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IFMSA EXTERNAL MEETINGS SUMMARY REPORT

PERIOD: OCTOBER 2014 – JANUARY 2015

OCTOBER 2014

66th PAHO Regional Meeting Regional Committee



Date : September 29th to October 3rd

Location : Washington, USA

Participants : RC Americas – Maria Jose Cisneros Caceres (Coordinator), Sergio Menchaca (IFMSA – Mexico), Rael Garcia (IFMSA – Mexico), Pedro Coreira – LO WHO

The PAHO Regional Meeting, is one of the most important events for the Americas region. Health leaders of all countries of our region meet and discuss which direction the regional offices will take in the future, discuss strategies and share their own personal experiences in their countries regarding different health related challenges for our society.

For us, is a forum to know better our region but most of all to be health advocates for our future patients and to strive for the Americas region we want to see.

It's a really friendly space where your voice will be heard, so be prepare to have opinions on all matters since the youth position can make the difference and become a tie breaker in hot topics.

If you have the opportunity don;t doubt for a second to attend to this meeting, is the best experience you will ever have!"



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World Medical Association General Assembly



Date : 8-11 October 2014

Location : Durban, South Africa

Participants : President - Agostinho Moreira
de Sousa

IFMSA was present once again in the World Medical Association General Assembly. During this meeting, IFMSA managed to strengthen the ties with WMA and follow-up on the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the 2 organizations. It was also possible to follow-up on the continuation of the internship program.

About the meeting, it is important to underline the start of the term of the new WMA President, Dr. Xavier Deau and the election of Sir Michael Marmot as WMA President for 2015/2016 term.

The General Assembly was focused on the discussions related with the conditions of health workers during the Ebola Outbreak, the challenge connected with Migration of Health Workers, the approval of a new statement on Air Pollution, protection of Health Workers, Non-commercialization of human reproductive Material and Solitary confinement. A resolution was also approved about the work conditions of Qatar Workers, while constructing the infrastructures for the World Cup 2022.

IFMSA was also present in the WMA Junior Doctors Network meeting, where provided updates about the internal changes of the Alumni structure. IFMSA also discussed possible areas of collaboration for the future months.



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65th WPRO Regional Meeting Regional Committee



Date : 13-17 October 2014

Location : Manila, Philippines

Participants : RC Asia Pacific - Yuji Jeong (Coordinator); Joey Gonzalez (AMSA-Philippines), Kim Patrick Tejano, (AMSA-Philippines), Henry Yeh (FMS-Taiwan) Tung Yen Wu, (FMS-Taiwan)

The 65th Regional Committee of WHO Western Pacific Regional Office was held in Manila, Philippines, 13-17 October 2014.

The meeting is the best way to know the updates from each member states and the region. It is also a great opportunity to address our stances in various health issues. One statement about universal health coverage was delivered. Possibility of having internship is very low after talking with relevant officer. Regional director and the officers were very interested in medical students participating the meeting.



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61st EMRO Regional Meeting Regional Committee



Date : September 19-22 October 2014

Location : Tunis, Tunisia

Participants : RC EMR - Zahra Zeinali
(Coordinator), Mohammad Arfaoui
(AssociaMed-Tunisia)

The 61st Regional Committee of WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office was held in Tunis, Tunisia, 19-22 October 2014.

The IFMSA delegation to the meeting included Zahra Zeinali, EMR RC and Mohammad Arfaoui, AssociaMed-Tunisia president.

The meeting was very successful and the participants were impressed by the work done by youth. Possibility of having internships at the WHO EMRO office in Cairo was discussed with the EMRO Regional Director.

IFMSA delivered 4 well-received statements on: Youth Involvement, Universal Health Coverage, Towards a public health response to climate change and air pollution in EMR, saving the lives of mothers and children. "



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World Health Summit



Date : 19-22 October 2014

Location : Berlin, Germany

Participants : President - Agostinho
Moreira de Sousa; Claudel
Desrosiers, IFMSA VPE; Diogo
Martins, IFMSA LO UNESCO;
Skander Essafi, IFMSA SCOPH-D;
Stijntje Dijk, IFMSA LOMEi; Wael
Nasri, IFMSA Treasurer

IFMSA was present during the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany. This meeting isn't « per se » an advocacy meeting but more a networking meeting. It is also important to underline that this is more an event dedicated to academia.

