

# IFMSA

## Small Working Group

# Overview

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# Why we were set up?

- a lot of discussion in recent years about Medsin and the IFMSA.
- AGA

# Who are we?

- 1. Independant Facilitator - Sarah Phipps
- 2. Member with no experience in IFMSA - Becky MacGregor
- 3. Members with some experience - Neha Jain & Mori Mansouri,
- 4. Member with extensive experience - Claire Procter
- 5. National Committee link - Jen Riches

# Aims

- The SWG's aims were:
  - a) Analyse Medsin's relationship with IFMSA
  - b) Look at ways that relationship could be improved
  - c) Present ideas to the Medsin network for discussion and possible adoption

# What did we do?

- Discuss and shared ideas & experiences:
- Skype meetings
- Emails
- Google Doc
- Formed a survey for the network

# Survey Outcome

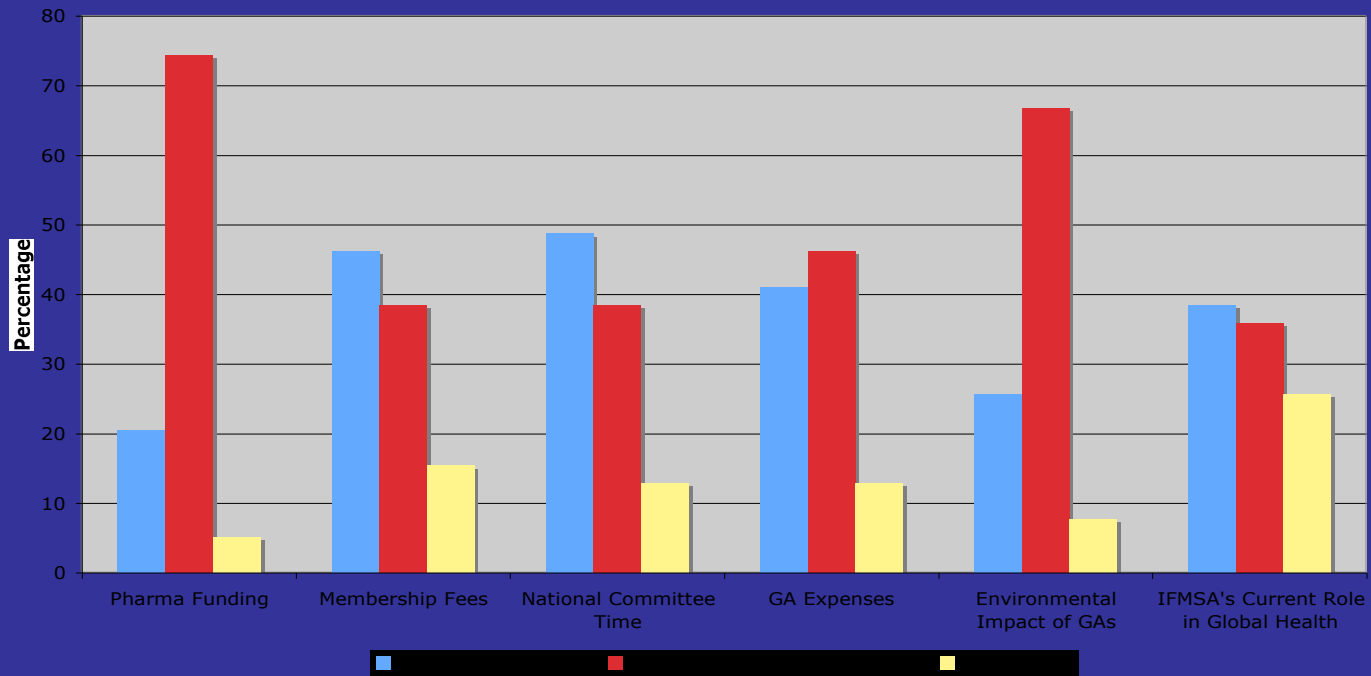
- We had 50 respondents, 36 of whom completed the whole survey
- About 57% satisfied with their relationship with the IFMSA
- 51% satisfied with Medsin's relationship with the IFMSA
- Benefits to branches and activities:
  - Majority knowledge and ideas
  - Training
  - Leadership
  - Exchanges
  - International conferences, european meetings, GA's
  - Externals e.g. WHO/UN
  - Policy Statements

# Survey Outcome

- Vast majority of people considered these success to be significant
  - International projects like marrow
  - New projects
  - Leadership
  - Awareness with campaigns
  - Exchanges
  - Think Global
  - Policy Statements

# Survey Outcomes

Relationship with the IFMSA - Problems



# Recommendations

Conduct a ***review of the environmental impact*** of Medsin's delegates to the IFMSA & identify ways to reduce.

For Medsin to take a ***strong stand against*** the IFMSA receiving funding from ***pharmaceutical industry***.

# Recommendations

- ***Review GA expenses*** and recognise the differing financial needs of the delegates. The effect of the high cost of the attending the GA on attracting applicants from various socio-economic backgrounds should be address
- In the future the survey could be taken further (with adaptations) to other NMOs and to the IFMSA to help find other ways to improve the relationship.

# Mini meeting

- IFMSAs role in global health?
  - Breaking down certain questions – e.g. who answered questions those with / without experience.
- Looking at how many should be on the delegation
  - Guidance Statement
    - Reduce size of the delegation
    - Standing committees.
    - Review of the application system

# Guidance Statement

- Rational:
  - Easier to manage
  - Reduce environmental impact
  - More focused
- Location of the IFMSA Meeting
  - Pharma funding
  - Environmental Impact
  - Educational Opportunities
- Reduce the size of the delegation:
  - Secure places: President, BMA, NEOs, Project rep, campaigns rep and president elect in AM
  - Open places:
    - One attendee to each of SCOPH, SCORA, SCORP
    - 2 floating places

# Guidance Statement 2

- SC representative from Medsin-UK will report on activities
- 3 new participants in each delegation
- Indicate preference of which SC on the application

# Finally...

- Thank yous
- Any questions?