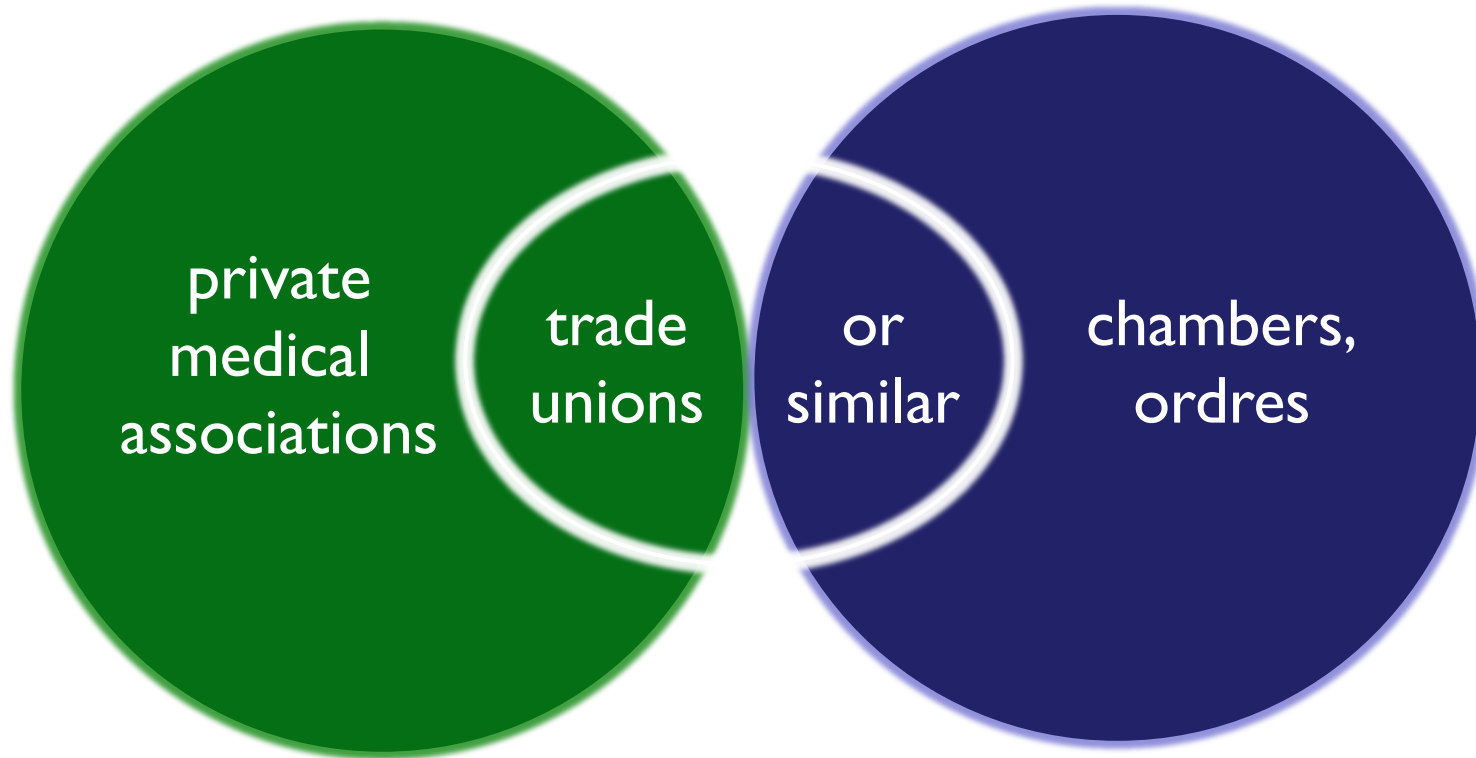
Founding National Medical Associations

- Federal Council of the BMA in Australia
- Osterreichische Arztekammer (Austria)
- Fédération Médicale Belge
- Bulgaria
- Canadian Medical Association
- Chinese Medical Association (dropped in 1952)
- Ustredni Jednota Ceskych Lekaru (ceased to exist in 1948)
- Den Almindelige Danske Laegeforening (Denmark)
- Medical Association of Eire (changed to Irish Medical Association)
- La Confédération des Syndicats Médicaux Français
- British Medical Association
- Association Médicale Panhellenique (Greece)
- Hungary
- Laeknafelga Islands (Iceland)
- Indian Medical Association
- Palestine Jewish Medical Association (later changed to Israel Medical Association in 1949)
- Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini dei Medici d'Italia
- Syndicats des Médecins du Grand Duché de Luxembourg
- Koninklijke Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst (Netherlands)
- Den Norske Laegeforening (Norway)
- Palestine Arab Medical Association (ceased to exist in 1949)
- Peru
- Philippines
- Naczelna Izby Lekarska (dropped in 1949) Poland
- Medical Association of South Africa
- Colegio Oficial de Médicos de Espana
- Sveriges Lakarforbund (Sweden)
- Fédération des Médecins Suisses
- Turkish Medical Chamber (later replaced by the Union of Turkish Physicians)
- American Medical Association

Attending National Medical Associations

Australia	Egypt	Norway
Austria	Eire	Palestine (Arab)
Belgium	France	Palestine (Jewish)
Brazil	Great Britain	Panama
Bulgaria	Greece	Peru
Canada	Guatemala	Poland
Chile	Honduras	Portugal