The conference was focused on 4 key main areas :

- Education and Leadership
- Evidence to Policy
- Research and Innovation
- Global Health for Development

During the different sessions, different IFMSA members manage to network with the different speakers and take notes for future events and sessions to be develop by the Federation. It was also noticed the lack of interconnection between academia and the political discussions that are happening at the moment in the global stage.

IFMSA was invited to do a statement during the opening ceremony. The « blind standardization and industrialization » of education was mentioned as well the harsh conditions of work and studying of medical students and doctors. It was also underlined the importance to bring humanity to healthcare.

IFMSA presence in this meeting must be reflected and well planned. IFMSA was also involved in the planning of a health youth workshop, in collaboration with bvmd Germany, EMSA-Europe and UAEM. However, IFMSA should reflect about its involvement in the preparation of a health youth workshop before the event, if this event is hosted again next year.



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IFISO Autumn Meeting



Date : 23-26 October 2014

Location : Belgrade, Serbia

Participants : LOSO - Kornelija Macevičiūtė

Informal Forum of International Student Organisations (IFISO) Autumn meeting happened in Belgrade, Serbia on October 23-26.

IFISO has two meetings yearly on spring and autumn. IFISO is a network for organisations sharing experiences, best practises, developing connections, possible collaborations, helping each other on development and student-youth representation. We had two full days of workshops and discussions. Where the participants were introduced to the report of the management team, the problems and possible solutions.

The days were also full of discussions and workshops, presenting each of the members structure and work, best practises, then carrying out workshops on topics such as finance management, recruitment, trainings, alumni management, social media, marketing, advocacy and external representation.

The session facilitators were the members themselves, usually presenting the best cases form the organisations. I had a chance to carry out workshops on social media and advocacy & external representation. In the end of the meeting there are two main elections: election of the new management team and the next meeting host.

I have put out a candidature of IFMSA to the management team, which was greeted very well and we are officially in the management team of IFISO since October 2014 up until the spring meeting. EGEA - European Geography Association - for Students and Young Geographers, has been selected as the next host of IFISO Autum meeting 2015. During the meeting I have also discussed our long standing agreement with Study Portals, agreed on developing some new points and getting it signed.



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1st Global Forum on Youth Policies



Date : 28-30 October 2014

Location : Baku, Azerbaijan

Participants : LOSO - Kornelija
Macevičiūtė

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the World Programme of Action For Youth, in sight there are already 122 countries worldwide that now have current policies on youth, with more of them updating or developing them, although after the 20 years there is still a lot to be improved. The Forum aims to gather youth policy makers, advocates, workers, from all around the world, seeking to define and exemplify what it means to take youth policies forward in the 21st century. As well as being the platform and opportunity for meeting and developing new partnerships, knowledge and awareness. The meeting had panel and thematic sessions, on the whole 14 topics of WPAY, building, governing and implementing youth policy frameworks, as well as regional sessions. Thematic session on health in the first day was divided into three small discussion groups and together with two representatives from our NMO's we were able to participate in each of them and talk on a perspective of young health professionals.



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ICMYO Annual Meeting



Date : 31 October-1 November 2014

Location : Baku, Azerbaijan

Participants : LOSO - Kornelija
Macevičiūtė

International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO) is perhaps the largest network of youth organisations, gathering regional youth platforms and international organisations of youth. The network is managed by a task force of 7 organisations which is elected every year in the Annual Meeting. Next to electing the task force, the annual meeting is for looking back and looking forward, on the tasks that were done, needs improvement, should be followed up and should be added. There were several main topics that members decided to work on for the following year, which are: sustainable development/post 2015, WPAY/Youth Policies, Youth Participation, Peace, Justice, Inclusion. IFMSA has presented the candidature to the task force and has been elected, which means that the whole processes will be followed up and monitored from a close distance throughout the year.



