

WHAT IS IHMEC?

IHMEC is a consortium of faculty and health care educators dedicated to international health education in U.S. and Canadian medical schools and residency programs. Formed in 1991, its mission is to foster international health medical education in four program areas – curriculum, clinical training, career development, and international health education policy. IHMEC is working to:

- facilitate international educational experiences and exchanges for medical students and residents;
- encourage the development of courses and curricula related to international health;
- promote the sharing of resources and information about international health among the members;
- facilitate the development of international health career tracks and short term work /service/learning opportunities for students, residents, and faculty;
- develop appropriate positions on international medical education policy, including appropriate implementation strategies;
- develop and maintain active collaborative liaison with other organizations with interests in international medical is an unheard of privilege.

IHMEC members represent over 65 medical schools in the United States and Canada. The IHMEC mailing list includes more than 1000 interested physicians and medical educators.

The IHMEC listserv connects all members who have access to email, allowing them to share ideas, resources and elective sites with other members and to receive timely announcements and updates from the Secretariat and governing committees.

IHMEC develops plans, programs, and policies through its elected Governing Council and standing committees for curriculum, communication, program, and liaison.

Members participate in three general program areas: medical education policy; international health education electives and curriculum; and international health institutional partnerships.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

Sharing Expertise

Members promote international health programs in their medical schools through collaboration with IHMEC colleagues, IHMEC committees, and program events at IHMEC's annual national conference.

Sharing Clinical Training Sites

IHMEC links members to a network of faculty contacts and international clinical sites. IHMEC is developing guidelines for site selection and evaluation.

Sharing Information

IHMEC's quarterly newsletter *IHMEC Update*; the IHMEC members listserv; the mailing list and other publications help IHMEC members exchange information about:

- Activities and innovations in international health medical education
- Colleagues and contacts
- New programs for students and residents
- New funding opportunities for international health education

Networking and Advocacy

IHMEC develops and maintains liaison with organizations with related interests.

BECOMING A MEMBER

Membership is open to faculty and program administrators involved in international health programs in U.S. and Canadian medical schools, residency programs or associated institutions.

Membership can be:

- **Institutional:** \$250 per year.
Supports 4 voting members, may include one student and one resident
- **Individual:** \$75 per year .
- **Sustaining** \$250 per year.
Agencies or institutions interested in international health medical education, but without institutional ties to a medical school, are welcome to become sustaining members of IHMEC.

Associated Membership: Associate Membership is available to anyone who wishes to participate in IHMEC. Medical students and residents are invited to become Associate Members. Associates receive all benefits but have non-voting status.

- **Individual Associates:** \$75 per year.
- **Residents:** \$25 per year.
- **Students:** \$15 per year.

HOW TO JOIN IHMEC

For further information and application forms, click on to the IHMEC Homepage:

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