China	Iceland	South Africa
Colombia	India	Spain
Costa Rica	Italy	Sweden
Cuba	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Czechoslovakia	Mexico	Turkey
Denmark	Netherlands	Uruguay
Ecuador	Nicaragua	U.S.A.
Excused: New Zealand and Hungary		Venezuela

Members



Historic Policies

1948/2017	Declaration of Geneva - Physicians' Pledge
1949/2006	International Code of Medical Ethics (following a report on "War Crimes and Medicine")
1964/2013	Declaration of Helsinki Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects
1975/2016	Declaration of Tokyo Guidelines for Medical Doctors concerning Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in relation to Detention and Imprisonment
1981/ 2005	Declaration of Lisbon The Rights of the Patient
1991/2007	Declaration of Malta Hunger Strikers
2016	Declaration of Taipei - Ethical Considerations regarding Health Databases and Biobanks



Institutional Development I

- A first permanent office was established in New York 1948 (operated until 1974)
- Close to the United Nations and its affiliated organizations
- Dr. Louis H. Bauer was appointed as Secretary General
- A permanent Committee on Medical Ethics 1952
- 1959 The Standing Committee of European doctors emerges from the European Regional Committee of the WMA to become an own entity
- 1964, the WMA was incorporated as a non-profit educational and scientific organization
- Organizing the World Conferences on Medical Education: 1953 London, 1959 Chicago, 1966 New Delhi, Copenhagen 1973
- 1972 Foundation of the World Federation for Medical Education together with the medical faculties, WHO, IFMSA and ECFMG

