Plenary Minutes

of the

61th General Assembly
March Meeting

March 3 - 9, 2012.

Mensvic Grand Hotel, Accra, Ghana
Plenary Sessions Agenda

Plenary I
March 3rd
1. Opening
2. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Returning Officers
3. Election of the Constitution Credential Committee
4. Election of the Financial Committee
5. Adoption of the agenda
6. Presentations of other organizations, observers and guests
7. Introduction of all IFMSA Officials and the Organizing Committee

Plenary II
March 5th
8. Presentation of the 61st August Meeting of General Assembly in Dubai, UAE
9. Adoption of the preliminary report from the Constitution Credential Committee
10. Presentation of candidates for hosting the next General Assembly March Meeting 2013
11. Presentation of candidates for IFMSA Executive Board 2012-2013
12. Presentations of national organizations applying for membership or for change of status
13. Presentation of Projects applying for IFMSA Recognition
14. Adoption of the minutes of the previous General Assembly (August Meeting 2011)
15. Adoption of the reports of the National Member Organizations
16. Adoption of the report of the Supervising Council
17. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA Officials

Plenary III
March 6th
18. Report of the Executive Board of the developments and pursued goals of the Federation
19. Changes to the Bylaws -> all DN, amendment to Membership fee
20. Adoption of changes of status of National Member Organizations, and admission of new National Member Organizations

Plenary IV
March 7th
21. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA projects
22. Report of the Projects Support Division of the projects, grants and events that commit IFMSA legally
23. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the IFMSA projects
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25. Adoption of the reports of IFMSA taskforces
26. Presentation of next year’s Factor F
27. Election of the Executive Board 2012-2013
28. Election of the host organization for the March Meeting 2013

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March 8th
29. Report of the IFMSA President on the status of the IFMSA Board of Recommendation
30. Adoption and changes to the IFMSA Policy Statements
31. Adoption of amendments to the IFMSA budget 2012-2013
32. Adoption of next year’s factor F
33. Adoption of the report of the Financial Committee
34. Adoption of the financial report of the Executive Board 2010/2011
35. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2009 in Macedonia
36. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2011 in Denmark
37. Adoption of the final report of the Constitution Credential Committee
38. Any other business
39. Closure of the meeting

Minutes of the First Plenary Session of the 61th March Meeting

Date: 3rd of March, 2012
Venue: Accra, Ghana
Opening: 23:05 pm
Adjournment: 23:32 pm

Chairperson: Dr. Goran Mijaljica (Alumnus CroMSIC, Croatia)
Vice-chairperson: Mr. Alexandre Moser (swisma, Switzerland)
Secretary: Ms. Naomi Begemann (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands)
Secretary Assistants: Mr. Agostinho Emanuel Sousa (PorMSIC, Portugal)
Ms. Ana Gloria Garcia Rodriguez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Returning Officer: Mr. Diego Raul Mendoza Diaz (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Rael Garcia Gomez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)

Items on the Agenda:
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1. Opening

IFMSA Secretary General Ms. Mirjana Spasojević opens the first plenary of the 61th March Meeting of IFMSA.

Roll Call by Secretary General (status according to the final report of the Constitution Credential Committee from the 60th IFMSA General Assembly August Meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 2011):
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**NMOs present with voting rights**

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**Total NMOs present**

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2. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Returning Officers

**Motion 1: 23:20**

To elect:
- Dr. Goran Mijaljica (alumnus CroMSIC, Croatia) as the Plenary Chairperson of the 61st March Meeting of IFMSA
- Mr. Alexandre Moser (swimsa, Switzerland) as the Plenary Vice-Chairperson of the 61st March Meeting of IFMSA

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Serbia IFMSA-Serbia

Amendment: none
Direct negatives: none

Result: motion passes nemo contra

The Chairperson takes over chairing the plenary.

**Motion 2: 23:22**

To elect:
- Mr. Diego Raul Mendoza Diaz (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
- Mr. Rael Garcia Gomez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)

as Returning Officers for the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Ghana (FGSM)

Amendment: None.
Direct negative: None.

Result: motion passes nemo contra.

The chair appoints:
- Ms. Naomi Begemann (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands) as Secretary of the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting.
- Mr. Agostinho Emanuel Sousa (PorMSIC, Portugal) and Ms. Ana Gloria Garcia Rodriguez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico) as Assistants Secretary of the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting.
3. Election of the Constitution Credential Committee (CCC)

**Motion 3: 23:24**

To elect:
- Ms. Ingrid Vollenga (IFMSA-The Netherlands, The Netherlands)
- Mr. Joseph Cherabie (LeMSIC, Lebanon)
- Ms. Angely Janeth (APEMH-Peru, Peru)
- Ms. Martina Prielozena (SloMSA, Slovakia)
- Ms. Marta Sabater Martos (AECS-Catalonia, Catalonia)

*As the members of the Constitution Credential Committee of the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting.*

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Lebanon (LeMSIC)

Amendment: None
Direct Negative: None

Result: motion passes nemo contra.

4. Election of the Financial Committee

**Motion 4: 23:25**

To elect:
- Ms. Esra Dede (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands)
- Ms. Javiera Brierley (IFMSA-Chile, Chile)
- Ms. Luisa Baca (FAMSR - IFMSA-Romania, Romania)
- Mr. Jeremy Hill (AMS-Australia, Australia)
- Mr. Christian Kraef (BVMD, Germany)

*As the members of Financial Committee of the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting*

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: New Zealand (NZMSA)

Amendment: None
Direct negative: None

Result: motion passes nemo contra.
5. Adoption of the Agenda
The Chairperson explains the changes in the agenda. The presentation of Dubai has moved from the first to the second plenary. A correction has been made to the term of the executive board: 2010-2011.

**Motion 5: 23:27**

*To adopt the agenda of the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting*

**Tabled by:** IFMSA Executive Board  
**Seconded by:** Israel (FIMS)

No amendments  
No direct negative

Result: motion passes nemo contra

6. Presentation of other organizations, observers and guests

The following IFMSA external guests were introduced and welcomed to the General Assembly:

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7. Introduction of all IFMSA Officials and the Organizing Committee

Point 7 on the agenda was done during the Opening Ceremony. Everyone agrees to continue to the next point.

Announcements: No announcements.

Chairperson adjourned the plenary session at 11:32 pm
Minutes of the Second Plenary Session of the 61th March Meeting

Date: 5th of March, 2012
Venue: Accra, Ghana
Opening: 19:42 pm
Adjournment: 00:45 am

Chairperson: Dr. Goran Mijaljica (alumnus CroMSIC, Croatia)
Vice-chairperson: Mr. Alexandre Moser (swimsa, Switzerland)
Secretary: Ms. Naomi Begemann (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands)
Secretary Assistants: Mr. Agostinho Emanuel Sousa (PorMSIC, Portugal)
Ms. Ana Gloria Garcia Rodriguez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Returning Officer: Mr. Diego Raul Mendoza Diaz (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Rael Garcia Gomez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Matieusz Kolator (Poland, IFMSA-Poland)

Items on the Agenda:
8. Presentation of the 61st August Meeting of General Assembly in Dubai, UAE
9. Presentation of the preliminary report from the Constitution Credential Committee
10. Presentation of candidates for hosting the next General Assembly March Meeting
11. Presentation of candidates for IFMSA Executive Board 2012-2013
12. Presentations of national organizations applying for membership or for change of status
13. Presentation of Projects applying for IFMSA Recognition
14. Adoption of the minutes of the previous General Assembly (August Meeting 2011)
15. Adoption of the reports of the National Member Organizations
16. Adoption of the report of the Supervising Council
17. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA Officials

Chairperson opens the Plenary at 19:42 pm on 5th March.

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The Chairperson asks all the presidents who just gained voting rights to come forward.

There is a quorum for the plenary.
According to the CCC there are now 52 votes in the room.
Chair reads agenda.

The next motion was explained during the presidents session.

Procedural Motion P1 19:50

To suspend bylaw 4.1.1. until the end of the 4th plenary session of the March Meeting 2012.

Tabled by: Lebanon (LeMSIC)
Seconded by: Austria (AMSA)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two thirds majority.
Procedural Motion P2 19:52

To suspend bylaw 13.4.11. until the end of the General Assembly March Meeting 2012.

Tabled by: IFMSA Plenary Chairperson
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two thirds majority.

Point of information from the Chairperson: we have a new member of the Plenary secretary team, in order to appoint him, I would like to reopen point 2 on the agenda.

Procedural Motion P3 19:57

To reopen point 2 of the agenda of the March Meeting 2012

Tabled by: IFMSA Plenary Chairperson
Seconded by: Poland (IFMSA-Poland)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two thirds majority.

2. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Returning Officers
The Chairperson appoints:

Mr. Matieusz Kolator (Poland, IFMSA-Poland) as Secretary Assistant.

8. Presentation of the 61st August Meeting of General Assembly in Dubai, UAE
The presentation took place during the Presidents’ session. The discussion was finished there.

9. Adoption of the preliminary report from the Constitution Credential Committee
The Constitution Credential Committee presents the following preliminary report.

Preliminary Report of Constitution Credential Committee (CCC)
March Meeting 2012, Accra, Ghana

1- Applications for IFMSA Candidate Membership:
   1. Albania (OMA)
   2. Curaçao (NaCMSIC)
The CCC reviewed the applications of all candidates and the electronic stamps on the emails. The CCC finds that:
- The application from Haiti and India are valid according to the bylaw 2.2.
- The application from Curaçao is not valid according to the bylaw 2.2.5.d as in the regulation no information concerning dissolution of the candidate organization is specified.
- The application from Albania is not valid according to bylaw 2.2.5 as they just sent the Application Form.
- The application form Fiji has been withdrawn.

2- Proposed Bylaw and Constitution Changes

The CCC has reviewed all proposals to change the constitution and the bylaws.
- The CCC finds proposed bylaw change proposal 19, tabled by IFMSA-Spain and IFMSA-Quebec invalid; the CCC understands the inclusion of this regulation in the Bylaws would be in conflict with the spirit of the Constitution and Bylaws, that define the General Assembly as the highest decision-making body in the Federation and the EB as the body in charge of managing the Federation in the period between Assemblies in accordance with the mandate of the Assembly.
- The CCC finds the remaining proposed bylaw changes to be valid as they comply with bylaw 15.2.1, and no constitutional contradiction was found.

The CCC received no proposals to change the constitution.

3- NMOs and voting Rights March Meeting 2012

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Total number of members 106 (83 NMOs are full members, 7 associate members, 16 candidate members)

The NMOs which lost voting rights since first plenary according to bylaw 3.5.4:
- Burundi, ABEM
- Colombia, ASCEMCOL
- Czech Republic, IMFSA CZ
- Ecuador, IFMSA-Ecuador
El Salvador, IFMSA El Salvador
Georgia, GYMU
Greece, HelMSIC
Hungary, HuMSIRC
Jamaica, JAMSA
Jordan, IFMSA-Jo
Kyrgyzstan, MSPA kyrgyzstan
Luxembourg, ALEM
Oman, SQU-MSG
Palestine, IFMSA- Palestine
Saudi Arabia, IFMSA-Saudi Arabia
Turhey, TurkMSIC

The NMOs which gained voting rights since first plenary according to bylaw 3.5.3:
Bahrain, IFMSA-BH

4. Candidatures for IFMSA Executive Board for 2012-2013
The CCC received candidatures for IFMSA Executive Board for 2012 - 2013 from:

For IFMSA President
1. Ramon Lorenzo Luis R.Guinto (Philippines, AMSA-Philippines)
2. Roopa Dhatt (United States of America, AMSA-USA)

For IFMSA Treasure
1. Andreea Mihaela Rosca (Romania, FASMR)

For IFMSA Secretary General
1. Alexandre Moser (Switzerland, swisma)
2. Mirjana Spasojević (Serbia, IFMSA-Serbia)

For IFMSA Vice President of Internal Affairs
1. Javiera Brierley Vera (Chile, IFMSA-Chile)
2. Lujaín Mohammed Al-Qodmani (Kuwait, KuMSA)
3. Luka Kovač (Slovenia, SloMSIC)

For IFMSA Vice President of External Affairs
1. Christopher Pleyer (Austria, AMSA)
2. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq (Norway, NMSA)
3. Yassen Tcholakov (Canada-Quebec, IFMSA-Quebec)

The applications for IFMSA Executive Board 2012-2013 have been reviewed and found to be valid according to the bylaws.

7. Candidatures for the March Meeting 2013 host:
1. Mexico (IFMSA-Mexico)
2. United States of America (AMSA-USA)
The application from AMSA, United States of America is valid according to bylaw 3.12.9 and 4.2.
The application from IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico has been withdrawn.

CCC:
Joseph Cherabie - LeMSIC, Lebanon
Martina Prieložná - SloMSA, Slovakia
Angely Rondón Rodríguez - APEMH, Peru
Marta Sabater Martos - AECS, Catalonia
Ingrid Vollenga - IFMSA-the Netherlands, The Netherlands

Accra, Ghana, 5-3-2012

Point of Information:
Kyrgyzstan (MSPA Kyrgyzstan): why have we lost voting rights?
CCC: you lost voting rights, because you did not do everything you had to do to contain voting rights, on time.

Point of Information:
Oman (SQU - MSG): I am just wondering why we do not have voting rights, because we updated ifmsa.net.

Point of Information:
IFMSA VPI: I informed all the NMOs that haven't updated the list online. We have updated you enough throughout the last few days. There was also a big note in the lobby with all the names of the NMOs that hadn't updated ifmsa.net. I gave a list with the NMOs who haven't updated it to the CCC.

CCC: Oman was not listed on the list we got from the IFMSA VPI.

Chairperson: please approach the CCC afterwards if there are more questions regarding voting rights.

Motion 6 20:08
To adopt the preliminary report from the Constitution Credential Committee for the 61th IFMSA General Assembly March Meeting.

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Australia (AMSA)

Amendments: none.
Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
CCC: can all NMOs that received voting rights or lost voting rights please approach the Plenary, so we can remove or add the voting rights.

10. Presentation of candidates for hosting the next General Assembly March Meeting

Candidates to host the 62st March Meeting 2012

Candidature has been received from:
- United States of America (AMSA - USA)

Presenters will have 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for questions.

**Presentation:** United States of America (AMSA - USA).
*President of AMSA-USA, together with the AMSA team, present for AMSA-USA.*

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**Question:** Russian Federation (HCCM): I would like to ask you about the visa support. What kind of Visa support will this be?

**Answer:** A letter of invitation. And help personally with countries who think that they will have problems. We have 16 full time staff members ready at the time of the GA. Beforehand we will have 4-8 members ready too.

**Question:** Tunisia (ASSOCIA-MED): how much will the fees be?

**Answer:** It would be the same as Montreal and Denmark.

**Question:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK): about the fundraising and sponsoring: we were wondering what your ethical approach is towards this.

**Answer:** We hired a firm, we have worked with them for the past half year. They only make money if they deliver. They will not promote their products or work at GA, pre-GA or post-GA.

**Question:** Kuwait (KuMSA): There are several: will a letter of invitation be enough? Will you contact the immigration centre?

**Answer:** We never had an incident before, for example with our exchanges. We anticipate starting with the letters and then personal help will be enough.

**Question:** Taiwan (FMS-Taiwan): what are you planning to do with the theme?

**Answer:** We want it to be skills-based. You are going into it with an interest for a topic and out with an actual package. One of the options might be: Learning about the governmental system in our countries.
**Question:** Ghana (FGMSA): it is very nice to have the pre-GA at different locations. How is the transportation going to be? How will the costs be?

**Answer:** The transportation goes through trains or a comfortable bus (with internet). There are definitely ways to go there. The fees are included in the pre-GA fee.

**Question:** The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands): you said in your presentation it is going to be the biggest GA ever. How many delegates will you provide for us?

**Answer:** We technically will have the largest gathering, because of the convention afterwards. We will accommodate as many candidates as you want.

**Question:** Grenada (IFMSA - Grenada): thank you for your presentation. How will the pre-GA work? Is it very different from how it is now?

**Answer:** The Team of Officials will have a great roll in this. We will also have a training area. E.g. for topics we will provide: patients safety. We hope the Team of Officials will approve 2 or 3 of those in addition to the traditional pre-GAs.

**Question:** Iran (IFMSA - Iran): Iranians can travel to the US but it takes long to arrange it. And we have to travel through other countries, where we need a visa for, this will costs too much for our delegates. Do you have suggestions for this?

**Answer:** We encourage to approach us as soon as possible. We have the ability to help you already in the next week. We will assist you in any way that we can.

**Question:** Pakistan (IFMSA-Pakistan): Will A and B category countries have two early registration spots as at MM2012?

**Answer:** All in A en B category will have 2 spots.

**Question:** Germany (BVMD): national convention will be right afterwards and it will be the same amount as the GA. So this will be double costs from normal. How will you do this?

**Answer:** they now about it. We have a different population here, so we think we will be save here. There is a market for international community.

**Question:** Spain (IFMSA-Spain): about the fundraising: which kind of companies/sponsors do you general approach?

**Answer:** TIMA (Medical textbook), testwrite material, Lyco, Lincoln.... No pharma companies.

**Question:** Jordan (IFMSA - Jo): will there be other options for the post-GA other than the General Assembly?

**Answer:** For MM it is actually voluntary to provide a post-GA. Because we will focus on the convention and the MM we won’t have energy and manpower to provide another post-GA.

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*Chairperson announces a recess for 10 minutes because of the microphones.*

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**11. Presentation of candidates for IFMSA Executive Board 2012-2013**
Presentations have been received from the following candidates:

- Mr. Ramon Lorenzo Luis R. Guinto (Philippines, AMSA-Philippines)
- Ms. Roopa Dhatt (United States of America, AMSA-USA)
- Ms. Javiera Brierley Vera (Chile, IFMSA-Chile)
- Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani (Kuwait, KuMSA)
- Mr. Luka Kovač (Slovenia, SloMSIC)
- Mr. Christopher Pleyer (Austria, AMSA)
- Mr. Yassen Tcholakov (Canada-Quebec, IFMSA-Quebec)
- Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq (Norway, NMSA)
- Mr. Alexandre Moser (Switzerland, swimsa)
- Ms. Mirjana Spasojevic (Sebria, IFMSA-Serbia)
- Ms. Andreea-Mihaela Rosca (Romania, FASMR)

The presentations will be given in the following order:

- President
- Vice-President for Internal affairs
- Vice-President for External affairs
- Secretary General
- Treasurer

Candidates will have 5 minutes speaking time, followed by 3 minutes of questions.

12.1 Presentations for President

- Mr. Ramon Lorenzo Luis R. Guinto
- Ms. Roopa Dhatt

First presentation: Mr. Ramon Lorenzo Luis R. Guinto presents. (Ms. Roopa Dhatt has left the room)

Question: Lebanon (LeMSIC): I am going to ask the same question to both candidates. What are your thoughts on building a vision for the IFMSA?

Answer: It is important for an organization like ours to have a vision for the long and the short term, and to reexamine our vision once in a while. Vision building is a continuous project. If I get elected, I will give special priority to vision building, and we will create more opportunities and spaces in order to gather our personal visions and arrive at a collective vision for both IFMSA and global health. We should include the creation of a new global health future in IFMSA vision building, because the future of both global health and IFMSA cannot be separate.

Question: Italy (SISM): since you will be leader of the Team of Officials have you considered that you have an opposing candidate from the Team of Officials who attended more TOMs than you?

Answer: I couldn’t attend TOM’s the last year due to many constraints - financial limitations, I am in my final year in medical school, a disaster struck the Philippines last December. But after May 2012, I will be able to devote my whole year to IFMSA and in attending all its meetings. But you are
assured that even if I was not able to attend the previous TOMs, all my responsibilities as Regional Coordinator have been efficiently and effectively executed.

**Question:** Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): Thank you. I see a lot of visionary plans. I like to know more about how you are going to execute those ideas

**Answer:** Executing is important. We have the structure ready and developed, the TO, the GA and the standing committees. We want to level up what we already have. We want to incorporate this vision in our world. We need to look at the budget and how we are going to improve this. We need to implement a vision in work that we already are doing.

**Question:** Chile (IFMSA-Chile): thank you for your presentation. Same question: what do you think IFMSA needs: to represent the opinion of all Medical students or a NGO that represents the opinion of a group of students

**Answer:** our federations are quickly developing. We want a vision that can be carried on to the next generation, more discussion to be held. We need to focus on next 60 years. Next generation can continue with this vision.

**Point of Information:**
Chair: you cannot say you are going to ask the same questions to both candidates here. The procedure of asking the same questions is at the debate. You can put questions for the debate in the boxes spread around the hotel, at the computer room and the Plenary Team room. They will be asked to both candidates.

**Point of Information:**
Germany (BVMD): is there a deadline to submit questions for the debate?
Chair: No, you can also submit them during the candidate debate.

21:20 Kuwait (KuMSA) leaves the room.
21:20 Bosnia and Herzegovina - Rep. of Srpska (SaMSIC) leaves the room.

**Second presentation:** Ms. Roopa Dhatt presents. (Mr. Ramon Guinto has left the room)

**Question:** Egypt (Emsa-Egypt): My question is related to being in the current and future EB. How do you see the direction of IFMSA in coordination with the current direction?

**Answer:** I had a very great year, I enjoyed my team. We have been working really hard. We worked on the strategic plan and there was strong foundation being build. Next year will be very much about vision. The upcoming year and on to go beyond. To take IFMSA to the next level.

**Question:** Austria (AMSA): What is your priority of implementing issues in the current work.

**Answer:** my priority lies depends on the priorities of the standing committees. And to reform to related initiatives to IFMSA. Anti-Tobacco campaign, Think Global etc. I would like to focus on these.
Question: Bahrain (IFMSA-BH): you will be attending all the meetings? Also the Regional Meetings?
Answer: I am quite ambitious about attending them all. I have the year off and I will try to be present at most of them.

Question: Denmark: I would like to ask the same as Egypt: what is your vision. You were talking about the next level. What is this?
Answer: One year vision: promote your idea of IFMSA. Trying to find out what the established vision is. Vision building assessment.

Question: Norway (NMSA): what is the next level? What will IFMSA have accomplished at the end of your term?
Answer: Attaining visibility. Attending external meetings are great opportunities to spread our message. We need a common message in order to do that. Health issues worldwide should be considered.

Question: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): in case you get elected. How will you represent more than the mediate student. How do you feel about decision making?
Answer: Regarding decision making: I would like to increase transparency through emails. (time for answers was over)

12.2 Presentations for Vice-President of Internal affairs

- Ms. Javiera Brierley Vera
- Mr. Luka Kovač
- Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani

20:20 Kuwait (KuMSA) leaves the room

20:21 Bosnia and Herzegovina - republic of Srpska (SaMSIC) leaves the room

First presentation: Ms. Javiera Brierley Vera presents. (the other candidates have left the plenary).

Question: Lebanon (LeMSIC): thank you for your presentation. How do you plan on assuming the position of IFMSA VPI without formerly having been in the Team of Officials?
Answer: I have to say that I haven’t been here for a long time. But I don’t think it will be a problem for me. I made sure that I was in everything that was on the NMO server. Put the most in SWG etc. I will put new ideas in the EB and I have a great strength to put in the EB and have great ideas to make the team more empowered.

Question: Philippines (AMSA-Philippines): you talk about the team. One of your visions is to improve team-spirit. How do you think to improve the team-spirit in this huge federation?
Answer: There will be developed a concrete plan once we get to know each other better. Some of my ideas are more skype-meetings and being more approachable. We need to get to know each other better, then we will be able to motivate each other more during these meetings.

Question: Norway (NMSA): thank you for your presentation. How do you plan to empower Regional Meetings and NMOs?
Answer: I know how it feels to be a less developed region. I want the region to get together, get a vision and go for that. I will not make a difference between regions. They can brainstorm together and make a plan. And for example Europe, a strong region, can help so many other regions with this.

Question: United Arab Emirates (EMSS): you wanted all the NMOs to be active in the action plan. How will you communicate with all the NMOs?
Answer: I put a lot of money in my Skype account, in order to call every NMO every month.

Question: Kyrgyzstan (MSPA Kyrgyzstan): if you could change anything to the NMO system, what would you change?
Answer: The buddy system can be empowered much more. I want to encourage communication, evaluate that and then approach with a better solution.

Chairperson leaves the table, Vice-Chair takes over the chairing of the plenary.

Vice-Chairperson: could everyone that lost or gained voting rights please come forward to approach the CCC. Not everyone did this.

The chairperson resumes his place at the plenary team.

Chairperson reminds the plenary to be quiet during presentation of candidates.

Second presentation: Mr. Luka Kovač presents. (the other candidates have left the plenary)

Question: Lebanon (LeMSIC): thank you for your presentation. How do you plan on assuming the position of IFMSA VPI without having been in the Team of Officials?
Answer: I got a general opinion of how the Team of Officials works this past year. The people that work are really motivated. They help each other. My motivation and energy will really contribute to the whole field.

Question: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): how much time will you be having to communicate with the NMOs?
Answer: next year I will be in a year that is quite flexible. I will try to do my obligated university things at the beginning, which will leave me with 3 months of free time. And on how I will
communicate with the NMOs: organizing between the GAs, at least twice a month Skype meeting. Send emails to each NMO. To get their response and input on different topics.

**Question:** Austria (AMSA): thank you. Do you have plans concerning team building. How will you make them part of a team as we only have the GAs to meet?

**Answer:** it is quite hard, except for GAs. We are only together twice a year. The regional and pre-GA we can work more on establishing a personal contact.

**Question:** Switzerland (swimssa): do you think email is enough? Will you visit some assemblies?

**Answer:** I am also a trainer. If someone invites me, I am happy to attend. Maybe give my input or give some training sessions.

**Question:** Nigeria (NIMSA): how do you think to solve the conflicts between NMOs?

**Answer:** this is a huge problem for IFMSA. For example the situation of Spain. They have 3 NMOs, which is too much. After 3 years we have to throw one country out. It would be a tragedy. The role of me and the RC is to debate with the NMOs and look at the possibilities together.

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**Announcement from IFMSA VPI:**

All NMO presidents should kindly ensure that their tables for the National Food & Drinking party at the Aristrata Hotel across the street as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**Third presentation:** Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani presents. (the other candidates have left the plenary).

**Question:** EMSA Egypt: I would like to hear more about supporting new NMOs. How will you support them from your position?

**Answer:** I will support them, and give guidance. There is also a support division and the bylaws.

**Question:** Romania (FASMR): how is your time when you are elected?

**Answer:** I am a post-graduate so I will take time off for the meetings. The other time I will be in the hospital, but with minimal hours.

**Question:** Bahrain (IFMSA-BH): do you plan on attending National GAs?

**Answer:** I will attend any that is needed if they invite me.

**Question:** Sudan (MedSIN-Sudan): what is your plan for Africa, it being the weakest region?

**Answer:** Together with the African RC I will work on this.

**Question:** Switzerland (swimssa): how do you think to improve the buddy system. Could you elaborate
Answer: there is planned to. I would like to do that again. And evaluate the expectation towards the buddies and choose the TO before the GA, so they can contact them ahead of time.

Question: Georgia: do you think that your experience as RC will help you at your work as VPI?
Answer: Being a RC motivated me to candidate. I can take the work of the VPI to a higher level when it accounts to working together with the RCs.

Question Norway (NMSA): Do you have any plans on cooperation between local NMOs.
Answer: Yes.

Question: Sudan (MedSIN-Sudan): how do you deal with NMOs that are in 2 regions? Do you plan on informing before being kicked out?
Answer: NMOs are divided according the bylaws. So there needs to be a change to the bylaw in order to change the regions.

22:04 Kuwait (KuMSA) enters the room (52 votes in the room)

12.3 Presentations for Vice-President of External affairs

- Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq
- Mr. Yassen Tcholakov
- Mr. Christopher Pleyer

First presentation: Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq presents (the other candidates have left the room).

Question: Bahrain (IFMSA-BH): Could you finish the last part of your presentation by elaborating on being a team player especially in relation to the Team of Officials.
Answer: By being a team-player, my main focus will be on the TO and the EB, on how to build the foundation of the team. With the NMOs it is important to work with VPE and President on how to make sure everything goes as planned.

Question: Taiwan (FMSA-Taiwan): Please elaborate on how you would present IFMSA in terms of meeting externals and attending meetings. During meetings there are a lot of spontaneous interactions how would you handle those? Could you please elaborate?
Answer: In order to be ready to act in these situation, we need to be aware of the importance of the meetings and the Executive Board should be available at all situations. Then we can react at current events.

Question: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK): I was wondering how you might implement advocacy?
Answer: I would like to make a thorough assessment of our priorities, so we can focus on those when we attend meetings or deal with externals.

Question: Austria (AMSA): my question follows the one on comments on external representations. To what degree do you believe IFMSA should focus on policies? And on direct representation?
**Answer:** That is a very important area. A lot of people working hard on policies. In order to enhance the development of the policy statements, we need to visit the NMOs to make sure they know how important they are. In order to make sure we can further use them. To have immediate press releases after the GA are one of these things. For example just to have a press release stating: “we have currently passed these and these policies”.

**Question** Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): in case you get elected: what would you immediately change about the policies and the direction of representation?

**Answer:** One of the directions would be changing and training on how we approach media.

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**Second presentation: Mr. Yassen Tcholakov presents.**

**Question:** Malta (MMSA): thank you. Given that there is currently a taskforce on external relationships. How will you work with them?

**Answer:** The taskforce can be completed by the next GA and I will continue working with that whether I like it or not.

**Question:** Uganda (FUMSA): as being a financial support person of the IFMSA-President, how do you see to it that we have an established situation within IFMSA? You talk about partner organizations, but what are your plans for internal relationships?

**Answer:** To keep a sustainable relationship, we have to think of handover and how to keep relations. I have worked a lot on handover and relationships. There are a lot of companies that have been in contact with before and we could rebuild these contacts. We don’t need to work on 20 at once, but if we start with 5 a year, in 5 years 50.

**Question:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK): about implementing change: how the IFMSA can improve itself? So to speak handle NMOs that do not

**Answer:** Through social media. And then use this basis. Make IFMSA known and use this as an opportunity for policies. On the local level: cooperation between projects on collaboration.

**Question:** Lebanon (LeMSIC): facing the challenges of president of your NMO to VPE of IFMSA, how do you see that?

**Answer:** My role of President will be finished at the end of June. Already have a plan for that handover. And my own handover will have a plan to, which we will make after the GA.

**Question:** Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): do you have any plans on reactivating the VPE server

**Answer:** Using the VPE team as capacity team to continue building it. Preparing policy statements over the server with people on it.

**Question:** Norway (NMSA): do you have any thoughts on printing ethical guidelines.

**Answer:** Will thoroughly work on this both on local and national level.
Third presentation: Mr. Christopher Pleyer presents.

Question: Egypt EMSA: as IFMSA-President you had the hange to be external face. Eternal events. To follow LO on external relations. While you had the change last year to do all this, why didn't you take that change then and do you want to do a year VPE.
Answer: P at the pot. Don't believe in that, we are equal. Running for VPE: as i mentioned at the beginning is that being p motivated me. As VPE I can give different things to IFMSA. There is a difference between the two positions. I learned a lot about IFMSA and this year can sell IFMSA. Continuity: not a formal way of constitutional memory. For continuity of work.

Question: Lebanon (LeMSIC): thank you. What on your thoughts of having some EB members elected for the next team.
Answer: It is great they want to run for another term. Means I did a good job. We worked well together in a team.

Question: Denmark (IMCC): You just said that you don’t see the VPE in charge of external relations. More in contact with corporate partners active advocacy. As we have 8 officials doing nothing but external relations.
Answer: The task description. External vs corporate partners. Advocacy is a fast growing topic in promoting and marketing. Creating a vision will help them.

Question: United Arab Emirates (EMSS): Restructured, more specified, same structure? Vision of the team and how do you supervise them.
Answer: VPE teams: Yes! Awesome ideas. Fundraising.

Question: Ghana (FGMSA): Africa we experience the difference between African region. What is unique in the plan for Africa?
Answer: Definitely will pay attention to the African region.

Vice chair has stepped down temporarily in order to give the presentation of his candidature.

12.4 Presentations for Secretary General
- Mr. Alexandre Moser
- Ms. Mirjana Spasojevic

22:50 Colombia (ASCEMCOL) leaves the room.

First presentation: Mr. Alexandre Moser presents.
Question: Lebanon (LeMSIC): how do you plan on facing the transition from president to Sec Gen.
Answer: It will be difficult, but have all the skills. I will stay in contact with Swimsa and I will learn

Question: Denmark (IMCC): yould you concider consulting NMOs who have previous experience.
Answer: I will do this on the NMO server

Question: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): You sent your candidature on the NMOs and European server, do you see any problems with this, because it was not appropriate.
Answer: European NMO I have a lot of contact with. It was just an information. It was not jet on the NMO server. It was to inform friends.

WMA: The position of LO to WHA is not fixed, most of the time it’s the president but an other officials can do it. I just proposed my help to the new president for geographical reasons

Question: Nigeria (NiMSA): About the online voting bylaw. Don’t you think that will create a logistic problem. Most NMOs don’t have acces to internet.
Answer: I don’t think we have a lot of voting online. It is not always easy, but it is always possible. With enough time it should be possible.

22:59 Colombia (ASCEMCOL) returns into the plenary.

Second presentation: Ms. Mirjana Spasojevic presents.

Question: Taiwan (FMSA-Taiwan): Any plans on making the policy statements more accessible to NMOs?
Answer: Well, IFMSA VPI gen had a lot of problems with tracking the policies of past GAs. I am still trying to find all of them and that is why I am contacting former members.

Question: Malta (MMSA): I was wondering why you didn’t implement the e library now?

Question: Lebanon (LeMSIC): Thoughts on having some of the same EB members possibly re-elected for the next term.
Answer: It is a good idea to have the team made of previous members. We need continuity. Now I know what the problems are. Now I am facing the real problems. When you experiences something you know what you need. Now when I see what I am dealing with as Secretary General I got an idea of eLibrary that can make out lives easier. It will be easier when we work together again, we know each other, we support each other. If we have many candidates from the previous time we will work even better, we will not lose time with getting to know each other.

Question: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): you’re NMO president. How much time will you have to do the term next year.

Question: Austria (AMSA): plan of actions sounds like a lot of time. Will you continue to remain your president in your NMO.
Answer: Currently I am IFMSA-Serbia president. I won’t be when I will be re-elected. We had
internal problems the last year with re-registration of IFMSA-Serbia that is why I stayed as NMO
president. I delegated a lot of stuff to other people, as you can see I am not sitting at the plenary
on the behalf of my NMO so I think that me being NMO president doesn’t affect my IFMSA work.

Question: Denmark (IMCC): I would like to hear you on contacting professional secretaries, so you
don’t have to start all over again
Answer: Yes EB is working on this since the beginning of the term. We found one, who is to
expensive. We are looking for a cheaper one, maybe a student. I think at the end of the term we
will have a solution for this problem.

Question: Ethiopia: how will you help NMOs to work with the e-Library?
Answer: I’ll provide a manual how to use an eLibrary and I will be available to answer questions.

The Vice-chair returns to his position in the plenary team.

23:15 Greece (HelMSIC) enters the room.

12.5 Presentation for Treasurer

- Ms. Andreea-Mihaela Rosca

Presentation: Ms. Andreea-Mihaela Rosca presents.

Question: Tunisia: I was looking through your CV and you don’t have any experience as a treasurer.
From where do you think you have the experience?
Answer: I was not an official treasurer. I have always fundraised for all my projects. I have been a
part of the financial comite. I have experience with working with money. My aunt is a bank manager
and I have received a lot of information from her.

Question: Spain (IFMSA-Spain): last GA and this GA changing membership fees. What do you think
about the change?
Answer: It is something that the actual EB has been working on for a long time. It is a complicated
issue. We have to think about it before taking a decision. Something has to change, but we need to
think about it to be able to support all the NMOs.

Question: Pakistan (IFMSA-Pakistan): elaborate on plan of action of support of the NMOs.
Answer: Main point. I know how it is to start from 0. What I planning to do to offer support for all
the NMOs generally and when they contact me I will support in the best way possible on a local
level.

Question: Uganda (FUMSA): How will you ensure transparency in handling IFMSA money?
Answer: This is not difficult. The books of IFMSA is not secret. We have a financial committee that
checks all the receipts. Present to GA and be accepted or not.

Question: Norway (NMSA): fundraising experience. Accountancy except your aunt.
**Answer:** I have experience in book writing. In Romania we have a very strict policy about money. We have to have reports about every expense and income. I organized for several years our annual meeting which needs a lot of money.

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**23:26** **Kyrgyzstan (MSPA Kyrgyzstan) leaves the room.**

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**13. Presentations of national organizations applying for membership or for change of status**

**13.1** The following National Member Organizations applied for Candidate Membership status:

- Haitian Medical Students' Associations - AHEM
- Medical Students Association of India - MSAI

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**23:30** **United Arab Emirates (EMSS) leaves the plenary. (51 votes in the room)**

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**First presentation: Medical Students Association of India - MSAI**

Mr Pratap Naidu presents for MSAI.

**Question:** Iran (IFMSA - Iran): You have a lot of sponsors. Could you explain what kind of companies are your sponsors?

**Answer:** Book companies, IT companies, no pharmaceutical sponsors.

**Question:** The strength of your NMO is public health. Improve also other things in the next future?

**Answer:** We already started our SCORA programs and for SCORP we are looking in the next few months.

**Question:** United States of America (AMSA - USA): given the size of your country, greatest challenges and what can we as NMOs do as support

**Answer:** Huge country and the geography is a big challenge. Luckily we have a very efficient team we are working on it. To help us, you could promote us.

**Question** Ethiopia: about your membership.

**Answer:** medical school in India. Undergraduate or HM.

**Question** Iran: plan for exchange program of IFMSA.

**Answer:** We are going to start an exchange.

**Question** Australia (AMSA) large: plans to ensure your organization represents all those students?

**Answer:** We have members from north to south and every city.

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**23:35** **Russian Federation (HCCM) leaves the plenary.**
23:37 United Arab Emirates (EMSS) re-enters the plenary (52 votes in the room).

Second presentation: Haitian Medical Students' Associations - AHEM
Gabriella Noles, Regional Coordinator for the Americas, presents for AHEM

There are no questions for AHEM.

Point of Information:
IFMSA VPI: Venezuela has successfully transferred money to externals overseas. The motion to change their membership status will be admitted today and it will be added to the agenda.

23:41 Turkey (TurkMSIC) leaves the room (51 votes in the room).
23:45 Grenada (IFMSA - Grenada) leaves the room (50 votes in the room)

13.2 The following National Member Organizations applied for change of status from candidate membership to full membership:
- Libya (LMSA)
- Kenya (MSAKE)
- Venezuela (FEVESOCEM)
- Uganda (FUMSA)

Chair announces that each applying organization will have 3 minutes speaking time, followed by 2 minutes of questions.

First presentation: Libya (LMSA)

Question: Bahrain (IFMSA-BH): if you were giving the opportunity to become a full member. Would you be able with the recent changes within the NMO to attribute much more to the students in your NMO as well as to IFMSA in general.

Answer: we have a lot of activities especially in SCORP. We will for take care of safety. In other SC we have a lot of on-going projects. We will have active members making change in IFMSA.

23:49 Jamaica (JAMSA) leaves the room.
23:49 Kuwait (KuMSA) leaves the room (49 votes in the room).

Second presentation: Kenya (MSAKE)

No questions for MSAKE.
Third presentation: Venezuela (FEVESOCEM)

No questions for (FEVESOCEM).

Fourth presentation: Uganda (FUMSA)

No questions for FUMSA.

00:01 Bahrain (IFMSA-BH) leaves the room. (48 votes in the room)

13. Presentation of Projects applying for IFMSA Recognition

13.1 Presentations of projects applying for Endorsed Projects.

- Tobacco prevention program - TPP (IFMSA-Pakistan)
- WORDS (IFMSA-Pakistan)

Will be presented at project presentation session.

13.2 Presentations of projects applying for Transnational Projects.

- Feed with Love (IFMSA-Mexico, IFMSA-Peru, IFMSA-Bolivia)
- International Medical Education Days (FASMR-Romania, ACEMCOLColombia)
- Men’s Issues (SloMSA-Slovakia, IFMSA-Poland)
- Sudan Tropical Exchange Project - STEP (MedSIN-Sudan, IFMSA-the Netherlands)

First presentation: Feed with Love (IFMSA-Mexico, IFMSA-Peru, IFMSA-Bolivia)

Question: Mexico (IFMSA-Mexico): Can you play the rest of the video?
Chair: There is something wrong with the file. The file was played once it worked again.

Question: Norway (NMWA): What are you doing to increase breastfeeding?
Answer: SCOME organizes a conference to tell the medical students how to breastfeeding and to explain to mothers. Also we organize campaigns. We work with the personnel of the hospital to make the people know how to breastfeed.

00:04 Kuwait returns to the plenary.
00:04 Nigeria (NIMSA) leaves the room.
00:04 Bosnia and Herzegovina (BoHeMSA) leaves the room.
00:06 Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia) leaves the room.
00:08 Brazil (DENEM) leaves the room.
45 votes in the room.
Second presentation: International Medical Education Days (FASMR-Romania, ASCEMCOLColombia)

**Question** Denmark (IMCC): Why do you want to be a transnational project. Is there any reason for that?

**Answer:** Because similar activities are happening all over the world. At every GA again the discussion. The Department can gain from organizing two weeks may simultaneously organize an event with topics that are not in our curriculum. We hope that at least half of IFMSA will join this project. In this way we can advance in this field and we can benefit from this information that we get.

Third presentation: Men’s Issues (SloMSA-Slovakia, IFMSA-Poland)

**Question:** Denmark (IMCC): What is the added benefit of these two NMOs having this project gain transnational status.

**Answer:** It is also the mirror for gynaecological consultancy. We get other NMOs working with us. It is working in the whole IFMSA. We are co-oparating together and there will be workshop organized to exchange knowledge.

**Question:** Peru (IFMSA Peru): from experience how do you see the project now?

**Answer:** Virginity development. It is a mirroring project, that is why we are doing it. It is really needed in schools. They are calling us to give the

13.3 Presentation of project applying for IFMSA Initiative project

- IFMSA Global Health Equity (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

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00:16 Nigeria (NIMSA) enters the room.

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Point of Information: IFMSA VPI: This was discussed at Presidents session.

**Point of Information:** The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands): I was told yesterday that the STEP was deemed invalid, so I would like to withdraw this. Sudan (MedSIN-Sudan): only IFMSA-the Netherlands applied the project, Sudan (MedSIN-Sudan) did not apply, that is why it is invalid.

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00:19 Jamaica (JAMSA) enters the room.

00:19 Brazil (DENEM) enters the room. (46 votes in the room)

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15. Adoption of the minutes of the previous General Assembly (August Meeting 2011)

**Motion 7:** 00:24

To adopt the minutes of the 60th IFMSA General Assembly August Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, including the proposed amendments.
(See annex for AM11 minutes)

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board  
Seconded by: Sweden (IFMSA-Sweden)

Amendment: None.  
Direct negative: None.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

15. Adoption of the reports of the National Member Organizations

Motion 8: 00:24

To adopt all the submitted reports of the National Member Organizations.

(See Annex for NMO report)

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board  
Seconded by: Iran (IFMSA-Iran)

Amendment: None.  
Direct negative: None.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

17. Adoption of the report of the Supervising Council

This was discussed during the president session.

46 votes in the room

Motion 9: 00:25

To adopt the reports of the Supervising Council.

(See Annex for Supervising Council report)

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board  
Seconded by: Philippines (AMSA-Philippines)

Amendment: None.  
Direct negative from Spain (IFMSA-Spain): basically we have the feeling that it does not match the requirements in 6.12.3. detailed
No alternative motion

Votes:
In favour: 34
Against: 4
Abstain: 8

Result: Motion fails.
Because both CCC and Vice-chairperson kept track of different countries leaving the room. It was thought there were 48 votes in the room, but there were 46.

Point of Information: Colombia (ASCEMCOL): we don’t know if we have voting rights. Can you repeat who has voting rights?
CCC: We have asked since the beginning of the plenary to come forward and change your voting rights. You have been failing to do so, so you won’t have voting rights now.

Chairperson: The voting does not match, so we do a revote. If it does not match we have to do a roll call again.

Revote:
In favour: 35
Against: 4
Abstain: 8

Result: invalid

Roll Call

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Total present: 47 votes in the room.

**Revote:**
In favour: 35
Against: 4
Abstain: 8

Result: motion passes with a simple majority.

**Announcement:**
Chair: Please listen to announcements made. Please concentrate and make sure you do your part of the job for the plenary.

**18. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA Officials**
Motion 10: 00:45

To adopt the mid-term reports of the IFMSA Officials.
(See Annex for IFMSA Officials end-term reports.)

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Italy (SISM)

Amendment: None
Direct negative: none

Result: Motion passes nemo contra

No announcements

Chairperson adjourned the plenary session at 00:45 am
Minutes of the Third Plenary Session of the 61th March Meeting

Date: 6th of March, 2012  
Venue: Accra, Ghana  
Opening: 16:22 pm  
Adjournment first part: 17:50 pm  
Opening second part: 19:39 pm  
Adjournment: 20:58 pm  

Chairperson: Dr. Goran Mijaljica (alumnus CroMSIC, Croatia)  
Vice-chairperson: Mr. Alexandre Moser (swi, Switzerland)  
Secretary: Ms. Naomi Begemann (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands)  
Secretary Assistants: Mr. Agostinho Emanuel Sousa (PorMSIC, Portugal)  
Ms. Ana Gloria Garcia Rodriguez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)  
Returning Officer: Mr. Diego Raul Mendoza Diaz (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)  
Mr. Rael Garcia Gomez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)  
Mr. Matieusz Kolator (Poland, IFMSA-Poland)  

Changed Agenda after Procedural Motion P5

Plenary III  
March 6th  

18. Report of the Executive Board of the developments and pursued goals of the Federation  
19. Changes to the Bylaws -> all DN, amendment to Membership fee  
20. Adoption of changes of status of National Member Organizations, and admission of new National Member Organizations  
21. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA projects  
22. Report of the Projects Support Division of the projects, grants and events that commit IFMSA legally  
23. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the Standing Committees, Support Divisions and Task Forces  
24. Adoption of the reports of IFMSA taskforces  

Plenary IV  
March 7th  

25. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the IFMSA projects  
26. Election of the Executive Board 2012-2013  
27. Election of the host organization for the March Meeting 2013  

Plenary V  
March 8th  

28. Report of the IFMSA President on the status of the IFMSA Board of Recommendation  
29. Adoption and changes to the IFMSA Policy Statements
30. Adoption of amendments to the IFMSA budget 2012-2013
31. Adoption of the report of the Financial Committee
32. Adoption of the financial report of the Executive Board 2010/2011
33. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2009 in Macedonia
34. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2011 in Denmark
35. Adoption of the final report of the Constitution Credential Committee
36. Any other business
37. Closure of the meeting

Opening of the plenary at 16:22 pm.

Announcements
OC: Notification regarding incidents that happened. Some delegates set fire to the venue. Tonight we have precautions. We will talk to your delegates and you at this moment. This is unacceptable behaviour and we hope you will support us in this.

Roll Call 16:24-16:35

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CCC: these NMOs gained voting rights:

- Czech Republic, IFMSA-CZ
- Greece, HelMSIC
- Jamaica, JAMSA
- Jordan, IFMSA-Jo
- Oman, SQU-MSG
- Turkey, TurkMSIC

Result: 54 countries with voting rights present.

Announcements:
CCC The CCC has reviewed all proposals to change the constitution and the bylaws.
- The CCC finds that bylaw change proposals 67 and 68, tabled by IFMSA-Quebec and IMCC-Denmark invalid due to violation of the IFMSA Constitution 8.1; the CCC believes that the inclusions of these changes in the Bylaws would be in conflict with the spirit of the Constitution that defines the Supervising Council as the body in charge of supervising and advising the Executive Board and the IFMSA officials.
- The CCC finds that bylaw change proposals 69, 72, 73, 74 and 75, tabled by IFMSA-Quebec and IMCC-Denmark invalid due to violation of the IFMSA Constitution 8.4; the CCC believes that the inclusions of these changes in the Bylaws would contradict the role of the Supervising Council stated in the Constitution which clearly allocates them the power to overrule decisions made by the Executive Board for important reasons.
- The CCC finds the remaining proposed bylaw changes to be valid as they comply with bylaw 15.2.1, and no constitutional contradiction was found.

The CCC found the Taskforce on voting procedures proposal by AMSA-Australia to be invalid according to bylaw 11.1.2 due to the fact that a preliminary timeline was not provided in the motion by the time the motion was sent.

Quebec: The CCC informed us some time ago that many of Supervising Council bylaw changes would be deemed invalid because they were found in contradiction to the constitution. Although we hoped that the Constitution would have not been interpreted in this fashion, we now find ourselves
in a difficult situation. Nevertheless, we will take the opportunity in this situation. Indeed, the SWG
on Supervising Council Reform was already planning on restarting its work in order to adequately
include the input received during this GA in further proposals, now we will be able to do submit
everything at once at the next GA and thus potentially have a nicer proposal. This being said, we
will withdraw many of our proposals, the ones that will be discussed here will be described when
they come up. As a point of information, the constitution changes that would be required for this
bylaw to be valid have already been submitted to the GS, and will during this GA be discussed with
the CCC to validate that with their adoption, all bylaw changes currently submitted will be valid.

Point of Information:
Canada-Quebec (IFMSA-Quebec): These will be discussed at the next GA. And we have the CCC who
agreed to check.

Point of Information:
Australia (AMSA): We would find it a benefit if such decisions could be told at the Presidents’
session, as it is valuable information to know ahead of the start of the plenary.

Chair: Some of the NMOs have been given the information prior. So many motions, it is very difficult
to get it all on the right moment. Not adding the right proposal to the right motion. The motions
should be submitted before midnight.

19. Report of the Executive Board of the developments and pursued goals of the Federation
Chris Pleyer, President of IFMSA, presents the report.

And tomorrow there will be more updates during the Presidents’ session.

Question: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo): Have you considered other options in hiring a secretary officer in
Geneva? Any of you have an update regarding this?
Answer: Our primary aim was to find a professional one. We had a promising interview, but the
salary is too high for us. This was in Geneva. But somewhere else it is not going to get much cheaper.
We will have to look into different models, such as a student, more input from secretary general?
We got to know this 2 weeks ago. We had a meeting with AMC (Amsterdam Medical Centre) and they
are excited about working with us. We might consider expanding our office there. As Minke (VPE
few years ago) was being paid by AMC, maybe we could work on expanding this.

Question: Australia (AMSA): From our perspective. We should enable the decision being made to be
put into action. The budget is too low to make it happen now. If the council verifies it is a priority,
we need to enable that and look into the budget. No matter how or where.
Direct response: The council needs time to reconsider this.

Question: Iran (IFMSA - Iran): Website: it would be launched before 2012 and now we didn’t hear a
date from you. Is there an estimated time?
Answer: There is going to be a more detailed update by Roopa tomorrow during Presidents session.
I will be there too. In case she cannot be there, I can speak on her behalf too. Exchange database
will be ready by August at the latest. Otherwise we have to renew our contract concerning the current website. That is our priority. We will have more updates tomorrow.

20. Changes to the Bylaws
See annex for Bylaw changes compilation

Proposal 1
Explanation: Treasurer explained the proposal.

Question: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo): a lot of NMOs made some contributions. Where there any changes to the registered motion?

17:02 Panama (IFMSA-Panama) enters the room (55 votes in the room).
17:03 Korea (KMSA) leaves the room

Motion 11: (Proposal 1 of Bylaw changes compilation) 17:08
Reads: See proposal 1 of Bylaw changes compilation
Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

Amendments: VPI: We are adding external motivation. Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Question Australia (AMSA): we wanted to check that the grammatical change is incorporated
Point of Order: Chair: every grammatical change does not need an amendment. Has to be made by the Sec Gen.
Direct response: it was a change to a word that has a different meaning at all. It should be discussed now.

VPI: This was discussed, it will be an amendment.

Amendment: reflexive -> reflective Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Amendment: Germany (BVMD): We discussed to delete the financial before the support letter. Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Direct Negative: Iran (IFMSA - Iran): We cannot be sure of such a letter. At the bottom of the letter our university it is stated that this letter cannot be translated into English. This will limit our students to use the travel assistance fund.
Alternative motion: to add: “preferably”.

Point of Information: VPI: This should not be an alternative motion to this motion. Because we discussed it?

Point of Information:
Secretary assistant: Before every voting you have to press sign in button. Then the motion will be presented on the screen. Three coloured buttons, or the numbers on the device. And until the secretary won’t say we can press, you cannot press the button now.

Chair: We proceed to vote.

Point of Order: Egypt (EMSA-Egypt): According to the IFMSA bylaws that the official language of IFMSA is to be in English so how can somehow get a refund if it is not in English.

Chair: This is not a discussion that should be held here. You should have discussed this during the Presidents session. As Iran did a direct negative, we cannot change that now and are voting.

Chair: You can vote.

Votes:
In favour:41
Against:10
Abstain:4

Result: motion passes with a simple majority

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**Motion 12 17:08**

See proposal 2 of Bylaw changes compilation

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

President: We withdraw the motion, because a TF will be created on the voting devices.

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**Motion 13 (Proposal 3)17:10**

Reads: See proposal 3 of Bylaw changes compilation

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
Motion 14 (Proposal 4) 17:10

Reads: See proposal 4 of Bylaw changes compilation

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

Amendment: IFMSA- Spain: "j) Four support persons appointed by the EB, outside the NMO quota"

Proposer does not accept the amendment.

Votes to include the amendment in motion 14: 17:11
In favour: 27
Against: 17
Abstain: 11

Result: revote by voting card.

Point of Order:
President: I am not sure it was clear we were voting on the amendment.
Chair: Yes, it was clear.
Canada: We should be able to see who is voting what. Like in Denmark.
Chair: We don't have the technique for this at the moment. Would you like us to adjourn?
Canada: No.

Point of Order: Australia (AMSA): we could also use the voting cards now, not the voting devices. Chair agrees. We revote.

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Amendment: Switzerland (swimsa) delete k). If they change the election of the chair, it is not sure how we proceed.

Point of Information: President: The bylaw is to plenary team members, not the chair. It can also be given to others.
Switzerland (swimsa): It is not clear. The whole plenary team has to be accepted by the NMOs.

Chair: Does the proposer accept the amendment?

Proposer does not accept the amendment.

Votes on the amendment by raising voting cards:
In favour: 15
Against: 21
Abstain: 20
55 votes in the room, 56 votes counted
United States of America (AMSA - USA) enters the room. (doesn’t receive voting device yet).

Point of Information: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands) asks for voting by ballot, because this is taking to much time.

Point of Information: Slovenia (SloMSIC) Bylaw 3.11.3. section states we can do this.

Point of Information: Spain (IFMSA-Spain): The only way for us to actually deal with this. Is if the voting devices are distributed anonymous and unseen who.

Chair: We will vote by ballot from now on through voting devices.

Vote on the amendment of Switzerland (swimsa):
In favour: 15
Against: 20
Abstain: 20

Result: the amendment fails and is not incorporated in the motion.

Point of Information: Germany (BVMD): Can we get the CCC to confirm that this is conform the bylaws. It is stated that there needs to be an election at the GA.

CCC: Actually it has been done like this already, because the Chair gets a free spot to get to the GA and the EB get to choose who goes to the GA.

Amendment: IFMSA EB: Although this is still the same. We would like to change it into: nominate the Plenary team. The EB will elect, but the GA will still have to accept.

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra. 17:37

New voting devices given

56 votes in the room

Motion 15 (Proposal 5): 17:38

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
Reads: See proposal 5 of Bylaw changes compilation
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 16 (Proposal 7): 17:38
Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
Reads: See proposal 7 of Bylaw changes compilation
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 17 (Proposal 8): 17:38
Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
Reads: See proposal 8 of Bylaw changes compilation
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 18 (Proposal 9): 17:39
Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
Reads: See proposal 9 of Bylaw changes compilation
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 19 (Proposal 10): 17:40
2.4.2 A candidate member can maintain its status for a maximum of three years.

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
No further amendments. 
No direct negatives. 

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 20 (Proposal 12)** 17:40

3.14.10 National Member Organizations Report are invited to fill their NMO report at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline of the report.

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

No further amendments. 
No direct negatives. 

Result: Motion passes with a two/third majority.

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**Motion 21 (Proposal 13)** 17:41

Reads: See proposal 13 of Bylaw changes compilation

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

No further amendments. 
No direct negatives. 

Result: Motion passes with two/third majority.

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**Motion 22 (Proposal 14)** 17:41

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)
Reads: See proposal 14 of Bylaw changes compilation

No further amendments. 
No direct negatives. 

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Point of Information: Germany (BVMD): could you please state on the screen what we are voting about.
Motion 23 (Proposal 34) 17:45

Reads: See proposal 34

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: New Zealand (NZMSA)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 24 (Proposal 35) 17:46

4.6.1 f. Eight members for the Support Divisions outside the NMO quota, not including the Support Division Directors.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Kuwait (KuMSA)

Proposer explains briefly.
No questions.

No amendments
Direct Negative from Germany (BVMD)

No alternative motion

Votes:
In favour: 36
Against: 14
Abstain: 6

Result: motion passes with a simple majority

Chair: We ask to take the break between the plenaries a bit earlier. Because of the presentation and the OC needs the room for a moment.

Plenary adjourned at 17:50 pm

Opening at 19:39 pm
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57 votes in the room.
The voting devices will be handed out.

**Motion 25 (Proposal 37) 19:47**
9.2.2a Evaluate the quality of candidates for IFMSA Projects, and the extent to which they meet the minimum criteria for IFMSA Projects as defined in the Bylaws.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 26 (Proposal 38) 19:49

Reads: See proposal 38

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 27 (Proposal 39) 19:49

Reads: See proposal 39

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

Amendment: Slovenia (SloMSIC): 10.1.5. The international coordinator of an transnational project or initiative must meet the following requirements at the time of election:

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 28 (Proposal 40) 19:51

Reads: see proposal 40

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 29 (Proposal 41) 19:51**

Reads: See proposal 41

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 30 (Proposal 43) 19:52**

10.6.6. The Projects Support Division Director and where appropriate, the Project Proposal Review Committee shall review half-year reports submitted by endorsed projects, transnational projects and initiatives. This review shall be presented in written format to the General Assembly.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 31 (Proposal 44) 19:52**

10.3.2. IFMSA Transnational Projects will receive a number of benefits from the IFMSA, including:

d. A maximum of two additional early registration places at each General Assembly, outside of any National Member Organisation’s quota. These places shall be distributed at the discretion of the international project coordinator to two different participating NMOs and/or Organisations. This will be done in consultation with the Projects Support Division Director and the Executive Board.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 32 (Proposal 45) 19:53**

Reads: See proposal 45

**Tabled by:** (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

**Seconded by:** Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 33 (Proposal 46) 19:53**

Reads: See proposal 46

**Tabled by:** (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

**Seconded by:** Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 34 (Proposal 47) 19:54**

Remove 10.3.11. and change to Section 10.9 Sustaining and improving the quality of IFMSA Projects

10.9.9 The Projects Support Division Director may investigate a project if there is a complaint about any project or project coordinator from two National Member Organisations, two Officials or one organisation in official relation with IFMSA. The Project Support Division Director will report on this to the Executive Board, who may then appoint a new Transnational Project Coordinator or Initiative Coordinator or remove the status of a project at their discretion.

**Tabled by:** (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

**Seconded by:** Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
Motion 35 (Proposal 48) 19:54

Read: Proposal 48

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 36 (Proposal 49) 19:55

Read: Proposal 49

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 37 (Proposal 50) 19:55

Read: See proposal 50

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 38 (Proposal 51) 19:56

10.6.5. All IFMSA projects that fail to present a half-year report by deadline as written in the bylaws will have a motion tabled at the subsequent general assembly to remove their IFMSA status.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)
No further amendments.  
No direct negatives.  

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

19:56 Nigeria (NiMSA) enters the room

Motion 39 (Proposal 52) 19:56

10.6.6. The Projects Support Division Director and where appropriate, the Project Proposal Review Committee shall review half-year reports submitted by endorsed projects, transnational projects and initiatives. This review shall be presented in written format to the General Assembly. 
Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director) 
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo) 

No further amendments.  
No direct negatives.  

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 40 (Proposal 53) 19:56

Addition of: 10.6.8 Projects, whose half-year reports are not adopted by the General Assembly, will immediately lose their IFMSA status. 

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director) 
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo) 

No further amendments.  
No direct negatives.  

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 41 (Proposal 54) 19:57

Read: See proposal 54 

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director) 
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo) 

No further amendments.  
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 42 (Proposal 55) 19:57

Read: See proposal 55

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 43 (Proposal 56) 19:58

10.8.5. All coordinators of official IFMSA Projects shall submit a summary fact sheet and one-page narrative executive summary to the Director of the Project Support Division and the Director of the New Technologies Support Division by the 1st of November every year. It is the responsibility of the coordinators of IFMSA Official Projects to provide the Directors of the Project Support Division and New Technology Support Division with updated versions of this as required.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 44 (Proposal 57) 19:58

10.9.6 The tasks of the review committee shall be:
h. To advise the Director of the Projects Support Division which category (initiative, transnational project, endorsed project) is suitable for a project to be recognized, or whether the category of an existing IFMSA project shall be changed.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
Motion 45 (Proposal 58) 19:59

10.9.7 If the review committee advised the Director of Projects Support Division not to table a particular endorsed project, transnational project or initiative for recognition and another party chooses to table it instead, the Director of the Projects Support Division shall make a point of information, summarizing the comments from the review committee.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA – Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 46 (Proposal 59) 19:59

10.9.10. Any official project and/or project coordinator that violates the constitution and/or the bylaws will have their project status and/or project coordinator role suspended immediately and undergo an investigation lead by the Projects Support Division Director with the support of the Projects Proposal Review Committee. The outcome of this investigation will be presented at the subsequent General Assembly upon when there will be a decision regarding the official status of the project.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA – Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

20:00 Peru (IFMSA Peru) leaves the plenary (56 votes in the room).

Motion 47 (Proposal 60) 20:00

13.4.9. At least one copy of candidature documents of candidates for IFMSA Official positions, Honorary Life Membership, IFMSA membership, hosts for next General Assembly meeting, IFMSA Endorsed projects and Transnational projects and IFMSA Initiatives shall be filed in the archives of the General Secretariat after General Assembly Meeting, when it applies.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 48 (Proposal 61) 20:00**

16.2.2. The tasks of the Liaison Officers are to:
  
d. Support national, endorsed and transnational projects and initiatives upon request.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 49 (Proposal 77) 20:01**

10.3.2. IFMSA Transnational Projects will receive a number of benefits from the IFMSA, including:
  
b. The use of the text “IFMSA Transnational Project” in project material.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 50 (Proposal 78) 20:02**

9.2.2e Present in co-operation with the IFMSA Executive Board a report with the updated list of projects, grants and events (both official and non-official) that commit IFMSA legally, to every General Assembly. A short summary of each project, grant and event should be presented to the General Assembly. The summary must include:
  
I. An interim financial report up until the first day of the GA and an interim budget for the next six months provided by the project Coordinator

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Peru (IFMSA Peru) returns to the plenary (57 votes in the room).

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**Motion 51 (Proposal 79) 20:02**

10.3.5. The candidature must contain:
b. A scanned completed candidature form signed and stamped by the Presidents of all the involved Organisations.

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 52 (Proposal 62) 20:03**

2.8.1 The annual membership fee for member organizations of IFMSA will be calculated by the following function:

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MF = 10 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{GNI}{capita}} + 150 + 0.012 \cdot \frac{GNI}{capita} - 90
\]

Tabled by: Treasurer
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

No further amendments.

Direct Negative from Australia (AMSA)
No alternative motion.

Votes:
In favour: 43
Against: 7
Abstain: 6

Result: motion passes with simple majority.

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**Motion 53 (Proposal 62) 20:06**

2.8.2. The maximum fee which a member organization can pay will be capped at €2,330
and will be subject to inflation per annum. Inflation will be based on the latest yearly average inflation of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries available and it will exclude food and energy prices. Countries with a population of less than one million inhabitants shall pay half of the fee calculated above and countries with a population of less than half a million shall pay one quarter of the fee calculated above.

Tabled by: IFMSA Treasurer
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

Amendment: Canada-Quebec, IFMSA-Quebec: remove the part about countries with one million inhabitants.

Point of Information:
IFMSA Treasurer: I will refuse, so we can vote.

Proposer does not accept the amendment.

Vote on the amendment to remove one million inhabitants:
In favour: 34
Against: 19
Abstain: 3

Result: amendment added to the original motion.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Motion 54 (Proposal 62) 20:09

2.8.4. An associate member shall pay the same fees as that of a full member. A 50% discount will be applied on the first year’s membership fee of a new full or associate member.

Tabled by: IFMSA Treasurer
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Motion 55 (Proposal 62) 20:10

To delete bylaw 2.8.6. and renumber accordingly.

Tabled by: IFMSA Treasurer
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 56 (Proposal 62) 20:10

TO ADD and renumber accordingly

4.6.1. For General Assembly registration purposes, the member organizations of IFMSA are divided into six categories according to the gross national income per capita of their countries:

- A: 0 - 500 USD
- B: 501 - 2,000 USD
- C: 2,001 - 5,000 USD
- D: 5,001 - 12,500 USD
- E: 12,501 - 20,000 USD
- F: 20,001 and over USD

Tabled by: IFMSA Treasurer
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 57 (Proposal 62) 20:11

14.6.3. Following the categorization used for General Assemblies in bylaw 4.6.1, delegates from A, B and C category countries are eligible for the Travel Assistance Fund. Up to two delegates from a National Member Organization can apply for the Travel Assistance Fund. This National Member Organization must decide which delegates are the applicants for the Travel Assistance Fund. National Member Organization applying for Travel Assistance Fund can only send a total of three delegates to the General Assembly Meeting. A third delegate can apply for Travel Assistance Fund if a Standing Committee Director invited him/her with a letter of recommendation.

Tabled by: treasurer
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 58 (Proposal 17) 20:12

Reads: To add bylaw 3.11.12

Tabled by: Spain (IFMSA-Spain)
Seconded by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Direct Negative from Tunisia (ASSOCIA-MED): We just think that we have to work more on these bylaws and make a better one on the AM.

No alternative motion

Vote:
In favour: 35
Against: 14
Abstain: 7

Result: Motion passes by two thirds majority

Motion 59 (Proposal 6) 20:15

Remove «e-Vagus» from IFMSA Bylaws 7.2.5c, 9.4.1, 9.4.3

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

Question: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): could you please explain this?
Explanation: e-Vagus has not been used the last years. We are still looking for a different option. For now it should be removed.

Direct Negative from Germany (BVMD): I can understand if it is not of use to inform the internals. We have a bylaw stating we need such a device to have internal contact. I would suggest to suspense the bylaw and have until the AM to think of another option. You will not forget, but I would just like it as a remembrance.

No alternative motion

Vote:
In favour: 36
Against: 18
Abstain: 2

Result: motion passes with a simple majority

Motion 60 (Proposal 33) 20:20

To amend 3.12.13.d. to “IFMSA Transnational Projects and Initiatives: 3 minutes speaking time and 2 minutes for questions”

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)
Seconded by: Jordan (IFMSA - Jo)
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

**Result:** Motion passes with a two-third majority

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**Motion 61 (Proposal 15) 20:22**

To add bylaw 3.12.3.: “A Candidate for any EB position is required to document all the information they provide in their Curriculum Vitae in order to confirm the veracity of their statements. All documentation must be translated to English and attached to the candidate’s application form.”

**Tabled by:** Denmark (IMCC)

**Seconded by:** Norway (NiMSA)

**Explanation:** we made 2 proposals. It is just two different places in the bylaws, but the same change. There are very long CV’s. we want to honest and equal competition and transparency. So we can chose based on more equal grounds.

**Amendment:** Denmark (IMCC): after discussion: more specific. How to document. Changed the wording to proper English. Adding 3 points.

To add bylaw 3.12.3., In order to confirm the veracity of certain Curriculum Vitae items, a candidate for any EB position should provide written evidence for the following achievements. The documentation should preferably be translated to English and must be attached to the Candidate’s application form. The following must be documented in the way described:- Positions held in the Candidate’s NMO: A written confirmation signed and stamped by the NMO President. If the Candidate is the NMO President, the confirmation must be signed by a suitable alternative,- Research-related experience: Letters of recommendation from the supervisors, or references to publications authored by the Candidate,- Internships: Letter of recommendation or similar from the supervisors.

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

**Amendment:** Iraq (IFMSA-Iraq/Kurdistan): experiences are not just restricted to these 2 items. To add the word e.g., if there are other forms of activities, they shouldn’t be excluded.

Proposer does not accept the amendment

**Vote on the amendment of Iraq (IFMSA-Iraq/Kurdistan):**
- In favour: 23
- Against: 27
- Abstain: 6

**Result:** amendment is not incorporated in the original motion.

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes by two-third majority.

20:25 Colombia (ASCEMCOL) leaves the room.

Motion 62 (Proposal 16) 20:27

To add bylaw 3.12.8.d.: “A Candidate for any TO position is required to document all the information they provide in their Curriculum Vitae in order to confirm the veracity of their statements. All documentation must be translated to English and attached to the candidate’s application form.”

Tabled by: Denmark (IMCC)
Seconded by: Norway (NiMSA)

Explanation: Denmark (IMCC): same thing as explained for motion 61, except for the TO instead of EB.

Amendment: Denmark (IMCC) same as before.

To add bylaw 3.12.8.d., in order to confirm the veracity of certain Curriculum Vitae items, a candidate for any TO position should provide written evidence for the following achievements. The documentation should preferably be translated to English and must be attached to the Candidate’s application form. The following must be documented in the way described:- Positions held in the Candidate’s NMO: A written confirmation signed and stamped by the NMO President. If the Candidate is the NMO President, the confirmation must be signed by a suitable alternative,- Research-related experience: Letters of recommendation from the supervisors, or references to publications authored by the Candidate,- Internships: Letter of recommendation or similar from the supervisors.

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes with two-third majority

Motion 63 (Proposal 64) 20:32

To have bylaw 12.1 read as follows:
12.1. Members
12.1.1. The Supervising Council shall consist of five members and at no time less than three members.
12.1.2. The Supervising Council shall consist of: a. A minimum of one IFMSA member. b. Up to two Members from external organizations.
12.1.3. The members of the Supervising Council are not allowed to currently hold an elected or appointed position within the IFMSA, or to have held such a position in the year immediately
preceding that of their election.

12.1.4. Each National Member Organization can only be represented by one person in the Supervising Council.

12.1.6. A members of the Supervising Council does not have to be a medical student, and does not have to be member of a National Member Organization (exception on 5.1.2 a and b).

Tabled by: Canada-Quebec (IFMSA-Quebec)
Seconded by: Denmark (IMCC)

Explanation: Canada-Quebec (IFMSA-Quebec): this is part of the Sup Co reform, so we’re proposing a small part of what we were proposing. The rest will be worked on. Lot of other opinions will be input. This one so at AM candidatures will work well with the rest of the proposals.

Question: Slovenia (SloMSIC): 12.1.3.: now we have two members of the Sub Co who were Officials one year before. This is not possible with now.

Answer: this problem will always be encountered. To prevent this, we will hand in a procedural motion to suspend the bylaw until the GA.

No further amendments.

Direct negative: Lebanon (LeMSIC): from discussions at the Presidents session.

No alternative motion

Votes:
In favour: 25
Against: 18
Abstain: 13

Result: motion passes with a simple majority

Motion 64 (Proposal 65) 20:34

Reads: see proposal 65 of Bylaw changes compilation

Tabled by: Canada-Quebec, IFMSA-Quebec
Seconded by: Denmark (IMCC)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 65 (Proposal 18) 20:35

Read: proposal 18
Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: the Netherlands IFMSA-the Netherlands

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Motion 66 (Proposal 19) 20:35

Read: proposal 19

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Motion 67 (Proposal 20) 20:36

Read: proposal 20
To become 13.5.2 – 13.5.3 and to renumber the bylaws from the point 13 accordingly

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Motion 68 (Proposal 21, 22, 27 and 32) 20:37

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)
Read: proposal 21, 22, 27 and 32

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
Motion 69 (Proposal 23) 20:37

Read: proposal 23

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes with two-third majority

Motion 70 (Proposal 24) 20:38

Read: proposal 24

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes with a two-third majority

Motion 71 (Proposal 25) 20:38

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority.

Motion 72 (Proposal 26) 20:39

To delete bylaw 3.12.11 (proposal 26)
3.12.11. E-mails in which used candidatures are attached must be kept for archiving for two years after the election has taken place to keep proof of the postmark.

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes with a two-third majority.

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**Motion 73 (proposal 31), 20:39**

To change bylaw 12.2.2:
12.2.2. Candidatures have to be sent to the General Secretariat at the latest on 1st May. **The time stamp of the E-mail will be used as indication of the date.** If no candidatures are received for a certain post in the Supervising Council, it will be possible to candidate for this position until two days before the day of the elections.

_Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)_
_Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)_

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Motion 74 (Proposal 28, 29 and 30) 20:40**

_Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)_
_Seconded by: The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)_

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Procedural motion P4 20:41**

To suspend bylaw 12.1.3. (which was just adopted) to the next General Assembly, August 1st. In order to keep the Supervising Council working.

_Tabled by: Canada-Quebec (IFMSA-Quebec)_
_Seconded by: Slovenia (SloMSIC)_

_Point of Information:_
Kyrgyzstan (MSPA Kyrgyzstan): if we suspend the bylaw till the beginning of the AM, if will make the members of the current Sup Co.
Quebec: will do it till the 1st of October and the EB should keep in mind that it will go in action for the new Sub Co members.

Amendment: Kyrgyzstan (MSPA Kyrgyzstan) to 1st October.
Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Vote on P4:
In favour: 49
Against: 5
Abstain: 2

Result: motion passes by two-thirds majority.

Point of Information:
Chile (IFMSA-Chile): statement, which is not to be repeated in the minutes.
Chairperson stops the statement: this is not suitable for the plenary. It can be said during the Presidents session. This is an interpersonal conflict.

20. Adoption of the changes of status of National Member Organizations, and admission of new National Member Organizations

Motion 75 20:50
To accept Kenya, MSAKE as full member of IFMSA.

Tabled by: Kenya (MSAKE)
Seconded by: OK Ethiopia (EMSA)

No further amendments. No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 76 20:50
To accept LMSA, Libya as full member of IFMSA.

Tabled by: Libya (LMSA)
Seconded by: Bahrain (IFMSA-BH)

No further amendments. No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 77 20:51
To accept Uganda (FUMSA) as full member of IFMSA.
Tabled by: Uganda (FUMSA)
Seconded by: Sweden (IFMSA-Sweden)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

20:52 Colombia (ASCEMCOL) returns to the plenary.

Motion 78 20:52
To change the status of Venezuela (FEVESOCEM) to full member of IFMSA.

Tabled by: Gabriela Noles (RC Americas)
Seconded by: Mexico (IFMSA-Mexico)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Voting rights of the recent full members
Uganda and Kenya gain voting rights
59 votes in the room.

Point of Information:
Germany (BVMD): because it is only 21:00 if we can change some points to today, so we have more points at the other plenaries?
Chair: I agree. We will have an informal vote. Result: Majority would like to proceed, so we continue.

Motion 79 20:55
To accept India (MSAI) as Candidate member of IFMSA.

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Grenada (IFMSA - Grenada)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
Point of Information:
IFMSA VPI: IFMSA has now reached a hundred countries!

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Motion 80 20:57

To accept Haiti (AHEM) as Candidate member of IFMSA.

Tabled by: IFMSA EB
Seconded by: Germany (BVMD)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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Point of Information: VPI: we now have 101 countries, with 108 NMOs, 87 are full members, 7 associate members and 14 candidate members!

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Break to prepare presentation from 21:00 - 21:27.

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Procedural motion P5 21:27

To change the agenda:
To move points
21. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA projects
22. Report of the Projects Support Division of the projects, grants and events that commit IFMSA legally
24. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the IFMSA projects, Support Divisions and Task Forces.
25. Adoption of the reports of IFMSA taskforces of the agenda to todays session

And to delete points
26 Presentation of next years’ Factor F
32 Adoption of next year’s factor F
Of the agenda

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Oman (SQU - MSG)
Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes by two thirds majority.

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21. Adoption of the reports of the IFMSA projects
**Motion 81 21:28**

To adopt all of the reports of the IFMSA projects that were submitted.

**Tabled by:** (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

**Seconded by:** Mexico (IFMSA-Mexico)

**Explanation:** Projects that are closed
- International campaign on Malaria
- Anti-TB campaign
- Tobacco project

**Question:** The Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands): we are voting on something that we haven’t seen. Normally you get a written report that you can read what the results are.

**Answer:** It hasn’t been sent out.

Chair: We will show it now.
Presentation of the project report by Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director.

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

**Result:** Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Announcements**
For the people that have written an amendment, please give them to the Secretary at the end of the meeting. Thank you.
And please clean up after yourself at the end of the meeting.

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**22. Report of the Projects Support Division of the projects, grants and events that commit IFMSA legally**

**Motion 82 21:38**

To adopt the report of the IFMSA Project Support Division Director on projects, grants and events that commit IFMSA legally.

**Tabled by:** (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

**Seconded by:** Kuwait (KuMSA)

**Explanation:** only irregularity sum of 800,000 US Dollar

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

24. Adoption of the reports of IFMSA taskforces

Motion 83 21:38

To adopt the report from the taskforce on External Representation

Tabled by: Quebec
Seconded by: Switzerland (swimsa)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

25. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the Standing Committees, Support Divisions and Task Forces

No changes.

Announcement:
Ghana (FGMSA) and the whole delegation: quick as a response to the statement before. We hope you enjoy the rest of your stay here. Please approach us if you have problems. We do our best to make you feel at home. Thank you for doing your best. Thank you for being here.
Vice Chair: Please approach me:

Chairperson adjourned the plenary session at 09:51 pm
Minutes of the Fourth Plenary Session of the 61th March Meeting

Date: 7th of March, 2012
Venue: Accra, Ghana
Opening: 19:44 pm
Adjournment: 23:45 pm

Chairperson: Dr. Goran Mijaljica (alumnus CroMSIC, Croatia)
Vice-chairperson: Mr. Alexandre Moser (swimsa, Switzerland)
Secretary: Ms. Naomi Begemann (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands)
Secretary Assistants: Mr. Agostinho Emanuel Sousa (PorMSIC, Portugal)
Ms. Ana Gloria Garcia Rodriguez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Returning Officer: Mr. Diego Raul Mendoza Diaz (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Rael Garcia Gomez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Matieusz Kolator (Poland, IFMSA-Poland)

Items on the Agenda:
25. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the IFMSA Projects
26. Election of the Executive Board 2012-2013
27. Election of the host organization for the March Meeting 2013

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**Point of Information:** IFMSA Executive Board: A statement regarding the election process and equality of all candidates.

**Point of Information:** CCC: Colombia and Kyrgyzstan have gained voting rights.

**Point of Information:** Amount of money found.

**Point of Information:** Statement: The CCC wants to clarify their decision yesterday to rule the motion from AMSA-Australia to form a task force on voting procedures invalid according to bylaw 11.1.2. Yesterday, it seemed that some NMO’s felt discontent with the decision of the CCC and the means by which we reached our decision. As you know, there was procedural motion to change the agenda from yesterday’s plenary to include some motions that were scheduled for plenary 4. Because of that, we as the CCC were forced to work on the spot to see if the proposed motions violated any of the bylaws and ultimately we were unable to give adequate notice to AMSA-Australia before the plenary that their motion was invalid and were forced to do so in the plenary. It is unfortunate that we were forced to do that, for the motion could have been amended before the plenary, but due to the change in agenda, that was not possible. If there is any further discontent with the CCC, please feel free to approach our desk or find us in the plenary team room and we would be happy to speak with you.
Procedural motion P6 20:02

To reopen point 23 of the Agenda: Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the Standing Committees, Support Divisions and Task Forces

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Jamaica (JAMSA)
Explanation: This is about the SWG we talked about this morning. We want it to be a TF on the Financial Report of AM Macedonia.

No questions
No amendments
No Direct Negative

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority

23. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the Standing Committees, Support Divisions and Task Forces

Motion 84 20:05

To open a Taskforce on the Financial Report AM2009 (proposal attached in handwriting)

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Kyrgyzstan (MSPA Kyrgyzstan)

Amendments: none.
Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 85 21:05

That the assembly supports the creation of a “Taskforce on voting procedures” to investigate and provide recommendations to the Assembly on the IFMSA Bylaws regarding the voting procedure of the assembly.

Tabled by: Australia (AMSA)
Seconded by: Spain (IFMSA-Spain)

Explanation: we discussed this morning. We have prepared a motion for both a TF and SWG, so it is up to you which one you vote.

No questions.
No amendments.

**Direct Negative from Lebanon (LeMSIC) to move to a vote**

No alternative motion

**Votes:**
- In favour: 43
- Against: 11
- Abstain: 9

Result: motion passes with a simple majority

**Point of Order:** Jordan (IFMSA - Jo): point 23 reopened. This should contain some things according to the bylaws.

CCC: The new motion is valid.

25. Changes to the status (opening and closing) of the IFMSA projects

25.1 Closure of IFMSA Projects

**Motion 86 20:11**

To close ASPIS transnational project.

*Tabled by:* (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

*Seconded by:* United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

**Explanation:** The project failed.

Amendments: none.

Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

**Motion 87 20:11**

To close International campaign on malaria transnational project

*Tabled by:* Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director

*Seconded by:* Philippines (AMSA-Philippines)

**Explanation:** Has been inactive for over 1,5 years.

Amendments: none.
Motion 88 20:12
To close Anti-TB transnational project

Tabled by: Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director
Seconded by: Bahrain (IFMSA-BH)

Explanation: Has been inactive for 1.5 years.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 89 20:13
To change the status of the «International student network on ageing and health» (ISNAH) from transnational to endorsed project

Tabled by: Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director
Seconded by: Peru (IFMSA Peru)

Explanation: Only one NMO not transnational.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 90 20:13
To change the status «Residency Database» from transnational to endorsed project

Tabled by: Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director
Seconded by: Spain (IFMSA-Spain)

Explanation: Use to be both in HelmSIC and Spain, only one NMO, no transnational, but endorsed.

Amendments: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

**Motion 91** 20:14

To change the status of «Orphanage initiative project» from transnational to endorsed project

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

Seconded by: Norway (NIpMSA)

Explanation: Norway and Romania, now only Romania transnational -> endorsed

No questions

Amendments: none.

Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

25.3 Adoption of projects applying for status of Transnational Projects.

**Motion 92** 20:15

To adopt the project “Men’s issues” as IFMSA transnational project

Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director)

Seconded by: Estonia, EstMSA

No explanation: Presented yesterday. Proposal amended this morning.

No questions

Amendment: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director): Preliminary accepted.

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

Amendments: none.

Direct negative: The Netherlands, IFMSA-the Netherlands: First of all, we do really like this project and like to see it put into practice. But we don’t see the added value as we already have missles and mist breasttestis.

No alternative motion

Vote:

In favour: 34
Result: Motion passes with a simple majority

Motion 93 20:18
To adopt the project “Feed with love” as IFMSA transnational project
Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director
Seconded by: Oman (SQU - MSG)
Explanation: Presidents have seen this report
Amendment: To accept it as preliminary transnational project.
Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.
Amendments: none.
Direct negative: none.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 94 20:19
To adopt the project “International medical education days” as IFMSA transnational project
Tabled by: (Phillip Pinhan Chao, IFMSA Projects Support Division Director
Seconded by: Lithuania (LiMSA)
Amendment: Preliminary
Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.
Amendments: none.
Direct negative: none.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

25.4 Adoption of projects applying for status of Initiative project
Next motion will be about “IFMSA Global Health Equity”
Explanation: presentation of the project. (through informal vote accepted).
Point of Information: Chair will not allow any candidates of presidents to present on the day of candidature.

Explanation is through video.

Point of Information: Chairperson: Returning officers give one piece of paper to the presidents with voting rights.

Questions: Iran (IFMSA - Iran): thank you for the video. This gives more the aims of the project, but now how this works.

Point of Information: VPI: There was a presentation made this morning. Questions then would have been more appropriate

Answer: raising general awareness, external representation (education, activities, external representation.

No more questions.

Motion 95 20:30
To adopt the “IFMSA Global Health Equity” as an Initiative of IFMSA, pending suggested changes to be revised by the PPRC.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Philippines (AMSA-Philippines)

Amendments: none.
Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Motion 96 20:31
To adopt the “Think Global (Phase V)” as an Initiative of IFMSA

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)

Amendments: none.
Direct negative: none.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

Chair: all candidates to the back

Point of information: Bahrain (IFMSA-BH): Dear NMO Presidents, colleagues, and friends,
As you recall last year, I came up and spoke about the crisis that had been occurring during the Arab Spring in Libya, and Egypt. However this time I speak of a crisis that has still lingered, and reached new heights.
Refugees: Turkey: 8000 at camps, 5000 with family and friends, Lebanon over 2000, Jordan over 6000, and 50,000 displaced within Syria.
There are 50,000 wounded, and 20,000 with perm disability.

For this I ask all NMOs to give a moment of silence for the victims of such horrible atrocities.
What can be done to help these populations? The least we can do is have a moment of silence for all those will die in this horrible, horrible war.

Thank you for your support and this moment of consideration.

Point of Information: Secretary assistant: we are going to vote in a different way. You are going to use more buttons

Peru (IFMSA Peru) has left the room during the voting on the candidates.

Chairperson: Put the white paper you received in front of you, folded in half.

26. Election of the Executive Board 2012-2013

Chair: Keep the doors closed. No one can leave or enter the room.

At 20:39 pm the voting start.

Point of Order: CCC: observer in the room

Point of Order: Denmark (IMCC) We saw the results of the president. It influences the next votes. It may change your vote for the next ones.

Point of Order: Norway (NiMSA): Can we have an informal vote to have a revote or not?
Chair: No need to do that.
Point of Information: CCC: 3.11.10

Chair: There will be a revote. Silence.
At 20:48 pm re vote starts.

Break of 5 minutes in order to sort out the votes and slides. In favor of a short break through an informal vote.

CCC: We need 32 votes for an absolute majority
The results are given at 21:08

**Point of Information:** Germany (BVMD) Talk about voting with own NMO.
**Point of Information:** Jordan (IFMSA - Jo): We go on with the vote for the VPI.
Chair: We first revote on VPI and then have a break to discuss and do a second round.

Chair: One president per NMO.
Second round of voting for the second round starts at

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**26.1 Election of President:**
- Mr. Ramon Lorenzo Luis R. Guinto (Philippines, AMSA-Philippines)
- Ms. Roopa Dhatt (United States of America, AMSA-USA)

**Votes:**
Mr. Ramon Lorenzo Luis R. Guinto: 26
Ms. Roopa Dhatt: 35
Against both: 1
Abstain: 0

**Result:** Roopa Dhatt is elected as President 2012-2013.
Candidate accepts.

**26.2 Election of Vice-President of Internal affairs:**
- Ms. Javiera Brierley Vera (Chile, IFMSA-Chile)
- Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani (Kuwait, KuMSA)
- Mr. Luka Kovač (Slovenia, SloMSIC)

**Votes:**
Ms. Javiera Brierley Vera: 16
Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani: 30
Mr. Luka Kovač: 17
Against both: 0
Abstain: 0

Total of 63 votes: Invalid.

Second round 21:20
Votes:
Ms. Javiera Brierley Vera: 15
Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani: 29
Mr. Luka Kovač: 17
Against both: 0
Abstain: 1

No one elected.
Second round between Lujain Al-Qodmani and Luka Kovac

Votes:
Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani: 39
Mr. Luka Kovač: 23
Against both: 0
Abstain: 0

Result: Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani is elected as Vice-President of Internal affairs 2012-2013.
Chair: does Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani accept this appointment?
Ms. Lujain accepts.

26.3 Election of Vice-President of External affairs:
• Mr. Christopher Pleyer (Austria, AMSA)
• Mr. Yassen Tcholakov (Canada, CFMS)
• Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq (Norway, IFMSA-Norway)

Votes:
Mr. Christopher Pleyer: 22
Mr. Yassen Tcholakov: 17
Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq: 20
Against both: 0
Abstain: 3

No absolute majority, so no result yet.
Second round at 21:34

Votes:
Mr. Christopher Pleyer: 28
Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq: 31
Against both: 2
Abstain: 1

Result: Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq is elected as Vice-President of External affairs 2012-2013.
Chair: does Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq accept this appointment.
Mr. Usman Ahmad Mushtaq accepts.
26.4 Election of Secretary General:
- Mr. Alexandre Moser (Switzerland, swimsa)
- Ms. Mirjana Spasojevic (Serbia, IFMSA-Serbia)

Votes:
Mr. Alexandre Moser: 35
Ms. Mirjana Spasojevic: 25
Against both: 1
Abstain: 1

Result: Alexandre Moser is elected as Secretary General 2012-2013.
Chair: Does Mr. Alexandre Moser accept this appointment?
Mr. Alexandre Moser cries, accepts and will try the most with his English.

26.5 Election of Treasurer:
- Ms. Andreea-Mihaela Rosca (Romania, FASMR)

Votes:
In favor of Ms. Andreea-Mihaela Rosca: 20
Against: 38
Abstain: 4

Result: is not elected as Treasurer 2012-2013.
There will be another call for candidates for the AM. The election will be done at the AM.

27. Election of the host organization for the March Meeting 2013

Point of Information: Secretary assistant: Yes, no and abstain. Not the numbers.

Vote started at 20:57
Results 21:15

27.1 Election of the host of the March Meeting 2013:
- United States of America (AMSA - USA)

Votes:
In favor: 61
Against: 1
Abstain: 0

Result: United States of America (AMSA - USA) is elected as host of the March Meeting 2013.
Chair: Does United States of America (AMSA - USA) accept?
President of United States of America (AMSA - USA) accepts on behalf of his NMO

The following EB will be:
Ms. Roopa Dhatt as President
Mr. Usman Al Mushtaq as VPI
Ms. Lujain Al-Qodmani as VPE
Mr. Alexandre Moser as Secretary General.

Chairperson adjourned the plenary session at 11:45pm
Minutes of the Fifth Plenary Session of the 61th March Meeting

Date: 8th of March, 2012
Venue: Accra, Ghana
Opening: 19:39 pm
Adjournment: 21:35 pm

Chairperson: Dr. Goran Mijaljica (alumnus CroMSIC, Croatia)
Vice-chairperson: Mr. Alexandre Moser (swimsa, Switzerland)
Secretary: Ms. Naomi Begemann (IFMSA-the Netherlands, the Netherlands)
Secretary Assistants: Mr. Agostinho Emanuel Sousa (PorMSIC, Portugal)
Ms. Ana Gloria Garcia Rodriguez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Returning Officer: Mr. Diego Raul Mendoza Diaz (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Rael Garcia Gomez (IFMSA-Mexico, Mexico)
Mr. Matieusz Kolator (Poland, IFMSA-Poland)

Items on the Agenda:
28. Terminate the contract with the host for the AM 2012, Dubai
29. Report of the IFMSA President on the status of the IFMSA Board of Recommendation
30. Adoption and changes to the IFMSA Policy Statements
31. Adoption of amendments to the IFMSA budget 2012-2013
32. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2009 in Macedonia
33. Presentation of Factor F for 2012-2013
34. Adoption of Factor F for 2012-2013
35. Adoption of the report of the Financial Committee
36. Adoption of the final report of the Constitution Credential Committee
37. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2011 in Denmark
38. Any other business
39. Closure of the meeting

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**Statement:**

Chair: It was brought to my attention that some IFMSA Officials were commenting on certain procedures at Plenary III. If there are any comments regarding the procedures at the Plenary, please express yourself during the meeting and not afterwards.

**Point of Information:**

First revote during last plenary was done because of a person entering the room, contrary to the instructions of the Chairperson. Although not specified in the Bylaws when using voting devices, I feel that Presidents should have some privacy when voting. The doors should be closed for that reason, and people should not move around Presidents while using voting devices. There was a point of Information by the CCC.
19:52 Ethiopia enters the room
19:53 Burkina Faso enters the room
59 votes in the room

**Procedural motion P7 19:53 to change the Agenda.**
Explanation by the IFMSA Vice-President on Internal Affairs.

To add 28. Termination the contract with Dubai, the host of the AM 2012.
To add 34. