Presidency 2018-2019

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Mission

The purpose of the WMA is to serve humanity by endeavoring to achieve the highest international standards in Medical Education, Medical Science, Medical Art and Medical Ethics, and Health Care for all people in the world.
• Universal health coverage (UHC) is essential to achieve sustainable development goal (SDG)-3
• Primary health care (PHC) that includes prevention, acute and chronic care is an indispensable platform for UHC

Challenges for PHC

• Absence of strong political commitment
• Difficulties in integration of health goals into non-health sector planning
• Lack of intention for physician-led teamwork
Japan Medical Association Ceremony and Medical Congress
November 1, 2018
Plenary session on collective leadership: Multisectorial engagement and policy coherence as key enablers of action to address NCD and their underlying determinants
Ceremony of the German Medical Profession Marking the Withdrawal of the Medical Licenses of Jewish German Doctors 80 years ago
(hosted by the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians), November 8, 2018; Berlin, Germany

CPME General Assembly
November 9-10, 2018
Geneva, Switzerland
Swedish Medical Association
Annual Meeting
November 21-22, 2018
Stockholm, Sweden
Meeting at the American Medical Association Headquarters
February 18-20, 2019; Chicago, Illinois

This two-day meeting organized by Ms. Robin Menes focused on the future of medicine and trends.
We discussed:
• augmented intelligence
• environmental intelligence
• what physicians want to know about technology
• healthcare economy
and what is on the horizon.

WMA and IMA “Physician 2030” meeting
Herzliya, Israel, May 13-15, 2019
British Medical Association Annual Representative Meeting
Belfast, Ireland, June 23-27, 2019

Dr. Chaud Naga Paul told the meeting that a no-deal Brexit would be disastrous for the health service, leading to potentially thousands of EU doctors leaving the country. Even if either Boris Johnson or Jeremy Hunt secures a new deal with Brussels, which is supported by Parliament, European health staff will still consider walking away among other risks to the NHS, he said.
CONFEMEL (Confederación Médica Latino-Iberoamericana y del Caribe)  
- Latin American and Caribbean Medical Confederation  
Acapulco, Mexico June 27-29, 2019

In attendance were physicians from Latin America, Central America, the Caribbean, Spain, Portugal and the Vatican City.
WMA CONDEMN USE OF LETHAL FORCE AGAINST SUDANESE PHYSICIANS AND PROTESTERS

The World Medical Association has condemned in the strongest terms the use of violence, particularly lethal force, against protesters and physicians during recent demonstrations in Sudan.

The peaceful demonstrations have been in protest at the collapse of the public sector, with physicians denouncing the breakdown of the health system and their working conditions.

Physicians have been on strike several times about their inability to perform their duties of saving lives and providing adequate care to their patients.

WMA President Dr. Leonid Eidelman, in a letter to the President of Sudan, said: ‘We deplore the fact WMA President Dr. Leonid Eidelman, in a letter to the President of Sudan, said: ‘We deplore the fact that health care providers and facilities constitute the target of attacks from the security force. Rather than opening a constructive dialogue with doctors and other relevant stakeholders based on their claims, such repression violates the right to work of physicians by preventing them from practicing their profession, depriving millions of people of access to health as a result. It threatens further the health system, public services and ultimately the economy of the country’. He went on: ‘We are appalled to note the violent repression of these demonstrations by the Sudanese security force. Different reliable sources of information relate “deadly onslaught” on protesters, with security forces opening fire on protesters. The death of a physician, a civilian and a child from gunshot wounds inflicted during protests in Khartoum earlier this month were reported’.

EFMA (European Forum Medical Association) annual meeting
Podgorica, Montenegro August 28-31, 2019

- Physician working conditions
- Violence in the health sector
- Basic medical education
- Physician migration
Why Doctors Need to Join the Fight Against Climate Change

Tourists walk in Piazza San Marco on Oct. 29, 2018, as Venice is inundated by near-record flooding and fierce storms. Doctors should take initiatives, like supporting green hospitals, to help fight climate change.

Miguel Medina—AFP/Getty Images

By LEONID EIDELMAN December 8, 2018
WMA URGES PHYSICIANS NOT TO IMPLEMENT IAAF RULES ON CLASSIFYING WOMEN ATHLETES

The World Medical Association has called on physicians around the world to take no part in implementing new eligibility regulations for classifying female athletes.

The regulations from the international Association of Athletics Federations require women athletes with specific differences in sex development to medically reduce their natural blood testosterone level if they wish to continue racing as women in a few restricted events.

The DSD (Differences of Sexual Development) rule, introduced last year, followed the case of South African runner Caster Semenya, the world and Olympic champion, who has had to undergo gender verification testing to confirm her eligibility to compete in the women's division.

Thank you