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Introduction to IFMSA & SCORE

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Overview

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- What is IFMSA?
- What is SCORE?
- Your Exchange

IFMSA =

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International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

- 1.5 million medical students represented
- 117 countries
- Non-governmental organisation (° 1951)
- Recognized by
  - United Nations
  - World Health Organization
  - World Medical Association

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IFMSA Vision & Mission

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VISION

" A world in which all medical students unite for global health and are equipped with the knowledge, skills and values to take on health leadership roles locally and globally. "

MISSION

" IFMSA unites medical students worldwide to lead initiatives that impact positively the communities we serve. IFMSA represents the opinions and ideas of future health professionals in the field of global health, and works in collaboration with external partners. IFMSA builds capacity through training, project and exchanges opportunities, while embracing cultural diversity so as to shape a sustainable and healthy future."

IFMSA

- 6 Standing Committees
- Meetings:
  - General Assembly: March Meeting, August Meeting
  - Regional Meetings: Europe, Asia-Pacific, Americas, Africa, EMR
  - Professional & Research Training (PRET): Turkey, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico…

IFMSA External Representation

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- Partners with
  - **Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE)**
  - **World Medical Association (WMA)**
  - **World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)**
  - Research Center in Emergency and Disaster Medicine and Computer Science applied to Medical Practice (CRIMEDIM)
- UN Agencies & Programs: UNESCO, UNAIDS, PMNCH, UNFPA, UN Women etc.
  involved in policy making about Post2015 Sustainable Development Goals etc.
- Delegations to EU institutions, World Health Assembly of WHO

IFMSA Exchanges

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- Exchange of
  - Students
  - Ideas
  - Experiences
  - Competences
- Numbers:
  - More that 1,100 Medical Schools involved
  - 97 Countries
  - More than 10,000 students per year
  - More than 225,000 students throughout history
  - Largest Student-Run Exchange Program in the World

Exchange Aims

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- Educational experience, filling the gap in the regular Medical Curriculum
- Cultural Experience
- Additional training to the regular medical curriculum
- Exposure to different health care systems
- Providing students with the ability to be more active in designing their medical education
- International understanding
- Co-operation among medical students from all over the world
- Broadening students' understanding of medical and social conditions

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- Created on 1991 as SCOEE. In 1998 gained its final name: SCORE
- 1 – 6 months with a foreign research project
- Experience research & culture abroad
- Bilateral

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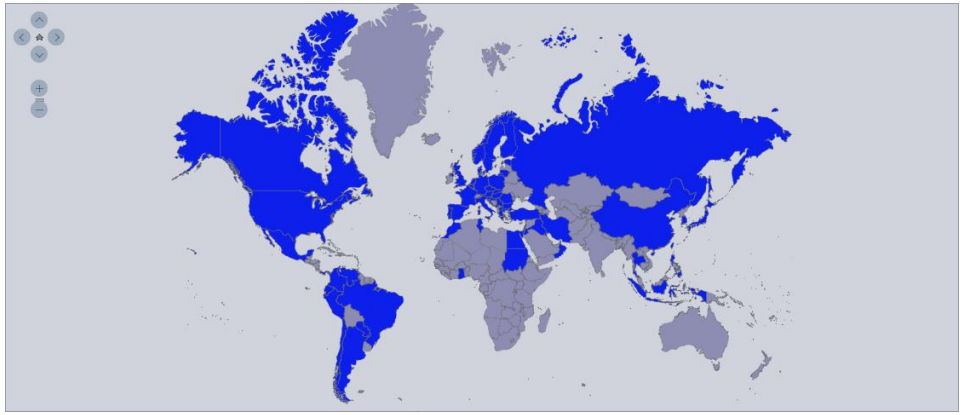
- 2.500 SCORE students per year, 3.000 research projects
- Almost 70 Countries



Organization - International

- SCORE- Director
- Regional Assistants
- Supervising Board
- Development Assistant on Academic Quality & Recognition
- Development Assistant on Database

Organization – National & Local

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- National Officer on Research Exchange (NORE)
- Local Officer on Research Exchange (LORE)
- Contact Person (CP)