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NOVEMBER 2014

European Youth Forum Education Week



Date : 4-7 November 2014

Location : Brussels, Belgium

Participants : RC Europe - Alberto Abreu da Silva

Between the 5th and 7th of November 2014, the IFMSA Regional Coordinator for Europe Alberto Abreu da Silva attended the European Youth Forum's Education Week. There, he advocated for the right of young people to quality education in Europe; developed policy and practice of quality education for young people, as well as defended education, skills and employability of young people. Finally, the agenda also covered the recognition of non-formal education in youth organizations.



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World Health Students' Alliance Implementation Meeting



17th November 2014



World Health Students' Alliance Signing

Date : 14-18 November 2014

Location : Prague, Czech Republic

Participants : LOSO - Kornelija
Maceviciute,

World Health Students' Alliance (WHSA) idea was born in Prague, during the World Health Students' Symposium (WHSS) in 2011. Medicine, Pharmaceutical and Dental students international decided to create a platform where they can join forces in order to advocate for health as a whole and not only on their own perspectives. We have signed the MoU in GA AM 2013. In need, we initiated a meeting of International Dental Students' Association (IADS), International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) and IFMSA, in order to revise the agreement that we have, talk about the structures and ways to move forward with the original ideas of the Alliance, to work on advocating our common goals. With the grand finale of signing a declaration of implementation of WHSA on November 17th, a significant day of International Students' Day, commemorating the strength of students' as a driving force of change.



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European Youth Forum General Assembly 2014



Date : 18-23 November 2014

Location : Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Participants : RC Europe - Alberto Abreu
da Silva (Coordinator), Kornelija
Maceviciute, LOSO

Between the 18th and the 23rd of November, IFMSA's Regional Coordinator for Europe was present in the European Youth Forum's General Assembly in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, the European Youth Capital for 2015 together with Kornelija Maceviciute, IFMSA's Liaison Officer for Students Organizations.

IFMSA is a full member of the European Youth Forum, accessing to a platform that aggregates around 100 youth organizations, in which we discuss and learn about youth rights, non-formal education and many other important topics.

This federation holds a General Assembly every two years. In this GA, we've discussed the Work Plan of the European Youth Forum, agreed on Policy Resolutions and elected the board for the next term.

The officials gave input in several discussions, namely the inclusion of Universal Health Coverage in the European Youth Forum's Work Plan; while drafting a Policy Resolution about the TTIP we raised awareness about the potential negative impact of this agreement on health-related issues, such as access to Medicines and Surgical Procedures; we actively participated in the elections' discussions and outreached with many Youth Councils from Europe that will definitely help and work with our European National Members Organizations.

Plus, on the first day, we presented IFMSA in a Youth Fair for more than 300 guests, event during which the European Youth Capital for 2016 - Varna, Bulgaria - was publicly announced.

A lot of effort will be put to continue following-up the European Youth Forum's work and IFMSA will try to put health on the European youth agenda, so IFMSA can continue increasing the quality of its advocacy at the regional and global level."



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The Network – Towards Unity for Health 2014



Date : 19-23 November 2014

Location : Fortaleza, Brazil

Participants : LO MEi –Stijntje Dijk

It was a truly exciting week for IFMSA, being present at The Network: Towards Unity For Health Meeting in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Discussed topics included but were not limited to Social Determinants of Health in Education, social accountability, human resources for health, interprofessional education and transformative education, advocacy and health equity. We delivered a session on Exchanges as well as many statements throughout the sessions, and had the opportunity to (re-)meet with many of our international partners.

There was much attention to engaging students: They were present moderating sessions, presenting scientific posters, and created the 'Fortaleza Declaration' providing the conferences recommendations towards community-based education, which will be available soon on The Network website. Lastly, it was a true the pleasure to meet many of the IFMSA-Brazil in Fortaleza.

In short: a very inspiring conference, and looking much forward to the follow up as well as what opportunities will be possible to create for students in the future



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UN Habitat : Asker Conference on Youth and Governance



Date : 26-28 November 2014

Location : Asker, Norway

Participants : Kornelija Maceviciute, LOSO

The Asker Conference on Youth and Governance will brought together stakeholders from local and national governments, youth led organizations and networks, academia, the United Nations and local authorities associations to discuss how to improve and enhance youth engagement in governance. In particular, the conference will focus on youth engagement in the UN and in local government. After three days of productive discussions and talks, the outcome document, a Communique on Youth engagement and governance was a truly great summary of what youth policy stakeholders and youth representatives want to see in youth representation. Follow up will go in other UN meetings regarding youth issues.



