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The JDN Management team produces bi-yearly officers' report, which highlights the activities of individual team members and can be made available to NMAs upon request. Our working groups, have seen growing productivity over the past year especially but not limited to the global surgery and antimicrobial resistance work groups, with detailed reports in the individual workgroup reports published to members biyearly.

We have this year, seen an impressively growing number of junior doctors from diverse backgrounds globally, joining the JDN, attending our meetings and contributing to our activities.

We have continued to hold monthly teleconferences for the management team and general membership. Our October meeting will hold in Tbilisi Georgia, 21 and 22 October 2019 with the theme, 'Gender equity in medical leadership, the role of future leaders' with prominent speakers and resource persons who have confirmed their attendance. We have chosen this theme carefully to demonstrate our commitment to encouraging and fostering gender equity amongst us, the future medical leaders. We have also started a webinar series on various topics of global interest, the first of which took place prior to the United Nations High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage under the same theme.

We have had our yearly pre-WHA meeting in Ferney-Voltaire on 18 and 19 April 2019, with support in place to enable our colleagues from all the over the world to live stream this event. During the subsequent WHA, we gave daily reports from the meeting, which our colleagues found helpful and insightful. This is a bold step in increasing the awareness of our colleagues of pressing public health issues and encouraging them to join the debate locally. Various issues were discussed, namely health workforce, universal health coverage, health emergencies, air pollution and antimicrobial resistance.

We continue to contribute effectively to the work of the World Federation on Medical Education, and were ably represented at the World Conference on Medical Education which held 1 - 10 April 2019. We have continued to collaborate with the European Junior Doctors EJD on topics of mutual interest, and opening new collaborative networks with our colleagues in South America, Asia and Africa. We also continue to foster our partnership with the IFMSA through continued collaboration and coordination. The JDN currently chairs the Global Health Workforce Network Youth Hub at the World Health Organisation.

We have seen increasing representation of Junior Doctors sponsored by NMAs, and will appeal that more support is needed ensure participation of junior doctors, their future leaders in the JDN and WMA in general.

We have as in previous years, seen the participation of JDN in several WMA activities, including several opportunities to participate in WMA delegations to various meetings. The WMA leadership

continues to take a leading role at actively and effectively encouraging and nurturing us, through capacity building. Indeed, the future of the WMA is bright, with strong guaranties of capacity to sustain the good work it is currently doing!

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