

*****Final IMS 2020 Newsletter – October 2013*****

Topics:

- **Report of the Final Conference**
- **Future of the Project**

Dear Reader,

We have now reached the end of the project, after 3 years of constructive work between six leading European medical Schools and one Australian medical school as well as two advisory partners. We are pleased to complete an impressive final report including a variety of useful documents that you may already find on our homepage www.ims-2020.eu .

Report: Final Conference on September 16th, 2013

Location: Charité

Conference attendees

Annette Grütters-Kieslich (Dean of the Charité), Eugenio Gaudio (Dean of the Faculty of Sapienza University of Rome), Paweł Włodarski (Vice Dean of the First Medical Faculty, Medical University of Warsaw, Ulrike Arnold (Head of Charité International Cooperation (ChIC), Berlin), Karel Van Liempt (Director of the med. Faculty of Antwerp University), Claire Le Jeunne (Vice Dean for Education and Student Life at the Faculty of Medicine Paris-Descartes), Helena Salminen (Coordinator Competitive Analysis, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm) Luciano Saso (Rector's Delegate for International Mobility, Medicine and Pharmacy, Sapienza University of Rome), Joanna Gajowniczek (Head of the Quality Management Office, Medical University of Warsaw), Thomas Schlabs (ChIC, Berlin), Dominique Lacroix (ChIC, Berlin), as well as twenty-five other attendees from various European institutions and countries.

The conference's motto was the question: "Is Internationalisation measurable?" and was moderated by Professor Claire Le Jeunne.

Please read the agenda [here](#).

Professor Annette Grütters-Kieslich opened the conference, welcoming all the speakers and attendees and inviting everyone to participate in lively discussions.

In the opening presentation, Ulrike Arnold highlighted the **background and the philosophy of the IMS 2020 project**. The "mother" of the project explained how it all started and referred to the latest developments in internationalisation. Among others, she stressed the need of adopting a comprehensive, strategic approach to institutional internationalisation, instead of pursuing a lot of disconnected international activities. Moreover she reminded all the general aims of the project: to create a worldwide structural network of medical faculties, that will improve education, research and medical care and to develop a quality label, that will measure standards and levels of internationalisation at medical faculties, as well as talked briefly about their achievement and tasks implemented during the project.

In the next part of the conference entitled “How to measure internationalisation”, Joanna Gajowniczek and Thomas Schlabs presented the fruit of 3 years concentrated work that is the **methodology of an IMS label**. Authors of the IMS Handbook familiarised the audience with the label’s goals, dimensions and assessment criteria, as well as outlined the labelling process combining self-evaluation with peer reviews, based on qualitative and quantitative indicators, contextual information and site visits.

For further details please look below at: “IMS Label Handbook”.

Afterwards, Professor Annette Grütters-Kieslich presented her vision of a future international medical school, based on **IMS label standards and guidelines** organised in 6 dimensions:

Institution
Students
Staff
Curriculum
Research
Commitment to global health

In the next presentation, conference’s keynote speaker Professor Antoine Flahault talked about “**Academic Social Responsibility in the Contact of Global Health**”, concentrating on 6 dimensions of ASR:

- Alumni-orientated projects
- Inter-university cooperation
- Collaboration between universities and high-schools
- University and Business collaboration
- International cooperation
- Socio-cultural and ecological projects

Professor Flahault raised the following questions:

- How could medical schools commit themselves more to Global Health?
- How could Global Health issues be addressed by medical schools?
- Answers to these questions can be found in his presentation (see ims-2020.eu)

The next speaker Dr. Karel Van Liempt introduced the idea of the new **League of International Medical Schools (LIMedS)**.

There is still a long way to go in order to reach global internationalisation of Medical Schools but the IMS 2020 Project, which could not have been possible without EU Funding, has already undertaken steps in the right direction. Project’s structural network is now willing to continue their cooperation by creating a League of International Medical Schools.

LIMedS will be the first group of medical schools closely working together on internationalisation covering all areas: institution, research, education, staff, students and global health, following the IMS2020 holistic approach.

Finally, all project partner representatives participated in a panel discussion “Internationalisation: A Driving Force in the Innovation of Medical Education” moderated by Thomas Schlabs. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Deans/Rectors as well as the representatives of our partner universities expressed their wish to continue the work of the structural network even though the EU-funding period comes to an end.

The conference closed with the final address from Professor Eugenio Gaudio.

Results of the Project

The IMS 2020 Label Handbook

Handbook contains a comprehensive and detailed methodology designed to help medical schools worldwide to evaluate and improve their level of internationalisation, taking into account the best practices and lessons learned gathered in the IMS 2020 project. The Handbook consists of the following chapters:

- Introduction including the purpose and philosophy of the label
- Presentation of the label methodology including goals and dimensions, eligibility criteria, the labelling process, quantitative and qualitative indicators, etc.
- Presentation of the label dimensions:
 - Institution
 - Students
 - Staff
 - Curriculum
 - Research
 - Commitment to Global Health
- Implications for the medical schools

It offers the following attachments

- 1) IMS label glossary
- 2) IMS label standards and guidelines
- 3) IMS label quantitative indicators
- 4) IMS label qualitative indicators
- 5) Eligibility application
- 6) Self-evaluation report (sample – forms to fill in are available on DVD)
- 7) Final evaluation report (sample – forms to fill in are available on DVD)

You may find the first pages of the Handbook at www.ims-2020.eu/docs.html

For a printed copy please send a short e-mail to Dominique.Lacroix@charite.de

The project ended with all its goals achieved and as a success. The project group managed to develop a comprehensive methodology to help medical schools evaluate and improve their internationalisation. Moreover the project enhanced the quality of internationalisation in partner institutions as a result of tight cooperation and implementation of the IMS labeling process, including self-evaluation, peer reviews and site visits.

Future of the Project - LIMedS

As mentioned above the new League is already on the fast track with a small working group preparing further steps.

We will keep you informed as soon as the new platform is opened and the LIMedS website launched (approx. January 2014).

Further information at: www.ims-2020.eu

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We wish you all the best and look forward to contact you again in January 2014!

Best regards

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