IASP - Developing Countries Working Group (DCWG)

Charter

Mission

Contribute to the advancement of pain research, education and clinical management in the developing countries.

Responsibilities

1. Advise and recommend

- Make recommendations to the Council on initiatives designed to improve pain research, education and clinical management in the developing countries.

- Advise the Council and the President on relevant pain related topics in developing countries.

2. Monitor

- Monitor the implementation and outcome of the Developing Countries Educational Grants.

- Monitor the implementation and outcome of the fellowships and other initiatives created under the auspices of the DCWG.

3. Manage Activities

- Oversee implementation of the DCWG strategic plan, including outlining of resources needed and a plan to monitor and measure outcomes.

- Manage the Developing Countries Educational Grants by setting application procedures and selection criteria, oversee the annual application process, serve as the selection committee and review final reports.

- Collaborate with local entities in the management of the fellowships sponsored or co-sponsored by IASP.

- Manage any other IASP activities in the developing countries, as approved by the Council.

- Create strategic relationships with organizations that pursue similar goals for collaborative activities in developing countries.

- Produce and submit to the Council an annual report on the activities of the DCWG.

- Produce and submit to the Council an annual budget request to fund the activities planned by the DCWG.
4. Generate Policy Recommendations

- Develop and propose to the Council the IASP strategy for advancing pain research, education and clinical management in developing countries.
- Review and update the DCWG strategic plan.

5. Coordinate and Communicate

- Keep the IASP Office informed of all activities of the DCWG and reply to any queries from the Office.
- Coordinate with the IASP Office the call for proposals for the DCWG initiatives.
- Coordinate with other IASP Committees, Working Groups, in particular the education initiatives working group, or Special Interest Groups, joint activities for developing countries.
- Regularly update the President and Council about DCWG activities and make appropriate recommendations.

Composition
The DCWG should be composed of not more than 15 members, from different specialties and geographical regions, including, but not restricted to, developing countries. The chair of the DCWG shall be a member of the council. The President of IASP, Executive Director and another member of the Office staff shall be ex-officio members.

Schedule

Working group work is conducted mainly by e-mail.

The DCWG shall have a conference call at least, but not limited to, once per year to discuss matters as per above charter.

The DCWG chair will make a formal presentation of the DCWG report and budget request to Council at the annual meeting each year.

DCWG will have a face-to-face meeting at each World Congress and at such other times as may be appropriate.

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