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The 2019/2020 JDN Management team took office in October 2019. Despite the challenges faced due to COVID-19, the JDN has managed to provide opportunities for engagement for members and has had many successes during this term. Furthermore, this October marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the network that will be commemorated through virtual activities and social media.

### 1. Participation in WMA internal & external activities

Our network has provided comments on MEC & SMAC policies. We are also delighted to be rapporteur and co-rapporteurs on some.

JDN has acted as rapporteur for the Proposed WMA Statement on access to surgery and anesthesia care.

The JDN offered to help the secretariat with the reviewing of the policy on trade & health.

The JDN is part of the working group on patient-physician relationship.

The JDN sent a delegation to Prince Mahidol Award conference. Our team ensured some social media presence and helped the local organization committee by participating in being rapporteurs for the sessions.

The JDN took active part in WMA delegation to the 146<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO). We participated in writing and delivering statements.

The JDN coordinated a virtual delegation to the 73<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly (WHA).

The JDN successfully transformed its in-person pre-WHA event into a virtual post-WHA meeting given the travel limitations imposed by COVID.

The JDN was invited to present at the Australian Medical Association Doctors In Training meeting.

The JDN was invited to present at the IFMSA Online GA.

The JDN was invited to present at the European Forum of Medical Associations.

The JDN will participate in the upcoming EJD Online Autumn Meeting.

The JDN was also invited to participate in conferences and events co-hosted by the WMA such as the UNESCO World Conference on Bioethics and the International College on Person Centered Medicine conference. Those events have been postponed due to the coronavirus crisis, but we will remain available when rescheduled.

### 2. Communications

This year, the JDN created accounts on multiple social media networks (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram).

The JDN posts regularly about WMA and JDN activities, relays WMA social medias messages, and communicates on external representation.

All our management team members also have at least one personal social media account that they sometimes use to amplify the messages.

The JDN participated in the WHO social media campaign on Universal Health Coverage Day. We Junior doctor testimonies from around the world were collected, underlining the importance of UHC, suggesting solutions to the challenges we are currently facing, and highlighting the crucial role of junior doctors in achieving UHC.

### 3. Membership

Over the past 11 months (from October 2019 until September 2020), 181 new member requests were received which resulted in 121 new individuals joining our mailing lists.

An instructional document summarizing the steps for joining the JDN was created to facilitate recruitment of members.

A membership welcome note was created and is being shared with every new member who joins the organization in order to rapidly present them with the opportunities available within the JDN. Despite the challenges imposed by COVID-19 and restricted travels, the JDN has maintained virtual activities and has seen continued membership requests from junior doctors from diverse backgrounds globally.

Thematic conference-format portions were appended to some of the membership meetings to further interest in participants.

### 4. Medical Education

JDN takes part in the work of WFME Executive Council.

In order to increase participation of junior doctors in medical education meetings, the JDN had planned to send a delegation to the regional meeting in Ibadan and to deliver a symposium.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the conference was cancelled. JDN remains committed to increasing junior doctors' engagement in medical education topics, and will continue its effort towards this goal, under the tutelage of both WMA and WFME.

The JDN has met with multiple global stakeholders engaged in medical education in order to survey the field and plan for future engagements.

### 5. Publications

In November 2019, a new publication team was formed.

Over the past year, the team prepared two Special Edition thematic newsletters – Medical Ethics(March 2020) and COVID-19 Response Efforts (July 2020) - as collaborations with the Medical Ethics Working Group and JDN membership, respectively. To manage the editorial tasks of the COVID-19 Response Efforts issue, the team added three former editors to the team. The team prepared the biannual April 2020 issue, and are finalizing the biannual October 2020 issue that will commemorate the 10th JDN Anniversary.

### 6. JDN anniversary

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the JDN.

Current members and JDN alumni have collaborated on a number of activities to commemorate this jubilee: a presentation at the fall JDN meeting, writing of scientific articles reflecting on the role of

the JDN, articles marking the anniversary in the JDN newsletter, interviews highlighting experience of prior JDN leadership, and a social media campaign commemorating the anniversary.

#### 7. Working groups

The JDN has working groups on COVID-19, Primary Health Coverage (PHC), and Medical Ethics which regularly meet and realize a variety of projects.

Furthermore, the JDN has working groups which conduct ad-hoc work on specific topics: Global surgery, Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and Climate Change.

Lastly, the JDN set-up a special working group for the coordination of activities surrounding its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and this group will close at the end of this year.

#### 8. Collaboration with other health professionals' groups

The JDN works on maintaining good link with other health professionals' associations, especially the youth groups including the international Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA), the WONCA Young Doctor Representative and the European Junior Doctors Association (EJD). JDN is part of the WHO Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth hub. We actively participate in the work of the hub. We took part in the launch of the report on decent work in health workforce, participated in communicating about the youth hub online conference, the One Month One Story project & the hackathon on global workforce crisis.

#### 9. Internal organization

The JDN management team has improved the organization of its meetings by improving the agenda setting mechanisms for its meetings and by calling for greater preparation for discussion points by participants.

has impro: monthly teleconferences for the management team and general membership, reports of external activities, officers' & working group reports. This highlights our activities, and can be made available to NMAs upon request.

Yet, due to the current global health situation, some activities had to be cancelled, some others reorganised to fit online format, and some project timelines adapted in order to allow our members to focus on clinical work back home and to ensure they also preserve some resting time.

#### 10. Coronavirus

The JDN is rapidly mobilized its network to allow exchanges between young professionals organizing two virtual teleconferences on COVID-19 in April, 2020.

Following that a COVID-19 working group was formed and a COVID-19 session will be organized during the fall JDN meeting.

We would like to end this report by thanking the WMA leadership & NMAs for their continuous support. We appreciate the guidance and are always thankful for the support offered.

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