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DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



The Organising Committee is honoured to offer you the MM2012

Invitation Package

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Greetings from The OC President

Dear IFMSA Family & Friends,

On behalf of the entire membership of the Federation of Ghana Medical Students' Associations (FGMSA), I wish to express my profound delight as I invite you to the 61st IFMSA March Meeting 2012 in Ghana.

Our arguably beautiful and peaceful country is ready to offer you the serene atmosphere, state-of-the-art facilities and the unbeatable hospitality you need to experience yet another amazing General Assembly (GA).

As an Organizing Committee (OC), we have been working tirelessly for months to ensure your utmost comfort during the GA and to let you experience what the African region has to offer. Right from the airport in Accra, OC members will be waiting to meet you and to introduce you to the country referred to as 'The Gateway to Africa'.

We will transport you free of charge to the venue and ensure you settle comfortably for the GA. The venue is a newly built hotel (Mensvic Grand Hotel) that boasts of everything you need for a GA.

In this Invitation Package, we have provided you with the information you need to register and to obtain your visa, if needed. Kindly read through and do not hesitate to contact us for further clarifications.

As a reminder, the GA shall be held from March 3rd to March 9th 2012. The Pre GA shall also take place from February 28th to March 3rd 2012. All dates are inclusive of arrival and departure dates.

Welcome to Ghana. Welcome to Africa. Welcome to what is set to be an unforgettable GA. If after the GA you wish you could extend your stay in Ghana then we would have achieved our aim as an OC. And we are working tirelessly towards that goal.

We look forward to meeting you, interacting together as a family and sharing in the ideals our founders and generations of medical students believed in. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Jones Ampofo Gyedu

President of the Organizing Committee
IFMSA March Meeting 2012 Ghana

Registration

Each National Member Organization (NMO) is allowed a quota of sixteen (16) delegates, which include eight (8) early registration delegates (only if they complete their registration in the early registration period) and eight (8) late registration delegates.

Additional delegates above the total of sixteen (16) are allowed in the form of Alumni, Externals, Observers, IFMSA Officials and other out-of-quota delegates (Support Persons, Endorsed, Transnational, Initiative Project coordinators and 2 members of the Organizing Committee of the August Meeting 2012). Out of quota delegates are considered as early registration delegates only if they complete their registration in the early registration period.

When is Registration complete?

- For general delegates: After you have been approved and paid for by your NMO president
- For out of quota delegates (excluding officials): After you have been approved by the IFMSA Executive Board and paid for by your NMO President
- For Alumni, Externals, Observers and IFMSA Officials: After you have been approved by the IFMSA Executive Board

Please be reminded about the importance of the registration deadlines, to avoid any confusion or misunderstandings.

Registration Period

Early Registration

Opens on Saturday, 15 October 2011 at 00:01 GMT

Closes on Sunday, 13 November 2011 at 23:59 GMT

NMO President approval stays open till Tuesday, 15 November at 23:59 GMT

We will accept the payment for early registration until Friday, 18 November.

Late Registration

Closes on Sunday, 11 December, 2011 at 23:59 GMT

NMO President approval stays open till Tuesday, 13 December at 23:59 GMT

We will accept the payment for late registration until Friday, 16 December.

The NMO President must approve all General Delegates. The IFMSA Executive Board must approve all Alumni, Externals, Observers, IFMSA Officials and other out of quota delegates.

All approval must be completed within the specified period (Early delegates must be approved by 15 November 2011 23:59 GMT and late delegates must be approved by 13 December 2011 23:59 GMT).

The NMO Payments must include general delegates and out of quota delegates. However, payments for IFMSA Officials must not be included in the NMO payment, depending on the arrangement between the Official and his/her NMO. IFMSA Alumni can make payments on arrival.

Delegates can download personal invitation letters online during the registration period, after being approved by their NMO Presidents.

Pre-GA registration will be conducted through the same registration form and within the same period. Online registration for the pre-GA does not guarantee a delegate a pre-GA spot. Pre-GA spots are only guaranteed after approval by the pre-GA coordinator. For more information about pre-GA approval, please contact the IFMSA Executive Board on eb@ifmsa.org

Registration Fees

You can contact the IFMSA Secretary General (secgen@ifmsa.org) or Treasurer (treasurer@ifmsa.org) to confirm which category your country belongs to. The registration fees are as follows:

Early Registration

A + B Countries:	EUR 100
C + D Countries:	EUR 180 + EUR 10 (TAF)
E + F Countries:	EUR 230 + EUR 25 (TAF)

Late Registration

A + B Countries:	EUR 295 + EUR 25 (8+ Tax)
C + D Countries:	EUR 360 + EUR 10 (TAF) + EUR 25 (8+ Tax)
E + F Countries:	EUR 425 + EUR 25 (TAF) + EUR 25 (8+ Tax)

Other Registration Fees:

Alumni:	Late registration based on country category
Observers:	EUR 450
Externals:	EUR 450
Pre-GA:	EUR 155
Post-GA:	Will depend on the Post-GA Tour. More information coming soon

Note:

1. The first two (2) early registration delegates of all Category A and B countries have the registration fee completely waived
2. Registration fees are regulated by By-law 4.6.1
3. TAF Tax is regulated by By-law 4.6.2a
4. 8+ Tax is regulated by By-law 4.6.2b

Transportation Fees

Transportation will be provided for free by the OC only for the arrival days of the pre-GA (February 28th 2012) and GA (March 3rd 2012) and Departure day of the GA (March 9th 2012).