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DECEMBER 2014

WHO Social Determinants of Health e-book meeting



Date : 1-2 December 2014

Location : Geneva, Switzerland

Participants : President - Agostinho
Moreira de Sousa

IFMSA was represented in a meeting of the steering committee of a WHO ebook on a social determinants of health approach to health workforce education and training, in collaboration with organisations such as UNESCO, IAPO, WFME and WMA.

The meeting had the goal to know how the creation the ebook can impact the present education of health care professionals in order to enable them to have a bigger social responsibility in the communities they are in.



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UNFCCC 20th Conference of Parties (COP20)



Date : 1-12 December 2014

Location : Lima, Peru

Participants : VPE - Claudel P-Desrosiers (Coordinator); RC Americas - Maria Jose Cisceros; AEMPPI-Ecuador, Joel Rondon (APEMH-Peru), Mark Hayes (AMSA-Australia)

IFMSA attended the 20th Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Lima, Peru from December 1st-12th 2014 with the main objective of ensuring that health stayed on the climate change agenda. Building on an effective advocacy strategy and with the support of collaborating partners such as the WHO and the GHCA, the IFMSA delegation successfully worked to integrate the concept of health co-benefits in the ADP Updated Draft Negotiating Text, a concept that was absent in the first draft. IFMSA has also facilitated a side-event on education and capacity building and intervened in a side-event on green jobs. Furthermore, IFMSA did the opening statement on behalf of the youth at the opening session of the ADP. The delegation worked with the youth constituency of the UNFCCC to input the Ministerial Declaration on Education, resulting in a greater recognition of the role of the youth and of non-formal education, two things at the core of IFMSA activities. The Federation shall continue its work in this field so to ensure health is fully integrated in the Elements text, which will be used as the backbone of the global climate agreement, to be adopted at COP21 in Paris in 2015.



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Joint Action on Health Workforce Meeting



Date : 3-5 December 2014

Location : Rome, Italy

Participants : RC Europe - Alberto Abreu da Silva (Coordinator), Stefano Guiciardi (SISM-Italy), Elizabeth Holven (NMSA-Norway), Dr. Miguel Cabral - IFMSA's SupCo

IFMSA attended the 2nd Meeting of the European Commission's Joint Action on Health Workforce in Rome, on the 4th and 5th of December. This is a Joint Action that aims to promote the planning of human resources for health, taking into account the European needs and the different countries' capacities and priorities. Nonetheless, it is an action open to other entities, such as physicians associations or, as IFMSA, non-governmental associations.

IFMSA has a position on Human Resources for Health, that relates this matter with the Universal Health Coverage principle, reason why it was so important for us to be present in this meeting. It is also closely related to the WHO Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

Three big matters that relate to our positions must be highlighted:

The fact that governments are aware of the possible brain-drainage that active recruitment might result in countries that lack healthcare services; Existence of international mechanisms that intend to avoid health inequity, but that still don't cover regional problems, such as the ones faced in Europe; Complete lack of awareness of the impact that an agreement such as TTIP (Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership) might have on health workforce.

This last point was brought to discussion in plenary, during which IFMSA raised awareness among the members of the different governments about the potential negative impact that the TTIP might bring to healthcare access and services. This ended up being one of the most discussed topics in plenary reason."



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Pre-Youth Symposium on Barriers to Adolescent and Youth SRHR Information and Services

Date : 5-7 December 2014

Location : Lusaka, Zambia

Participants : LO RA - Kelly Thompson (Coordinator), Irakoze Magnifique (Medsar Rwanda), Isaac Sakala (ZAMSA), Munahamwemba Himbala (ZAMSA)

The 2014 Pre-Youth Symposium on Barriers to Adolescent and Youth SRHR Information and Services held at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka, Zambia from 5th-7th December 2014. The meeting was convened by UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNAIDS, SAT, IFMSA, PPAZ, NYPD, IPPF and Restless Development. The symposium brought together over 180 delegates from over 29 countries predominantly from Africa and served to capture the views and inputs of young people into the main symposium. IFMSA was represented by four delegates: Kelly Thompson (LRA), Irakoze Magnifique (Medsar), Isaac Sakala (ZAMSA) and Munahamwebwa Himbala (ZAMSA). Kelly presented in a panel on ACT!2015 and how young people can get involved in the post2015 process, and co-facilitated a session about key advocacy issues for young people in post2015 as well as the final session on the outcome document of the symposium. Kelly played a key role in writing and developing the outcome document.



