Policy Resolutions and Policy Statements

Policy Resolution - A WFPHA policy resolution is a concise statement of the Federation’s stance on a particular policy issue affecting the health of the world’s people. It describes and endorses a defined course of action, directed toward a particular individual, organization, or event. A resolution is differentiated from a position paper by its limited focus on a particular issue, and its succinct call for defined action toward a specific objective. These may include a resolution to commemorate a significant event.

Specifications for submissions:
- 600-800 words (excluding references)
- References using American Psychological Association guidelines
- Include the following components: Background, Purpose and scope, Call to action with specific recommendation, References
- Identify any potential conflict of interest as footnote

Policy Statement - A WFPHA statement is a position paper that elaborates the Federation’s viewpoint on a broad policy issue affecting the health of the world’s people. A policy statement may articulate the WFPHA’s position on technical standards, professional qualifications, evaluation criteria or other major issues. A policy position paper is differentiated from a resolution by the more general nature of the issue considered, the broader audience addressed, the more extensive elaboration and documentation presented, and the lesser emphasis upon specific actions.

Specifications for submissions:
- 1000-3000 words (excluding references)
- References using American Psychological Association guidelines
- Include the following components: Introduction/background, Purpose and scope, Audiences affected, Recommendations, References
- Identify any potential conflict of interest as footnote

General information
Policy resolutions and statements should be submitted to the policy committee by December 31st of the year preceding the Annual General Assembly (or 3 months before the World Congress of Public Health).
A policy paper implementation plan should be submitted with the policy paper. One and three years evaluation of the policy paper implementation will be requested.