

NATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

*Negar Atefi and Lauren Wong, Partnerships Team
2022 Spring General Meeting
April 21-24, Calgary AB*



I. ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Partnerships:

- Amnesty International- promotion of previously developed educational modules; in contact with Amnesty representatives about potential next steps and future projects.
- Pathways- providing continued support and connection between established Pathways branches at various medical schools and the national organization; giving medical schools the opportunity to develop new branches if currently nonexistent.

New Partnerships:

- Women in Global Health- the Canadian Chapter
- IFMSA Panama: set up initial collaboration on a project centered around fast fashion and its health and environmental impacts. This project was passed on to the HEART team to take the lead, as it falls more directly under their team aims.
- DENEM Brazil: currently planning a joint 3-4 day conference. We are aiming to involve Indigenous peoples from both Canada and Brazil to speak about various topics over multiple days of the conference. Topics include experiences with the healthcare system, traditional medicine, and social determinants of health. By recognizing that Indigenous populations in different geographic locations are unique, our goal is to broaden students' perspectives through hearing from them firsthand.
- IFMSA Guatemala: collaborating with several countries, led by IFMSA Guatemala, to put on a medical education event for students. This event will involve speakers from the medical field, with the goal of familiarizing students with the healthcare systems and approaches in different countries of Americas. It will provide students with some insight and interaction with peers on an international level, which will be especially beneficial given that exchanges for Canada have been put on hold this year.

Current projects:

- Global Health Initiative Grant
 - The purpose of the Global Health Initiatives Grant (GHIG) is to act as an adjunct to the existing CFMS Student Initiative Grant (SIG) and Funds (SIF). As per the awards program guideline, the current eligibility criteria for SIG and SIF excludes any applications involving individual academic research. In addition, due to the high degree of competition and taking into account the scale of the projects/initiatives, smaller projects or projects focusing on minority groups in medical schools may not have a chance to receive SIG/SIF awards. We have

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established the GHIG to support global health-specific events or projects of various formats (including research projects) and scales, particularly those that relate to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

- Opportunities spreadsheet and calendar
 - Encourage GHs and LOs from each university to add events and initiatives that students can take part in
 - Adding opportunities from the IFMSA to give students a chance to get involved and network internationally

II. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Location
January 4 2022	IFMSA Overview Meeting	Online
January 5-9 2022	IFMSA Americas Regional Meeting	Online
January 7 2022	Global Health National Officer Meeting	
January 12 2022	Global Health National Officer Orientation	Online
January 17 2022	GH NO - Weekly Planning Meeting #1	Online
January 19 2022	IFMSA AmRM Debrief Meeting with IFMSA Quebec	Online
January 24 2022	GH NO - Weekly Planning Meeting #2	Online
January 31 2022	GH NO - Weekly Planning Meeting #3	Online
February 7 2022	GH NO - Weekly Planning Meeting #4	Online
February 9 2022	Global Health National Officer Monthly Meeting	Online
March 1st - 6th 2022	IFMSA General Assembly	Online
March 6 2022	Global Health National Officer Monthly Meeting	Online
March 12 2022	GH NO Finance Meeting	Online
March 18 2022	GH NO Finance Meeting	Online

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March 22 2022	IFMSA General Assembly CFMS-Canada Debrief	Online
March 26 2022	GH NO Finance Meeting	Online
March 29 2022	Global Health National Officer Monthly Meeting	Online
April 2 2022	GH NO SGM Planning Meeting	Online
April 21-24	CFMS SGM	Calgary, AB

III. CONCLUSIONS

Future directions:

- Strengthen CFMS connection and communications with IFMSA Quebec
- Continue developing international collaborations, with a focus on principles of EDI and immigrant/Indigenous health
 - Currently in discussion with AHEM Haiti and MedSIN-Sudan about potential partnerships
- Coordinating with the IFMSA CB team to find opportunities and additional training for our committee members

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