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EPHA Professional Development Programme



Date : 8-10 December 2014

Location : Brussels, Belgium

Participants : RC Europe - Alberto
Abreu da Silva (Coordinator), Marie
Hauerslev

Between the 8th and the 10th of December the IFMSA's Regional Coordinator for Europe, Alberto, and the European General Assistant, Marie Hauerslev, attended the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) Professional Development Program in Brussels, Belgium. The EPHA is an European non-governmental organization that aims to be a platform in which health-related European NGOs can work together towards the improvement of health in this region and in the world. IFMSA is a member of the EPHA since 2012.

In the first day we started talking about the EPHA's Pharma4Health campaign (that IFMSA supported), which aimed to reverse the Juncker's Team (the European Commission team) decision of moving medicines and biotechnologies responsibility from the Directorate General of Health (DG SANCO) to the Enterprise one, which could have led to a lack of consciousness and awareness of the importance of these products for the access for health, at the same time the companies working on this area would have a greater lobby power. Thankfully, this campaign was quite successful, with the confirmation that medicines remain under DG SANCO's responsibility and it seems that biotechnology will remain as well.

Afterwards, OXFAM, another NGO that fights against inequality in the world, presented the "Even it up!" campaign. OXFAM works a lot on providing data that shows the economic negative side of economic extreme inequalities. They also work and access to health and education, since they believe these are the two main social pillars, which without the inequality will remain as a vicious cycle. For that, they fight for the health systems' fees removal, struggle for access to medicines, lobby against the negative side of TTIP and they inclusively build hospitals in low-income countries.

The second day tackled European media strategies; best practices when writing press releases; EU Alcohol Policy strategy; Scottish Health Action on Health Alcohol problems the Scotland



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Minimum Unit Pricing in Scotland. This last campaign was a movement started to implement a minimum price for alcoholic beverages in Scotland, after being shown by evidence that low-income communities we're abusing on alcohol consumption due to some brands very low prices. After a lot of national struggles, they got this measure approved in Scotland and now they are trying to implement this in the EU and its member states.

In the last day, the participants discussed a lot the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), an agreement that is being negotiated between the USA and the EU and that have a broad impact on economy and society and, consequently, on health.

European Alcohol Policy Youth Conference



Date : 10-16 December 2014

Location : Bursa, Turkey

Participants : SCOPH D -Skander Essafi

The foundation and development of the Alcohol Policy Youth Network has been observed by many IFMSA (SCOPH) officials since 2008. Now that it is gaining more positioning among its members, it is time to strengthen official partnership with this network, via National Members Organizations as well, as this network is going global having participants from the 5 regions.

The conference aimed to raise interest and empower young people in their youth organisations about prevention of alcohol related harm and alcohol policy; It was a great exchange platform and it offered to IFMSA the opportunity to gain more insight on the Alcohol field.

The conference was also very diverse, from panels presented by Public Health experts in the field of alcohol, to workshops about several themes such as alcohol advocacy, campaigning and research. The main key areas promoted during the conference were for effective alcohol policy were minimum pricing and fighting against minimum pricing. Finally, it provided the opportunity for members to present their own initiative related to alcohol, public health and their organization functioning in general.



