



International Medical School

*****IMS 2020 Newsletter – July 2013*****

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Dear Reader,

June was a busy month and 2 very constructive meetings took place at the Charité in Berlin.

Report: Deans' Meeting on June 26th, 2013

Professor Dr. Claire Le Jeune (Vice Dean for Education and Student life at the Faculty of Medicine Paris-Descartes), Professor Dr. Annette Grüters-Kieslich (Dean of the Charité), Prof. Dr. Paul van Royen (Dean of the med. Faculty of the University of Antwerp), Professor Dr. Eugenio Gaudio (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Sapienza University of Rome), Professor Dr. Jan-Olov Höög (Dean for Higher Education of the Karolinska Institutet Stockholm), Malgorzata Rejnik (Vice Chancellor of the medical Faculty of Warsaw University) and Professor Dr. Ben Canny (Deputy Dean MMBS of the med. Faculty of Monash University Melbourne) via Skype attended the meeting in Berlin.

During the last 2 months of the project, we have focused not only on ending the project but also on assuring continuity. It would be a pity to for the structural network to cease to exist when the EU-funding period comes to an end. Actually, the site visits gained a far bigger importance than expected. It was during some of these site-visits (6 in total) that the need for continuity became even more obvious.

Therefore a working group developed the LIMedS concept: **L**eague of **I**nternational **M**edical **S**chools, a proposal for a continued collaboration between the partners of the IMS 2020 project.

More about LIMedS in the September Newsletter issue after its presentation at the Final Conference.

Report: Site Visits Evaluation Meeting

All 6 Site visits (Paris, Rome, Berlin, Antwerp, Warsaw, and Stockholm) turned out to be very helpful and constructive and gave the opportunity to discover how much work and efforts in regard of internationalization have been done by all partners so far. The staff involved of all visited faculties of medicine showed an intense commitment. The site visits lasted either one day or three days. In the end a two-day site would have been the ideal format as well as an essential component of the labeling process. The fact to be onsite and have talks with students and academic staff revealed also some problems one wouldn't be aware of. Site visits are essential in order to evaluate the internationalisation standard of a medical faculty and have shown that there is a need to standardize the evaluation criteria. This is part of the IMS Label Handbook which will be available at the end of the project and the main tool to use in new league LIMedS.

For a summary please go to www.ims-2020.eu.

Detailed reports per Faculty are saved at the members' area log in.

Final Project Meeting and Conference in September

The final meeting has now been scheduled for **September 16th, 2013, 10-16h**. It will be preceded by the last Steering Committee Meeting. A Save-the-Date Announcement will be sent out at the same time as this newsletter. The Agenda will be available from the beginning of August. Don't miss the opportunity to witness the start of the continuation of the project and register soon via www.ims-2020.eu

Future of the Project

4 Deans and 2 Vice Deans have taken the decision to create a new League, the "LIMedS" League of International Medical Schools", that will continue to perpetuate the idea and the needs of the internationalisation of medical schools. This as well as the mission statement will be officially declared at the Final IMS 2020 Conference, to be held on September 16th, 2013 at the Charité in Berlin.

Further information at:

www.ims-2020.eu

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We wish all our readers a very nice summer break.
(Our office will be available at usual office hours)

Best regards

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