



Presentation of LIMedS

League of International Medical Schools

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Overview

1. What was mentioned in the IMS2020 application?
2. The importance of the site visits
3. The Deans' Meeting, 26 June 2013 in Berlin
4. The challenges



1. What was mentioned in the IMS2020 application?

→ Impact & sustainability

- Target groups (internal impact)
 - faculty staff from the academic, research and administrative levels
 - senior management staff
 - quality managers



- Continuation (external impact and sustainability)

"...The project partners have previous experience of working together and plan to take initiatives towards the end of the project in order to make sure that necessary steps are taken for the network to continue to function after the contract period expires."

The application was introduced in February 2010.



2. The importance of the site visits

→ Period: April - May 2013

- First, unique opportunity to have face to face discussions with the management and the key persons of the Medical Schools
- Second, the recognition of increasing importance and impact of global health & intercultural awareness in the life of Medical Schools



- Third, the labelling process as a tool for quality improvement:
 - the advantages of benchmarking
 - the need to collect and keep data
 - a reduced number of parameters



→ All this led to the logical conclusion:

- there was a growing understanding and conviction to continue the collaboration in one way or another



3. The Deans' Meeting, 26 June 2013 in Berlin

- A unanimous decision to continue the collaboration
- A unanimous agreement on the **Mission Statement**, a concise text with a rich content



Mission Statement

- A League
- Description of the aim
- Explanation of the aim
- Overview of activity areas



Mission Statement

→ Further collaboration in the way of a ***League:***

- an association of organisations:
 - having a common goal
 - with common actions
 - promoting the interests for its members



Mission Statement

- Description of the aim of LIMedS:
- the motor to foster internationalisation
 - a platform to exchange views and best practices



Mission Statement

→ Explanation of the aim:

- LIMedS will be the first group of Medical Schools working on internationalisation covering all related aspects:
 - institution
 - research
 - education
 - corporate social responsibility
 - global health



Mission Statement

→ Overview of activity areas:

- provide resources and establish standards
- emerge topics such as global health, international education, translational research
- organise meetings and conferences



4. Challenges

- a structure and organisation
- a business plan
- the integration of a labelling process (heritage of IMS2020)
- an action plan
- kick-off meeting: spring 2014

In brief, a difficult but challenging task...



Thank you very much for your attention!

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