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UNESCO International Conference of NGOs



Date : 15-17 December 2014

Location : Paris, France

Participants : LO UNESCO - Diogo Martins (Coordinator); Lucas Scherdel (Medsin-UK), Luiza Bastos (IFMSA-Spain), Murat Aksoy (TurkMSIC-Turkey), Nitchakorn Tangsathapornpanich (IFMSA-Thailand)

The International Conference of NGOs is a key forum in which UNESCO's official NGO partners to meet and hold discussions, with its primary purpose being to "review the state of cooperation with UNESCO [...] and facilitate cooperation between organisations having common interests". The 2014 Conference focused on the theme "Re-enchanting the World with the Post-2015 Development Agenda" and was organised around four sub-themes:

- 1 - "The involvement of NGOs for the promotion of Quality Education in the Post-2015 Agenda"
- 2 - "Water and Sustainable Development: From Awareness-Raising to Decision-Making"
- 3 - "Enhancing Cultural Heritage and Fostering the Diversity of Cultural Expression"
- 4 - "Climate Change: Acting Now"



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JANUARY 2015

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 10th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law



Date : 6-8 January 2015

Location : Jerusalem, Israel

Participants : Elizabeth Wiley – IFMSA SupCo

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 10th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law, Jan. 6-8, 2015, Jerusalem, Israel. The Conference is designed to offer a platform for the exchange of information and knowledge and to hold discussion, lectures, workshops and exhibition of programs and databases. The IFMSA delegation actively participated in conference sessions and formally presented on the legal and ethical implications of trade agreements on health.



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AMEE Executive Committee Meeting



Date : 23-25 January 2015

Location : London, United Kingdom

Participants : LO MEi - Stijntje Dijk

The AMEE (Association for Medical Education in Europe) Executive Committee meeting took place in Heathrow, London, where IFMSA as one of the ExCo members was present as student representative.

Many discussions concerning AMEE took place such as collaborations, fellowship structure, internal workings and committees. But most importantly: we have exciting news for you on the approval of a new annual grant for students projects and initiatives. The call for the 2015 Students' Taskforce was also planned to be launched in mid-February.



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Council of Europe (CoE) Conference of INGOs



Date : 26-29 January 2015

Location : Strasbourg, France

Participants : RC Europe - Alberto Abreu da Silva

This conference main purpose was to ensure and to debate the accessibility and transversal presence of human rights in society, as well as to promote and develop democracy and active citizenship in Europe by fostering the work of INGOs.

During these days, a lot of issues were debated, such as the involvement of INGOs on islamophobia, in light of the recent events that took place in France; the threats posed by climate and the necessity for engagement from European institutions; and the social crisis in Ukraine among many others.

IFMSA had the chance to do an intervention during the presentation of the Human Rights Committee's Working Groups Reports, raising awareness for the need of increasing the health-based approach in the Conference itself. Health in Europe is currently challenged many several situations affecting the Region, such as:

1. The advent of the TTIP and the potential negative impact on access to health;
2. The health work force migration demographics and its impact on access to healthcare in many European countries;
3. The need for humanization of healthcare an investment on primary care in order to improve the prevention of non-communicable diseases;
4. The current and future negative impacts of climate change on health issues.

In the last day the conference elected the new board of the CoE. It was also a very good opportunity to liaise with some CoE's directors as well as to present IFMSA to the new board. As follow-up, after discussing that with some board members, IFMSA will work to increase its participation within this institution, and surely more news and opportunities will come in the future.



Disaster Risk Reducation Negotiations

Date : 8th Oct 2014; 10th Nov 2014; 17th - 18th Nov 2014; 8th - 10th Dec 2014; 12th - 16th Jan 2015; 26th - 27th Jan 2015

Location : Geneva, Switzerland

Participants :

Informal Meetings : LO RPi - Moa M Herrgård (all except of one) ; Anna-Theresia Ekman (IFMSA Sweden)

2nd PrepCom : LO RPi Moa M Herrgard (Coordinator), Anna-Theresia Ekman (IFMSA Sweden), Fabian Falkenbach (bvmd), Christopher Schürmann (bvmd), Philipp Munzert (bvmd), Ljiljana Lukić IFMSA (Projects SDD), Mubarak Alghuroba (MMSA-Malta), Yousif Widaatalla (Medsin -Sudan), Patrick Achkar (IFMSA Quebec)

Investment in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) saves lives, contribute to resilient societies, sustainable development and reduces poverty. Each US dollar invested in prevention and preparedness for disasters result in saving 5 US dollar in the cost of response.

