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Training New Trainers Event at the IFMSA March meeting Mary Poon, Secretary Asia-Pacific Regional Office IPSF



It was with great anticipation that I flew over to Perth, Western Australia on 3 March for the IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students' Associations) March Meeting. Not only had I never been to the west coast of Australia before, but I was going to spend the next 10 days with over 500 medical students from 88 different countries!

IFMSA holds two international meetings a year, in March and August – these are quite similar to our annual IPSF world congress, but in essence, they are meetings, hence the name. At these meetings, all the IFMSA standing committees are able to discuss issues, progress and hold workshops to map out future plans. One of the standing committees is Training New Trainers (TNT), and this is what my purpose at the IFMSA March Meeting was.

TNT is a unique program, designed by students to teach selected trainees how to train students in topics such as leadership, project management, stress and time management, fundraising and presentation skills. If you have experience to share and want to discover the best ways for you to pass your skills to younger students, then TNT is just right for you!



Dr Hammad Ali, Louise Hammer Pettersen, Mary, Joel Burton, Yehair

Organised by the IFMSA Training Director 2007, Louise Hammer Pettersen, IFMSA recruits about 16 new trainees each year, by training them at a 3 day TNT workshop which is held before the start of the March Meeting. This year, the TNT workshop was held at in Fremantle, Western Australia. We had three IFMSA trainers who taught the 16 fresh trainees:

- Dr. Hammad Ali, IFMSA Pakistan Alumni and TNT trainer
- Joel Burton, Medsin UK, Medsin Training Director and IFMSA trainer
- Yehia El-Bromby, EMSA Egypt, IFMSA TNT Training Assistant

TNT is a mixture of presentations on topics such as conflict management, facilitation and evaluation, energizer games, team building games and fun! At the end of the 3 day workshop, all the trainees felt that they were able to hold their own training session – which we all did on the 3rd and 5th day of the March Meeting. The topics that we (the new trainees) were given to train others on were leadership or project management.

NAPSA launches National First Aid Certificate

NAPSA, through its various committees, aims to develop and consolidate programs to enhance the capabilities of Australian student pharmacists. With knowledge being the most invaluable tool for almost any profession, the process of gaining this knowledge comes through continuous education.

First Aid certification is a requirement for the final registration of a pre-registration pharmacist and in some cases, is also a university course requirement. NAPSA, in conjunction with 'Stitches Education', has launched a First Aid Certificate available to all eleven NAPSA branches. Nationally accredited and conducted by qualified instructors (Ambulance Paramedics/ Accident & Emergency trained) the Stitches first aid certificate provides NAPSA members with comprehensive and competitively priced training. Upon completion, students receive competency certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid Level 1 'Emergency Life Support' and First Aid Level 2 'Provide First Aid'. A shorter CPR update course is also available through the same service.

Launched in August this year for NAPSA members only, the program has been successfully conducted at several branches. Student feedback received by NAPSA and 'Stitches' has found the program "very enjoyable, interactive & comprehensive" Kasey Schuler from JCUPSA and an "educational yet entertaining program" John Nguyen from VPSA. NAPSA also has a future goal of supporting branches to offer this service to allied health students and Pharmacists within the community at a non-member price.

With Australia's ageing population rapidly becoming a major issue for all health professionals in Australia, the next generation of pharmacist's education is a crucial for the continuation of the high level of public health that all Australian's enjoy. NAPSA believe that this course and several other of our recently initiated educational courses is helping to produce high quality pharmacy graduates able to ensure this level of care continues.

Upcoming Events



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