All other pick ups and departures will be by public transport and will be facilitated for delegates by the OC and will come at the local public transport costs.

All delegates will have the option to sign up for transportation until February 18th 2012.

Substitutions and Cancellations

Substitutions are allowed under special circumstances until 25th February 2012 at 23:59 GMT

Cancellations are allowed until 18th February 2012 at 23:59 GMT

In terms of cancellations, regulations of refunds are as stated below:

-Cancellation before 5th February 2012 at 00:01 GMT	---	Full Refund
-Cancellation from 5th -19th February 2012 at 00:01 GMT	---	50% Refund
- Cancellation from 19th February 2012	---	No Refund.

Payment

Deadline for early registration payment: Friday, 18 November 2011

Deadline for late registration payment: Friday, 16 December 2011

We recommend that all delegates of an NMO transfer their registration fees collectively, within the same period of registration. Please include transfer charge fee to your payment. In case of overcharged or undercharged payments, the NMO Presidents will be notified shortly.

Bank Account Information

ACC. NAME:	FGMSA – MARCH MEETING 2012 GHANA
ACC. NUMBER:	0011094441410901
SWIFT/BIC CODE:	ECOCGHAC
BANK ADDRESS:	ECOBANK GHANA LIMITED HEAD OFFICE BRANCH No. 19 SEVENTH AVE. RIDGE WEST PMB, GPO, ACCRA GHANA

Once the payment(s) has/have been made, all NMO Presidents must send to the OC Treasurer's email (treasurer@mm2012ghana.org):

- Scan of proof of payment (bank wire transfer receipts)
- Delegates' names who are included in the payment

Visa Information

As promised earlier, the Organizing Committee pledges to support every delegate to acquire the necessary entry visas or documents to attend MM 2012 Ghana. We make this promise even though it is generally the responsibility of each delegate to obtain the necessary clearance to enter Ghana.

For the purposes of visa acquisition, all countries with IFMSA membership have been grouped into three categories A, B and C. Please note that the groups are based on your nationality or the country passport you hold.

CATEGORY A – DO NOT NEED A VISA

Nigeria, Benin, Mauritania, Niger, Gambia, Senegal, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau, Togo, Cote D'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Cape Verde, Mali, Kenya, Malaysia, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago.

All nationals of the countries named in category A above **DO NOT** need a visa to enter Ghana. Delegates from these countries shall be issued invitation letters from the OC, anyway.

CATEGORY B – NEED TO APPLY FOR VISA BEFORE ARRIVAL

Algeria, Angola, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Congo DRC, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Russia Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Montenegro, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, USA, Zimbabwe.

Ghana has Diplomatic Missions in all the countries named in this category. Nationals of these countries should therefore apply for visas in their home countries in order to enter Ghana for MM 2012 Ghana.

We are working with officials of our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make the process as smooth as possible.

After the closure of Registration, the names of delegates who have been approved by their NMO Presidents shall be forwarded to the respective Embassies by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to aid in visa processing. Below is a summary of the general visa requirements

Visa Requirements

- (a) Visa Application Form which must be completed in duplicates (2 copies) and in capital letters
- (b) Passport which must be valid for the next six (6) months
- (c) Photocopy of biographical data page in passport
- (d) Two (2) recent passport-sized photographs of the applicant (taken not more than six months prior to application) and showing full face of applicant
- (e) Invitation Letter from OC
- (f) Proof of financial support for travel expenses. (Please note that Invitation Letter from OC will indicate that your accommodation and feeding shall be taken care of by the OC)
- (g) Photocopy of round trip ticket or airline booking reservation
- (h) Visa fee. This varies from country to country but may range from \$60 to \$100.
- (i) Yellow fever vaccination

Visa processing time normally takes 5 business days or less (when completed applications are submitted) but we strongly advise that you apply early to avoid any disappointments.

Please be sure to contact the local embassy to find out if there are any additional requirements that are peculiar to your country. Many of our embassies entertain mailed applications so you may contact the one in your country for details.

For further questions or assistance please contact the visa coordinator Isaac Akyeampong at visa@mm2012ghana.org

Visa Information

CATEGORY C – VISA ON ARRIVAL

Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Grenada, Greece, Georgia, Hungary, Hong Kong, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Lebanon, Mexico, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Malawi, Norway, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Philippines, Palestine, Romania, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela.

Ghana has no Diplomatic Missions in the countries named in this category. Delegates from countries in this category shall be granted visas on arrival at any of our ports of entry. However, they can also apply for visas from nearby countries where Ghana has an Embassy, in which case they should note the requirements stated in category B.