United Nations Major Group (UN MGCY) facilitate the participation of all children and youth in the process of the Post-2015 Framework for DRR, an intergovernmental process of consultations and negotiations leading up to the 3rd UN World Conference for DRR (WCDRR). IFMSA members are through UN MGCY participating in the process and the task force is coordinated by IFMSA. The preparation process consist of regional trainings and two Preparatory Committee Meetings for the WCDRR, prior to the WCDRR taking place in Sendai, Japan, 14th - 18th March 2015. The 2nd PrepCom for WCDRR took place in Geneva, Switzerland November 17th - 18th 2014. UN MGCY invited young people from around the world to a three day workshop prior to the 2nd PrepCom. 40 young people from five different regions participated in capacity building workshops, multi-stakeholder panel discussions and preparatory UN MGCY meetings for the 2nd PrepCom. The participants created an advocacy strategy and social media strategy they deliver within the following intergovernmental meeting. The outcome was over expectations; the visibility of young peoples contributions in the 2nd PrepCom was something special and the contributions to the consultations and negotiations was recognised and resulted in discussions.

The UN MGCYs' members have had an active participation in the Post-2015 Framework for DRR since the beginning of the process. Based upon the many consultations we facilitated the participants in the 2nd PrepCom summarised the outcome of these into the following priorities, aiming to lead our actions up to the WCDRR.



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Inclusion and Recognition of Children and Youth We stress the need to include children and youth in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this framework.

Implementation, Enabling Environments & Financing The financing provisions need to be strengthened and should be linked to financing for sustainable development. In addition to generating new liquidity it is imperative to create a macroeconomic environment which discourages activities that enhance underlying risk factors, for example Environmental Risk in Sovereign Credit (E-RISC), Ecological Tax Reform and Carbon Tax.

Governance & Accountability In line with our suggestion for the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) (mentioned in zero draft: 40k) this mechanism should follow the practices of AMR-UPR+ and include shadow reporting in an official capacity. Additionally, we call for the establishment of a mechanism to monitor voluntary commitments in the context of the implementation.

An All-inclusive Hazard Approach The last year conflicts resulted in more human loss than all natural disasters together. The framework would be incomplete without addressing human induced disasters, urbanisation and their underlying causes. We call for an enhanced scope that includes biological, technological, slow onset and human-induced disasters.

Accountability of all three Pillars of Sustainable Development For the DRR framework to be relevant and comprehensive in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, it must take into account environmental, as well as, social and economic losses.

Social Services and Security for DRR Enhanced actions and assessments on Disaster Risk Reduction within the social service sector assure full implementation of the human right to health, education, water and sanitation."



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Post-2015 : a global movement for HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights

Date : 27-29 January 2015

Location : Oslo, Norway

Participants : LO RA - Kelly Thompson

The participants discussed the current situation regarding the post-2015 development agenda and the efforts needed to mobilize and reach youth constituencies in the final phase of intergovernmental negotiations.

The participants shared lessons learned on high-level coalition building and opportunities to advance the youth SRHR and HIV agendas for the year ahead.

The participants agreed to form a coalition to advance the social, economic and political determinants of health, strengthen language on SRHR, and address the lack of comprehensive sexuality education and access to health services for young people.

The coalition will lobby for the inclusion of indicators on these topics in the accountability framework of the post-2015 development agenda.

The coalition will advance this agenda both through advocacy in New York as well as through connecting and supporting a pool of young advocates calling for change at the country level.

The coalition also defined the means of collaboration between the different organizations as well as their contributions to the global campaign.

The global campaign will run from February to September 2015, with several days of action taking place at strategic moments in the lead up to the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly.



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Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2015



Date : 26-31 January 2015

Location : Bangkok, Thailand

Participants : LO PHi - Arthur Mello
(Coordinator), Sara Shouman (IFMSA
Egypt), Mohamed Shouman (IFMSA Egypt),
Rispa Walumbe (MSAKE Kenya)

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For the second year IFMSA hosted a Side Event at the conference, for this year's edition our side event was on Youth leadership for global health equity in the Post-2015 framework which counted with 3 speakers addressing the importance of having young people engaged in high level global health discussions and specially how the youth must be addressed in the settlement of universal health coverage policies in different countries.