



## **\*\*\*\*IMS 2020 Newsletter - July 2012\*\*\*\***

Dear Reader,

The first half of 2012 has been an extremely productive and fruitful period for the IMS 2020 project. We have made substantial content leaps and the label methodology is now complete along with a catalogue of detailed label indicators. Plans to make the label a living reality have taken concrete form and we hope to accept first applications for label accreditation by late 2013. Details about all these developments and more can be found in this newsletter.

### **Task Force (TF) Progress and Developments**

**TF 1 - Quality Assurance / Quality Label:** In the first half of the project period TF 1 completed the label methodology design and successfully established a framework of label indicators that will measure standards and levels of internationalization at medical schools.

In year 2 TF 1 examined SWOT analyses of all partner universities and refined the label methodology accordingly. The indicator framework has been refined and a first indicator catalogue has been established. In addition benchmarks for all indicators have been analysed and a Delphi study amongst stakeholders has been initiated. In the coming months TF 1 must continue to collect data, refine indicators and test analysis results.

**TF 2 - Staff Training Courses:** The ultimate aim of TF 2 has been to devise Staff Training Courses (STC) focusing on internationalization in medical teaching and research and aimed at three target groups: professors/teaching staff, researchers and administrative staff. In Nov. 2011 TF 2 held its first central STC in Berlin, a 2.5 day programme focusing on “Internationalization Management and Intercultural Awareness in Medical Training and Research”. The programme comprised of three parts:

Day 1 - An introduction to the subject day

Day 2 - An internationalization management day

Day 3 - A cultural awareness day


The STC was attended by a total of 18 representatives from all six partner medical schools/faculties and was very well received. After this central STC it became clear that the type of training course needed by partner institutions varied greatly. Also some institutions were more interested in courses for one of the specific target groups whilst others were interested in a course that addressed all three target groups. Therefore it was agreed that rather than developing a fixed course that would never be applicable to all institutions involved, instead a pool of training modules would be created. This would enable interested medical institutions to pick and choose course modules enabling a tailor made training course suited to their own needs and to any target group they wish to address.

In spring 2012 TF 2 members ran local staff trainings at all the European partner universities in Berlin, Paris, Rome, Stockholm, Warsaw and Antwerp orientated towards local needs and fields of expertise. The training programmes of these courses can be viewed on the IMS 2020 website (<http://ims-2020.eu/docs.html>) and an evaluation summary which will contribute towards label indicators will also soon be available to read.

**TF 3 - Autonomy and Accountability:** On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June TF 3 hosted their most recent meeting in Paris. The main aim of the meeting was to conduct a critical assessment of a draft proposition for qualitative label criteria in view of preparing a list of qualitative criteria and indicators for the IMS 2020 label. Substantial progress was made and relevant suggestions for improvement were established. An interesting discussion on the dimension ‘Social Engagement’ ensued. TF3 considers that in this dimension the element of ‘Global Health’ could play an important role.

## Future Plans – Collaboration with the M8 Alliance

With the label methodology finished and indicators reaching completion, IMS 2020 has entered into talks with the M8 Alliance with the aim of establishing the label on a larger and more influential platform. The M8 Alliance boasts some of the most influential universities and medical schools in the medical field and has an extensive and revered sphere of influence. Actual label accreditation will run along the lines of the diagram below and will be based on a 15 month accreditation phase. It is hoped that the application process for label accreditation will commence in autumn 2013. Future newsletters will provide further details on label accreditation application procedures.

15 Months		<b>IMS 2020 – Labeling Process</b>	
1 month	<b>Phase 1: Preparatory Phase</b>	Interested institutions → scanned by filter criteria → if eligible → register as a member of IMS2020 Association (annual conferences, meetings et.) → launch an application for the IMS2020 label	
3 months	<b>Phase 2: Contextual + Numerical Data</b>	1 month after application acceptance → Kick-Off meeting at applying institution → 3 months later: Information-based self-assessment (documents related to internationalization, description of major goals, priorities, data for indicators etc.) → all information then transferred to the IMS association	
6 months	<b>Phase 3: Assessment of Data</b>	A group of nominated experts (1 Med Prof, 1 member of senior admin staff., 1 QA expert & method.) Assessment of information → first report with first findings	
3 months	<b>Phase 4: Site Visits, Meetings Interviews</b>	Confrontation of statements with reality → Peer visits by experts who worked on report (2-3 days) → final assessment of the applicant institution based on IMS2020 label standards	
2 months	<b>Phase 5: Concluding the Application process</b>	Association → full documentation & final report to the head of the applicant institution <i>1 month later:</i> wrap-up workshop with label team, experts & medical team and institution head → label is granted (for 3 years) or information & suggestions for improvement and next steps	

### Upcoming Meetings:

Task Force 1	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2012, Berlin
Task Force 2	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2012, Berlin
Task Force 3	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2012, Berlin
Steering Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2012, Berlin
Annual Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2012, Berlin

## **IMS 2020 2nd Annual Meeting – World Health Summit (WHS) 2012**

The second IMS 2020 Annual Meeting will take place on the **22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2012** **from 7.15-8.45** within the framework of the 2012 World Health Summit in Berlin. For information about the WHS please refer to the following website:

<http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/>

If you wish to register for the WHS you can do so here:

<http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/registration/participant-registration.html>

If you wish to register for the IMS 2020 Annual Meeting session **only** please write directly to [rachel.seeling@charite.de](mailto:rachel.seeling@charite.de) This meeting will be free of charge but there are only limited places available which will be allocated on a *first come first served* basis.

### **Documents to Download**

The IMS 2020 Annual Report for year 1 is available to download from our website at [www.ims-2020.eu/docs.html](http://www.ims-2020.eu/docs.html). Other important documents that are available to download on the docs/results webpage include:

- The International Medical School (IMS) Label - Methodology draft
- Newsletter 1 - January 2012
- IMS 2020 Standard Presentation
- IMS 2020 Background Study
- Local Staff Training Course Agendas

### **IMS 2020: Further Information**

If you have any questions or wish for further information, do take a look at our project website [www.ims-2020.eu](http://www.ims-2020.eu) or contact our project managers [ulrike.arnold@charite.de](mailto:ulrike.arnold@charite.de) or [rachel.seeling@charite.de](mailto:rachel.seeling@charite.de).