

REPORT OF THE WFPHA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Currently, the number of members of the Federation is 72 distributed in regions as follows:
 - a. African Region (AFRO) 12
 - b. Region of Americas AMRO/PAHO) 13
 - c. Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) 3
 - d. Europe (EURO) 26
 - e. South East Asia (SEARO) 5
 - f. Western Pacific Region (WPRO) 8
 - g. Regional Associations 5

Included in the total number of members, are three new members, namely: Burkina Faso, Serbia and Vietnam.

The case of FOREM - Algeria is still pending, since no further information is available, and no decision was taken at last year's General Assembly in Geneva, as recommended by this Committee in Rio (2006).

2. New applications for membership

a. During the reporting period (2007/2008), an application for membership was received from Dr. Ammer Ibne Anwar, M.D, D.N.H.E, F.R.H.S, member of Indian Red Cross Society, member of National Safety Management Society – California, USA; Patron Vanco Health Society, B.C., Canada; K-78, Safina Apartment, Medical Road, A.M.U, Aligarh, U.P. India

This application for individual membership with WFPHA was circulated to all Membership Committee members for their analyses, comments and recommendations. The following conclusion was unanimously reached by members of the Membership Committee and it was sent to the Secretariat as a recommendation:

“WFPHA is a federation, and membership is reserved to those Public Associations or Organizations that fulfill the conditions laid down in its Constitutions. Therefore, Dr. Ammar Ibne Anwar can have a role in the Federation if he comes within the framework of his country's Public Health Association”.

b. Interest for membership with WFPHA has been manifested by the Gambian Public Health Officers (GAPHO) through Prof. Gunnar Tellnes, the President of the Norwegian Public Health Association (NOPHA), when he visited Banjul, the Gambia in December 2007 and discussed the issue with Sana Sambou, the President of GAPHO. Although there have been an exchange of communication by e-mails, no written letter expressing the willingness of GAPHO to become a WFPHA member has been received. If the application letter comes before the Geneva General Assembly, it will be immediately circulated to Membership Committee members for review and recommendations.

Submitted by: Mr. Francisco Cabo,
Membership Committee Chair
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