



**\*\*\*\*IMS 2020 Newsletter – January 2013\*\*\*\***

Dear Reader,

In the following paragraphs you will find current information and updates on the development of the IMS label, first site visit plans and staff training course guidelines. There is also an open letter from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Health at the University of Antwerp detailing Antwerp's commitment to the IMS 2020 label and explaining why the IMS 2020 label is of essential importance for modern international medical schools.

**TF1/TF3 Update: Qualitative and Quantitative Indicators/ Site Visits**

Now that the indicator and benchmark data has been collected for all participating institutions analysis of this data can begin. In spring 2013 IMS 2020 will begin its first site visits at all European university partner institutions. The purpose of these visits will be to verify data acquired and check for any consistencies whilst answering any onsite questions that may arise. There will be two sets of three day site visits. The first will be at the University of Sapienza, Rome and the second at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm . There will also be four sets of one day site visits at the remaining partner medical schools (University of Paris Descartes, Berlin Charité Medical School, the Medical University of Warsaw and the University of Antwerp). These visits will also serve as test runs for acquiring the IMS label and will hopefully back up the methodology that has been developed.

**TF2 Update: Staff Training and Management Guidelines**

Currently, work on Guidelines for Staff Training Courses (STCs) based on the work of the six European university project partners is well under way. These guidelines will be based on results and subsequent recommendations of local STCs held at the partner medical faculties. The first round of local STCs were held in Rome, Antwerp, Stockholm, Paris, Warsaw and Berlin in the spring of 2012. A second round of local STCs at the European partner institutions is intended for spring 2013. Module descriptions for all course modules with details about speakers, contact information, aims and methods will be ready shortly and will

form an annex of the guidelines. Dates of local STCs at the six partner institutions will be listed on the IMS website shortly.

## **An open letter from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Antwerp**

### ***Why the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Antwerp enthusiastically participates in the IMS 2020 labelling process?***

*The Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences belongs to the medium-sized University of Antwerp which is situated in Flanders in the north of Belgium and consists of a mainly Dutch speaking population.*

*The faculty is embedded in the Greater Antwerp Area that accounts for the biggest single health region in Flanders. It is a relatively new faculty that was established in 1965 as part of the democratization process of the Higher Education. It was during this period that students were encouraged to obtain a diploma at a university or a higher education institution and the Faculty has gone through a remarkable evolution in such a comparatively short period of time.*

*Since its creation, the faculty has shown a great deal of interest in the internationalization aspect, both on the level of education and on the level of research. There has always been a significant interest from the Netherlands for the study of medicine at the University of Antwerp. Currently, about 20% of the total University of Antwerp medicine students' population has Dutch nationality. In the 1990s, the faculty played a pioneering role on the European level in the process of developing the ECTS label. Furthermore, the faculty's research branch has been committed from the very beginning to internationalisation and as a result, it has participated successfully in various European research programmes.*

*Why does the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Antwerp enthusiastically take part in the IMS 2020 labelling process?*

*As mentioned previously, the faculty has clear international orientation. This approach has been established in a very pragmatic way, due to the dynamic and voluntary commitment of a number of strong personalities in the academic staff.*

*The major advantage of the IMS 2020 labelling process is the fact that it gives the faculty management the opportunity to work on the international dimension of the faculty in an inclusive way by way of offering a general framework for the structural development of internationalisation. A main tool for this approach is the self-evaluation report, which forms part as well in the application process of the IMS label. In the self-evaluation report, the*

*faculty is requested to prove its international dimension by means of the formulation of its mission statement, its vision, strategy and policy documents.*

*Another major advantage of the IMS 2020 labelling process is the 'holistic approach', meaning that all activities of the faculty are taken into consideration during the labelling process. Therefore, IMS 2020 defines six dimensions of internationalisation, which the label considers and evaluates. Three dimensions concern content (curriculum, research and social engagement) and three dimensions are more related to basic necessities (institution, students and staff).*

*Finally, it is very important to underline the philosophy that has laid solid foundations for the IMS 2020 project. It is the project's explicit goal to strengthen the medical faculty and to encourage it in its process of developing an internationalisation vision of its own. Guiding and support of the medical faculties are the keywords in the IMS 2020 labelling process project.*

*In this context, I would like to call on all people involved in the labelling process not to forget the target groups of students, researchers and staff alike, as it is the ultimate aim of the labelling process to stimulate both aforementioned target groups to conduct more internationally and to create evaluation procedures for this objective.*

*The Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Antwerp has taken several steps already in the direction of internationalisation. Nevertheless it remains very important and useful for the faculty to continue participation in the IMS 2020 labelling process project because of the inclusive character of the project, its 'holistic approach' as well as its philosophy of guiding and support.*

*We sincerely think and hope that by the end of the labelling process, our faculty will deal with internationalisation on a higher qualitative level.*

*Prof. Dr. Paul Van Royen*

*Dean*

*Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences*

*University of Antwerp*

## **Documents to Download**

The following documents are available to download on the IMS 2020 docs/results webpage:

<http://ims-2020.eu/docs.html>:

- [The International Medical School \(IMS\) Label - Methodology draft](#)
- [IMS-2020 Standard Presentation](#)
- [IMS Background Study by CHE Consult](#)
- [SWOT Analyses of the IMS-2020 Partner Universities](#)

## **Newsletters**

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■ [Newsletter No 2, July 2012](#)

■ [Newsletter No 1, January 2012](#)

## **Reports**

■ [IMS-2020 Annual Report No. 1](#)

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## **Task Force 2 - Local Staff Trainings in March/April 2012**

■ [Agendas: Antwerp | Berlin | Paris | Rome | Stockholm | Warsaw](#)

■ [Summary of Task Force 2 Local Staff Training Courses](#)

## **IMS 2020: Further Information**

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