



******IMS 2020 Newsletter - January 2012******

Progress and Developments

As the second IMS 2020 project year gets under way we have already taken important steps towards achieving our ultimate project aims. Here are the latest updates from our three Task Forces:

TF 1 has successfully established a framework of criteria necessary for label indicators. It will be these indicators that will determine eventual label standards and ratings. TF1 has also developed a methodology for the entire label process including peer visits, self-assessment and empowerment. Additionally TF1 has drafted a comprehensive study focusing on quality assurance details that relate to IMS 2020. In year 2 TF 1 aims to refine the methodology of the label by involving the partner universities, TF 2 and TF 3 and selected HEI networks (preferably outside Europe and North America) to enlarge the validation scope. It also aims to test the entire methodology within the group of partner universities

TF 2 has drafted and run its first IMS Staff Training Programme in Berlin. The programme consisted of a 2.5 day programme (in the form of topic modules) focusing on “Internationalization Management and Intercultural Awareness in Medical Training and Research” for an international medical school of the future. The training programme was attended by a total of 18 representatives from the partner medical schools and received a very positive and encouraging response. In year 2 TF 2 aims to enhance these trainings and ensure similar trainings adapted to local needs are established at partner medical schools. The contents of these trainings will also feed into the label and form indicators for label ratings.

TF 3 has investigated with greater clarity the notions of 'Autonomy and Accountability'. Two important documents proved very useful in reaching this clarification: These are:

- The report of the *European University Association (EUA) on 'University Autonomy in Europe'* (2009) and
- The consensus document '*Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools*' (2010) approved by an international reference group supported by the WHO.

In the course of year 2 TF 3 will determine exactly which conditions and criteria an international medical school 2020 must meet in order to act truly internationally. These criteria will feed into the IMS 2020 label and will also form indicators for label ratings.

IMS 2020 Annual Meeting (1)

2nd Dec. 2011

Our first IMS 2020 Annual Meeting hosted at the University of Antwerp on invitation from Mr. Karel van Liempt got off to an interesting and topical start with a presentation from Markus Laitinen (Head of International Affairs) from the University of Helsinki. Mr. Laitinen presented developments in internationalization at Helsinki University and referred to "mainstream internationalization" that should permeate all areas and levels of university education. Mr. Laitinen's speech was followed by our three Task Force reports detailing progress and developments in year 1. After this attendees were free to ask questions to Task Force Leaders and the Project Coordinator and a hearty discussion ensued. Following this, Christan Tauch (IMS 2020 External Advisor) of the German Rectors Conference and EACEA representative Ms. Alba Prieto delivered their comments on the course of the IMS 2020 project so far. Finally a speech from Prof. Abderrahim Azzouzi, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy from the University of Oujda (Morocco) rounded up a lively and eventful meeting.

IMS 2020 Label Developments

A first proposal for the IMS labelling process has been drafted. The draft as you can see below is based on 5 phases over a 15 month time span:

IMS 2020 – Labeling Process



15
Months

1 month	Phase 1: Preparatory Phase	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	Phase 2: Contextual + Numerical Data	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	Phase 3: Assessment of Data	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	Phase 4: Site Visits, Meetings Interviews	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	Phase 5: Concluding the Application process	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

Documents to Download

The ■ **IMS Annual Report** for year 1 is now available to download from our website at www.ims-2020.eu/docs.html. Other important documents that are available to download on the website include the:

■ **IMS-2020 Standard Presentation**

■ **IMS Background Study by CHE Consult**

Dates 2012:

Our 2012 IMS 2020 Steering Committee meetings will take place in Berlin on the 14th May and 19th Oct. 2012. Our second Annual Meeting will take place in Berlin on the 20th October 2012.

For further information about the IMS 2020 project please visit our project website:

www.ims-2020.eu



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