

WFPHA Student and Young Professional Working Group - Terms of Reference

Background:

In 2016, the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) created a Young Professional position on its Governing Council. In order to support the work of WFPHA broadly and engage students and young professionals (SYPs), the SYP Section (SYPS) of WFPHA was created. At the 2017 General Assembly meeting, members supported the development of a Student and Young Professional Working Group.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Student and Young Professional (SYP) Working Group is to represent the interests of SYPs within the WFPHA and support and enhance WFPHA work, particularly in reference to issues of their concern.

Objectives:

1. Support WFPHA:

- a. To support efforts of the WFPHA, including through representation on its committees and working groups.
- b. To assist with the promotion of WFPHA activities, including by communicating relevant information and encouraging participation from stakeholders through social media and the mainstream media.

2. Build Partnerships:

- a. To liaise with and connect student and young professional groups within WFPHA member organisations.
- b. To support the development of SYP committees within local/national Public Health Associations
- c. To support collaboration between other international student and young professional representative bodies/organisations, and assist WFPHA building partnerships with other public health stakeholders more generally.

3. Advance Student and Young Professional Issues:

- a. To raise awareness of the unique issues and needs of students and young professionals within the WFPHA.
- b. To reach out to other platforms including partner organisations to raise advance student and young professional issues.
- c. To run student and young professional activities in conjunction with the World Congress on Public Health.
- d. Support community empowerment within the realm of public health and students and young professionals.

Reports to:

Secretariat and Governing Council of WFPHA via the Young Professional Representative to the Governing Council.

Relationship to Other Groups:

Members of the SYP Section of WFPHA may support the work of other committees and working groups of the WFPHA. At present, SYP Section participants in other committees/working groups include:

- Thomas Piggott: Public Health in Emergencies and Disasters Working Group, Policy Committee.

Additionally, there will be representatives and members of the WFPHA SYP Section from a variety of other organization with overlapping mandate with respect to student and young professionals with an interest in public health. This will include, but is not limited to:

- International Federation of Medical Student Associations (IFMSA): liaison officer on public health.
- European Network of Medical Residents in Public Health (EuroNet MRPH)
- Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER)
- Network of Health Promoting Hospitals
- World Medical Association Junior Doctors Network (JDN)
- International Pharmacy Students Federation (IPSF)
- Global Association of Student and Novice Nurses (GASNN)

Meeting Frequency:

The SYP Section will aim to meet via web/teleconference on a monthly basis to a total of approximately 6 meetings per year. Polls (such as Doodle Poll) will be conducted to determine the best time for maximizing attendance for the calls. The chair and vice-chair will strive to rotate meeting times to facilitate participation from members across the range of time zones. Additionally, there will be a face-to-face WFPHA SYP Working Group meeting held in conjunction with the World Congress on Public Health.

Membership:

Chair - the chair will be Young Professional member on Governing Council of WFPHA that has been selected by the Governing Council.

Vice-Chair - appointed at the discretion of the Chair in consultation with the Governing Council.

Members-at-large - other membership on the SYP Working Group who are from WFPHA member organizations and involved in SYP activities or representing on other working groups.