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JDN Update from the 2016 WMA GA

Brief prepared by the 2016-2017JDN management team

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## JDN ASIA-PACIFIC MEETING

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The Junior Doctors Network held a one-day meeting on October 16th attended by approximately 30 young physicians from the Asia-Pacific Region. Topics discussed included post-graduate medical education, work hours, and junior doctors' wellbeing across the region. Specific conversations touched on ideas such as the sharing of best practices around transitions of care, the evolving role of task shifting in the various countries represented, and the negotiation of junior doctors contracts"!!

# JDN MEETING

### General proceedings!

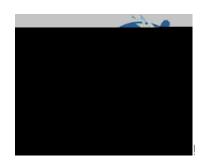
The Junior Doctors Network held its annual two-day meeting on October 17-18th. During this meeting, nearly 50 participants from 14 countries gathered and discussed the ongoing work and future directions of the organization. Reports were received from active working groups working on antimicrobial resistance and on climate change and its associated effects on health. A new working group was formed which has been tasked with exploring the ethical issues around the non-psychiatric care of patients in psychiatric institutions. Additionally, the work of the strategic planning working group was presented, proposing a draft of a revised mission, vision, and strategic priorities for the organization.

Beyond the working group presentations, participants also had the opportunity to exchange news and best practices from their respective countries. The junior doctors of South Korea were selected as JDN Champions for 2016, taking the lead from the junior doctors of Peru. These presentations were complemented by a session with S

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### AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Policy engagement!

The WMA policy statement on Ethical Considerations in Global Medical Electives was adopted at the WMA GA in Taipei, with the JDN being a strong supporter since its first conception 3 years ago.

The Junior Doctors' Network has also contributed two new policy proposals for the WMA to consider: one on the ethical handling of smallpox virus stockpiles and the other representing an update of the New Delhi Resolution on Climate Change. Both of those resolutions were accepted at the Associate Members' Meeting and forwarded to Council by the General Assembly. The JDN is looking forward to engaging with NMAs during the circulation and commenting process of these policies.

#### Environmental caucus!

Members of the Junior Doctors Network participated enthusiastically in the meeting of the environmental caucus and provided an update from activities at COP21 and planned activities at COP22. Furthermore, they expressed the continued interest in continuing to engage with the environmental caucus, namely through the means of a mailing list that would be setup to allow communications to be maintained between in-person meetings.

## OTHER JDN CONTRIBUTIONS TO WMA WORK:

The JDN has continued its efforts to support the work of the WMA by authoring various articles published in the World Medical Journal on global issues in medicine and medical ethics. The most recent addition was an article on the health of asylum seekers in Europe, which was complemented by the WMA resolution on Refugees and Migrants adopted at the GA in Taipei. The JDN working group on antimicrobial resistance has submitted a WMJ article entitled "One Health and Antimicrobial Resistance", summarizing the current literature on the topic and highlighting its rising importance as a major health issue globally. This is particularly timely coming on the eve of the second annual One Health Conference, held in collaboration with the

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# JDN LEADERSHIP 2016-2017

The following officers were elected for the new Management Team:

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The Junior Doctors Network is looking forward to continuing to provide a forum for young physicians to participate in discussions, to engage with national Junior Doctor representatives, and to contribute to the work of the World Medical Association. As always we are open to any comments and suggestions on our activities as we continue to evolve. For further information please contact <a href="mailto:chair.jdn@wma.net">chair.jdn@wma.net</a>.

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