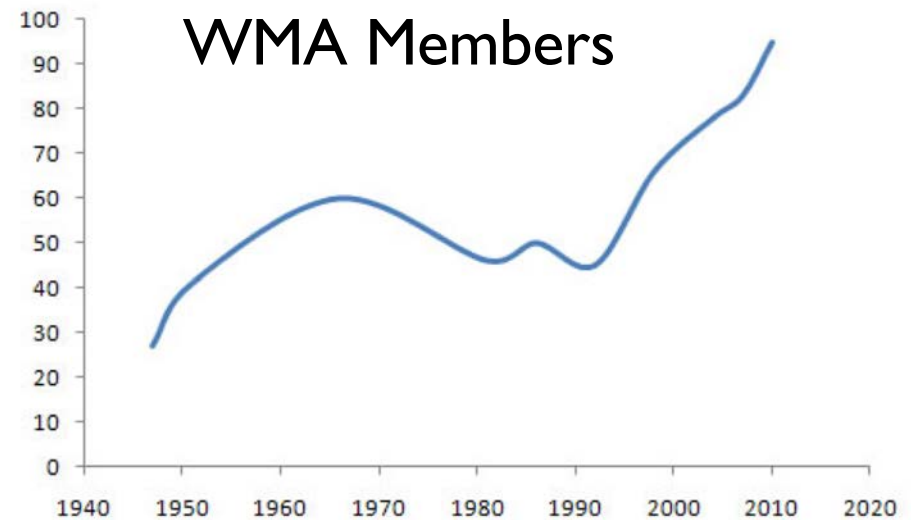




1st World Conference on Medical Education, London 1953

Institutional Development II

- 1973 the American Medical Association withdrew from the WMA
- 1975 Office being moved to Ferney Voltaire
- 1977 withdrawal of the Medical Association of South Africa
- 1977 the AMA re-joined (proportional voting structure)
- 1981 re-admittance of MASA
- 1984 „Toronto“ group breaks away: Great Britain, Canada, the Nordic countries, New Zealand, Netherlands, Ireland, and Jamaica
- 1989 and following: Medical Associations from the former communist Countries joined or re-joined
- 1991 after changing the statutes and dues rule to the current dimensions the Toronto Group re-joined last Great Britain 1994
- 1993 President-elect Hans-Joachim Sewering had to resign after protest arose because of his Nazi Past



Secretariat



1947-1974 New York, USA

1975 - Ferney-Voltaire, France

Jura
Mountains



Airport
Runway



Old Town
Geneva



WMA



WHO



UN



Lake
Geneva



Policies

- **Resolution**
specific, limited in region or time
- **Statement**
refers to overarching problems
- **Declaration**
relating to fundamental questions

Policies

MEDICAL ETHICS AND SOCIO-MEDICAL AFFAIRS POLICY PROCESS



Red fields indicate: broad membership participation is desired

Institutional Development III

- 1999 Foundation of the World Health Professions Alliance first with the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) later joined by the World Dental Federation (FDI)



World Confederation
for Physical Therapy



- 2007 New Dues System: retaining the representational model, however tearing it by applying the World Bank classification of countries by per capita income to the dues rate
- 2009 Cooperating Centres as scientific cooperation partners
- 2013 MOU with the International Committee of the Red Cross and since then with many partners WVA, ICMM, IFAP most recently
- 2018 MOU with the World Health Organization

Teaming Up

World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA)
(www.whpa.org)



World Confederation
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Leadership seminars

Public events in Geneva

Common Work on

- Counterfeits in medicine
- Tobacco control
- HIV/AIDS
- Fighting stigma in mental health
- Counterfeit Medicines and Medicinal Products
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Corporate relation
- Professional Regulation

WMA Co-operating Centers

- Center for the Study of International Medical Policies and Practices, George-Mason-University,
- Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy, University of North Florida
- Institute of Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Tübingen
- Institut de droit de la santé, Université de Neuchâtel
- Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
- Institute for Environmental Research, Yonsei University College of Medicine, South Korea



Expert Conferences

War Migration and Health - Istanbul 2016

H2O – Melbourne 2014

Health Data Bases and Bio Banks

- Reykjavik 2014
- Copenhagen 2014
- Copenhagen 2015
- Seoul 2016

Declaration of Helsinki

- Helsinki 2008
- Cairo 2008
- Sao Paulo 2008, 2010, 2011
- Antwerp 2012
- Cape Town 2012
- Tokyo 2013
- Washington DC 2013
- Helsinki 2014

Climate Change –

- Copenhagen 2009
- Paris 2015

Finance Crisis and Health – Riga 2010

Task shifting - Reykjavik 2009



One Health

The poster is enclosed in a red border. At the top left is the WVA logo (World Veterinary Association) with the text 'WVA' and 'WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION'. At the top right is the WMA logo (World Medical Association) with the text 'WMA'. In the center, the text reads 'WVA-WMA-JMA-JVMA' and '2nd GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ONE HEALTH'. Below this is a central illustration in red silhouettes: a giraffe, a dog, a cow, and two children running under a tree, with a bird flying above. At the bottom left is the JMA logo (Japan Medical Association) with the text 'JMA' and '日本医師会 Japan Medical Association'. At the bottom right is the JVMA logo (Japanese Veterinary Medical Association) with the text 'JVMA' and 'Japanese Veterinary Medical Association'. In the center, the text reads '10 -11th November, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan'.

WVA-WMA-JMA-JVMA

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Zoonotic and Foodborne Diseases
Antimicrobial Resistance
Environmental Hazards Exposure to Humans and Animals
The Future of the One Health Concept

CPW Leadership Courses



Persons Shaping the WMA



Dr Louis H. Bauer
Secretary General
1947-1961



Dr Pricilla Kincaide-Smith
WMA President 1994-1995



Dr André Wynen
Chair of Council 1973-1975
Secretary General 1976-1993



Angel Orozco
Office Manager
1956 – 1994 (2008)

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