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Introduction

The 2021/2022 JDN Management team took office in October 2021 and we are now halfway through the team's term. This year the team already had significantly more experience with functioning virtually and organising activities; engaging members was thus easier this term. Yet the team is looking to the future and trying to prepare for the return to in-person activities and planning how to ensure meaningful hybrid participation opportunities with its members after that transition. Once more, the JDN Management Team created a joint JDN Management Team Strategy to present priorities to its members.

1. Membership

The JDN continues to regularly welcome new members. The JDN membership meetings continue on a regular basis with rotating times to facilitate the participation of members from all regions of the world.

The JDN has held fully virtual bi-annual meetings since October 2020, which has allowed a greater number of JDN members to participate than usual. We are looking forward to the first hybrid meeting ahead of the WMA Council Meeting in April 2022 and we will work to ensure that virtual participation is also meaningful.

A new virtual Newcomer session was created and has been delivered in January once more and was greatly appreciated by the participants. This session will be recorded and made available online for members in the future. The JDN will continue to host Q&A sessions for new members a few times per year.

2. Participation in WMA internal and external activities

Our network has provided comments on MEC & SMAC policies. We are also delighted to be serving as the rapporteurs for the revision of the WMA Statement on the Professional and Ethical use of Social Media.

The JDN took part in the WMA work related to the 150th WHO Executive Board Meeting; is assisting in some follow-ups at WHO meetings related to negotiations on the pandemic treaty, and activities ahead of the WHA75.

The JDN has contributed to the work of the WFME Executive Council and has conducted consultations on the post-graduate medical education standards.

Multiple JDN Management Team members had previously contributed to the work of the Associate Members' Steering Committee and are looking forward to continuing contributions to the WMA Associate Membership after the current difficult transition.

3. Internal organization of the management team

The JDN Management Team has once more adopted a joint JDN Management Team Strategy that lists priorities for the term and presented that document to the JDN membership.

The JDN Management Team has improved the prioritisation of issues in order to ensure the timely discussion of pressing issues at its monthly meetings.

A mid-term management team meeting will be organised in person at the bi-annual JDN Netting ahead of the WMA Council Meeting.

4. Working groups

The JDN has six active working groups (WG):

- Comprehensive Primary Health Coverage WG
- Medical Exchange, Education and International Mobility WG
- Medical Ethics WG
- Antimicrobial Resistance WG
- WHO related activities WG, and
- COVID/Pandemic WG.

Furthermore, the JDN has working groups which conduct ad-hoc work on specific topics: the Global Surgery WG, and the Climate Change WG.

5. Publications

The 2020-2021 JDN Publication team produced handover material and compiled the publication tools at the beginning of the 2021-2022 term to facilitate handover to the new team.

Given personal challenges of the Publication Director, the 2021-2022 work on publication has not yet started. The JDN Management Team alongside with the JDN Publication Director for the term 2020-2021 are working to support alternative management structures for the publication team with the goal of producing at least one newsletter edition in this term.

Previous editions of the JDN Newsletter can be found here: <https://www.wma.net/junior-doctors/news/>.

6. Communications

The JDN has posted regularly about WMA and JDN activities on its social media platforms and relays WMA social media messages. This has allowed JDN members to continue to amplify the WMA social media presence.

7. Collaboration with other health professionals' groups

The JDN works on maintaining strong links with other health professionals' associations, including the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), the Student Network of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), the European Junior Doctors Association (EJD), and the WHO Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth hub. The JDN is currently working with other youth organizations and the World Health Organization (WHO) for the establishment of a WHO Youth Council to advise the Director General.

The JDN has established contact with the Trainee Association of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) and will explore possible areas of collaboration.

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