

MM08

SCOPH

- S is for SWGs

Medsin delegates inputted into: Access to Essential Medicines, Diabetes, and Child Health small working groups.

- C is for Chronic Diseases day

This year SCOPH introduced themed days – chronic diseases day, child health day, admin day etc. External speakers were brought in specialising in each theme, and we had specialised training on "admin day".

- O is for Old and new projects

Presentations and workshops on Teddy Bear Hospital, Marrow, Transnational Obesity Network (TON), the Tobacco Initiative Project and loads more.

- P is for Planning

International Strategic Planning with an Ideas Cafe, covering communication, intranet and newsletter, marketing, regionalisation, and GA effectiveness/efficiency. Medsin delegates actively contributed to all these topics.

- H is for "Health Is Political"

The SCOPH Director this year made this statement which SCOPH delegates from all over the world agreed with. An entire session was entitled "Advocacy in Chronic Diseases!"

SCOPE

- SCOPE - The original purpose of the IFMSA March meetings was for NEO's from each NMO to bring all their outgoing exchange students' application forms and swap them for incoming students' documents with other NEOs at a "Documents Market". Whilst the Documents Fair is still the highlight of the conference for SCOPE, these days we use this meeting as an opportunity to brainstorm on how things can be improved and expanded on both a domestic and international level. This year we worked on 3 main topics, namely
- 1. Marketing SCOPE: The UK, along with 7 other nations in the IFMSA is currently pioneering an 'incoming student package' consisting of a website where students can find out anything they need about possible exchange destinations.
- 2. Academic Quality of Exchanges - creating and implementing a log book so that medical schools and exchange students can be assured of a worthwhile educational experience wherever they decide to exchange.
- 3. Incoming/Outgoing problem solving - specifically standardising the documents required to go on exchange.
- We made considerable progress in each of these areas and it is hoped that this year's exchanges will benefit from improved academic quality and marketing.
- The GA isn't all hard work though and NEOs are encouraged to bond with their international colleagues. Its great to finally meet people you have been in correspondance with for some time and we had so much fun socialising with different nationalities.

SCORA

- SCORA - S is for Samer

The energetic and keen SCORA Director who seems to have an endless supply of brilliant games and energisers for us to use.

- C is for Collaboration

SCORA is really good at working together, sharing ideas and experience from around the world and especially within Europe (for example NECSE).

- O is for Old and New SCORAngels

Great opportunity with more new SCORAngels to hear fresh ideas and perspectives.

- R is for Religion and Race

Fascinating discussions on controversial topics such as homosexuality and abortion with input from a wide variety of racial and religious perspectives.

- A is for AIDS

A thought provoking discussion on behaviour of healthcare professionals towards HIV positive patients around the world as well as discussions on an AIDS vaccine and World AIDS Day activities.

SCORP

- SCORP focused on the theme of the GA, Migration and Health. On the first day we received lectures on the migration and health and health is a human right from the president of Physicians for Human rights, Dr Leonard Rubenstein.
- For the rest of the time we were split into 3 small working groups – “Setting up a SCORP project”, “Woman’s Rights” and “Undocumented Migrants”
- Medsin-UK delegates attended the “Undocumented Migrants” SWG. This mainly focussed on the migration problem in Europe with regards to health care. Ideas included improving information for health professionals and refugees/undocumented migrants on their rights to health care, as well as campaigning for fairer systems. During these sessions, the Medsin delegates had the opportunity to inform other NMOs on the work that GHAP have been doing with Defend our Primary Healthcare. A lot of the NMOs attending had similar situations in their countries and were enthusiastic about taking ideas from the Medsin campaign back to their own country.

SCOME

- The Bologna Process is a process to standardise further education across Europe and is due to be implemented in 2010. It has potential and serious ramifications on medical education across Europe and action has been slow by various governments in preparing for implementation. Therefore Medsin-UK, in conjunction with the BMA, proposed a policy statement to the IF-MSA regarding Bologna.
- The policy statement acknowledged that the Bologna Process will significantly impact on medical education but that this impact is dependent on its proper implementation.

New Projects

- Peace Test - An international survey and peace and human rights teaching aimed at 14-15 yr olds. Raises debate and challenges attitudes on war, violence, human rights, tolerance and conflict resolution.

New Projects

- ‘Global Health to All’ - An idea from Canada where they distribute weekly 5 min video clips on global health issues to be shown between classes in a number of medical schools across the country. Requires little time but good access to previously uninterested students.

Contact the Vice President for Projects at vpprojects@medsin.org for more information