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Introduction

In October 2022, a new JDN management team took office for the 2022/2023 term. The team developed a joint management team strategy with overarching goals that include improving and creating meaningful engagement of members, improving the sustainability of the JDN, and increasing the visibility of the JDN in the WMA and influence in the global space. This report will serve as the end of term report.

1. Membership

The JDN is broadening its international presence by extending a warm welcome to new members from diverse regions around the globe. JDN members had a year-over-year growth of 48.13% in 2023 compared to 2022, with a total of 763 members from more than 100 countries from all the regions. To ensure their smooth integration and provide a space for forging connections, the JDN continues to conduct its regular newcomer sessions. In addition, the organization convenes monthly meetings strategically timed to accommodate members across different time zones, further enhancing its commitment to inclusivity and accessibility.

2. Participation in WMA external and Internal activities

The JDN attended the UNFCCC COP 27 in Egypt, where they formed part of the WMA delegation.

The JDN has been active in providing comments on policies such as the SMAC and MEC policies, as well as UHC 2030's Draft Action Agenda in preparation for the UN High-Level Meeting.

The JDN attended the 152nd World Health Organisation Executive Board Meeting and represented the WMA, drafting and delivering all the interventions.

Preceding the World Health Assembly (WHA), the JDN held a successful two-day event in Ferney Voltaire, serving as a prelude to the WHA. Notably, this year's gathering had a JDN alumni event in commemoration of a decade of JDN's engagement in the World Health Assembly.

The JDN also took part in the 76th World Health Assembly, representing the WMA and taking charge of writing and delivering interventions on behalf of the WMA. During the World Health Assembly, a productive bilateral meeting was held with the Taiwan Ministry of Health.

The Chairperson of the JDN remains active on the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) executive council, and in the associate Members steering committee.

The JDN has continued to assist in some follow-ups at WHO meetings related to negotiations on the pandemic treaty namely the meetings of the INB and the IHR. The JDN Membership director was named as a member of the WHO Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for Antimicrobial Resistance in July 2023.

The JDN also actively contributes to the internal work of the WMA. The JDN Education director is the WMA rapporteur and chair of the WMA Working group that revised the WMA Statement on Medical Workforce. Additionally, JDN co-chairs the WMA working group on pandemics and epidemics. The JDN is well represented in other WMA working groups which includes but not limited to environmental and workgroup on human sexuality.

3. Internal organization of the management team

The JDN management team adopted a joint management team strategy and shared it with the general membership. In addition, the JDN has drafted email and communication ground rules to ensure effective and efficient communication among members. The JDN held a successful hybrid bi-annual meeting in Nairobi, a day immediately prior to the start of the WMA council session. Furthermore, the JDN is organised a two-day hybrid bi-annual meeting in Kigali, Rwanda. These initiatives reflect the JDN's commitment to promoting collaboration and communication among members and advancing global health through advocacy and knowledge-sharing.

4. Working groups

The JDN has eight active working groups (WG):

- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Comprehensive Primary Health Care
- COVID/Pandemic Preparedness
- LGBTQIA+
- Medical Ethics
- Medical Exchange, Education and International Mobility
- Planetary Health
- Global Surgery Working Group

5. Publications

The JDN publications team has successfully published the 26th issue of the JDN Newsletter. In addition, the JDN is working on producing a joint special edition on medical education and ethics which is undergoing editorial process and is scheduled to be published in September 2023.

The publications team has initiated the process of collecting articles for the 27th issue of the JDN newsletter, scheduled for publication in October 2023.

These initiatives demonstrate the organization's commitment to providing valuable resources and information to its members and promoting collaboration and knowledge-sharing among young doctors around the world. Previous editions of the JDN Newsletter can be found here:

<https://www.wma.net/junior-doctors/news/>.

6. Communications

The JDN has been active in regularly posting on social media platforms. The organization has used its social media handles for advocacy purposes. The organization has used its social media handles for advocacy purposes, such as promoting the Astana Declaration, the World Antimicrobial Week and Universal health coverage.

These efforts demonstrate the network's commitment to using various channels to communicate with its members and promote its advocacy efforts. By leveraging social media, the JDN can reach

a wider audience and raise awareness about important issues and initiatives relevant to young medical professionals around the world.

7. Collaboration with other health professionals' groups

The JDN places great importance on establishing and maintaining strong relationships with other health professionals' associations. These associations include the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), the Student Network of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), the young World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA), the European Junior Doctors Association (EJD), and the WHO Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth hub, the WHO Youth Council.

The JDN organizes webinar series on social determinants of health with the young World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA).

The JDN was represented at the European Junior Doctor's Meeting in Norway in November 2022, and similarly took part in Latvia in May 2023. Furthermore, the JDN had a presence at the International Junior Doctors Meeting in Malaysia and Commonwealth Medical Association Meeting in November 2022.

The JDN has collaborated with other youth organizations and the World Health Organization (WHO) to establish a WHO Youth Council, which provides advice to the Director General. The JDN has been actively represented in the WHO Youth Council meeting in January 2023 and the work of the WHO Youth Council.

8. Supporting Existing and New National Junior doctor organizations

The JDN has been engaging in meetings with the JDN of various countries, to provide support and assistance in establishing a formal national JDN in those countries.

As part of this effort, the JDN will be creating a toolkit to aid countries without a formal JDN structure in initiating one. This demonstrates the organization's dedication to expanding its reach and promoting the interests of junior doctors in different parts of the world.

The JDN Chairperson also gave a keynote speech during the first National Meeting of JDN Indonesia

Dr. Uchechukwu Arum, Chairperson of the Junior Doctors Network (Nigeria/UK)

And the other JDN Management Team:

- Deputy chairperson: Lwando Maki (South Africa)
- Secretary: Marie-Claire Wangari (Kenya)
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- Membership director: Pablo Estrella (Ecuador/Spain)
- Communication director: Sazi Nzama (South Africa)
- Publications director: Jeazul Ponce (Mexico/Spain)
- Immediate past chairperson: Yassen Tcholakov (Canada)