Communication

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Brief Overview

THE EXCHANGE

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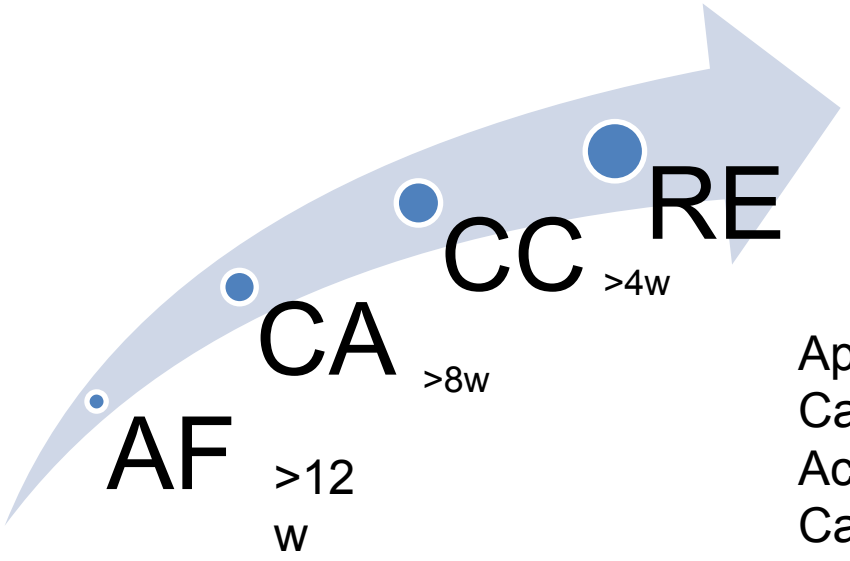
Time Frame



Application Form
Card of Acceptance
Card of Confirmation
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The Exchange

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- (Upon Arrival Training)
- Social Program & NSP
- Boarding & lodging: 1meal/d
- Contact Person (CP)

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IFMSA Exchanges, *Not a travel agency*

ACADEMIC QUALITY

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Academic Quality

- Endorsement by
  - World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)
  - World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)
- Academic Recognition by universities (ECTS)
- Main priority in the IFMSA Annual Working Plan
  - Development Assistant on Academic Quality and Recognition

How to ensure AQ

- Good selection of outgoings
- Good recruitment of tutors
- Research Projects revised by Supervising Board
- Dedicated and well-trained team on all the levels (local, national, international)
- *Outgoing preparation, Pre-Exchange Training and Upon Arrival Training*
- *AQ Logbook*
- *IFMSA SCORE Certificate*
- *Students report and scientific report*
- *Evaluation form*

Outgoing preparation

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- Outgoing selection: motivated students
- Pre-Exchange Training:
  - Prepare outgoing students: international mindset, culture shock, expectations, practical tips
- Preliminary reading of the scientific subject

Academic Quality Logbook

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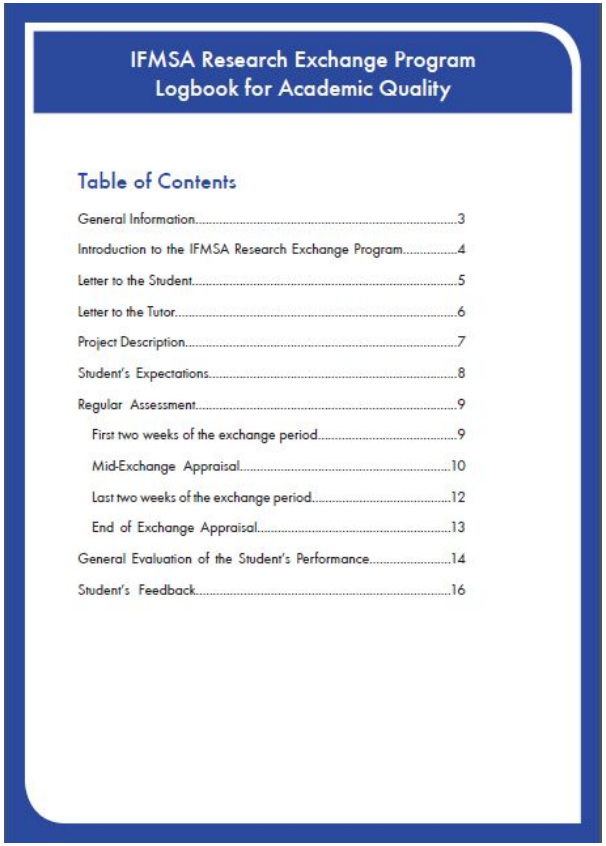
- Regular Assessment
- Final evaluation of the student's performance
- Students' feedback & assessment of learning goals



IFMSA Research Exchange Program
Logbook for Academic Quality

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Certificate

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- ✔ Logbook filled
- ✔ Evaluation Form (EF) → database
- ✔ >80% attendance

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Certificate

This is to certify that the Medical Student

_____
full name

from _____
country

has successfully completed his/her research exchange project entitled

_____
name of the research exchange project

in the department of _____,
department

at _____during the period
name of the university and country

_____under the supervision
period

of_____.
the name of the doctor

The student has fulfilled the requirements for a research exchange according to the regulations of the Standing Committee on Research Exchange (SCORE) of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA).

Tutor/Institution

National/ Local Officer on Research Exchange

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Evaluation Form

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- Feedback from the student
- Improve the program
- Learn from our experience

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QUESTIONS?

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