After the registration each delegate shall be issued an Invitation Letter from the OC.

NMO presidents and heads of delegation shall also be given another letter of invitation (NMO invitation letter) indicating that delegates from that country will have their visas on arrival. Delegates can then show these to airport and immigration officials on their way to Ghana.

At the airport in Accra (or the port of entry), delegates should have the following in hand

- (a) Invitation Letters from OC (Both individual letter and NMO invitation letter)
- (b) Passport valid for the next six (6) months
- (c) Photocopy of biographical data page of passport
- (d) Round trip ticket
- (e) Visa fee (\$150). The OC is working to secure a discount for all delegates. An announcement shall be made on its outcome soon.
- (f) Yellow fever vaccination

For further questions or assistance please contact the visa coordinator Isaac Akyeampong at visa@mm2012ghana.org

Theme Events

The theme for March Meeting 2012 is “Youth and the Social Determinants of Health”.

The importance of Social determinants of health cannot be over stated, and reactions of the international health community are already evident in the numerous discussions and sessions on this issue within the World Health Assembly and the Regional Conventions of the World Health Organization as well as the World Conference on the Social Determinants of Health.

The IFMSA has also started to take it's own steps towards ensuring medical student education and engagement on the social determinants of health including a joint session on the social determinants of health, under the patronage of Sir Michael Marmot at the August Meeting 2011 and participation in the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health in the coming October.

Addressing “Youth and the Social Determinants of Health” allows us the opportunity to bring together students and experts so that we as future health care practitioners can have an increased awareness and be further educated about the social determinants of health. It will also allow us to come up with strategies for youth involvement as well as policy points that will allow us engage policy makers in discussions on the social determinants of health.

The theme events are being designed to run as 3 parallel sessions, with each session split over 2 days. Each session will be built around a pillar health issue that our different standing committees can relate to and participate fully in. Further design of the sessions will be done together with the standing committees, to ensure that the needs of the relevant standing committees can be captured within these sessions.

Pillar Health Issues	Targeted Standing Committees	Topics to consider	Session Approaches
HIV/AIDS and TB	SCORA, SCOPH, SCOME	1. Effects of a series of social determinants on the pillar health issue including social determinants like Urbanization, Income/Health financing, Healthcare accessibility 2. Issues in approach to social determinants and the role of youth, including issues like Role of media in dealing with social determinants of health, youth advocacy, accountability of policy makers, need for medical student education on these social determinants	Panel Discussions, Pre-selected Debates, Booth patrol
Climate Change	SCOPH, SCORP, SCOME		
Cross Border Health (Short term visitors, Long term visitors, Migrants)	SCOPE, SCORE, SCORP, SCOME		

Pre-GA

Venue and Accommodation

All delegates for the pre-GA will be accommodated at the Mensvic Grand Hotel.



Mensvic Grand Hotel is Greater Accra's newest and finest hotel nestled in the swanky suburb of East Legon. It is located a few miles from the University of Ghana, 5 miles from the airport, and approximately 12 miles from Central Accra. This hotel has a perfect combination of comfort, elegance, leisure, and business facilities, and provides an exceptional hotel experience. More details about the hotel can be found on <http://www.mensvichotels.com/>



All pre-GA workshops will be held in the Mensvic hotel, which boasts of state-of-the-art facilities that will serve for our sessions.

The Organizing Committee is able to accommodate a maximum of nine (9) pre-GA workshops.

General Assembly

Venue and Accommodation

All delegates for MM 2012 Ghana shall be accommodated in three luxurious hotels (Mensvic Grand Hotel, Erata Hotel & Ange Hill Hotel). These hotels, a walking distance from each other, are located less than 15 minutes from the international airport. The characteristic serene environment is one of the factors that influenced our choice. You will be inspired by the unique design and facilities that will be at your disposal.

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Erata hotel is a plush three star facility situated in the serene environs of East Legon, a plush residential area in Accra - the capital city of Ghana. We are conveniently located 10 min drive from the Kotoka International Airport and half an hour to Accra city centre. It is a 5min drive to the University of Ghana. More details about the hotel can be found on <http://www.eratahotel.com/>



Ange Hill Hotel, counted among the top executive hotels in Ghana offers you excellent services and surrounds you with splendors, modern comfort and facilities without peer. Ange Hill Hotel is located at East Legon, 8 minutes drive from the Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana. More details about the hotel can be found on <http://www.angehillhotel.com.gh/>

All rooms are spacious and designed for your comfort. Delegates will be accommodated in standard, superior, executive rooms and or suites with each room accommodating two, three or four persons.



Mensvic hotel boasts of state-of-the-art facilities that will serve as the venue for our sessions, including standing committee sessions, Plenaries, SWGs, trainings, etc. Project fair will be placed in a set up that allows the fair to remain for the entire duration of the GA.

Food

All meals shall be buffet style with a wide variety of food, including Halal dishes, Vegetarian, Oriental, Continental and African dishes. And as it's typical of most West African countries, all meat served shall be halal.

Any special food requirements must be kindly mentioned during registration. All food allergies must also be indicated during registration.



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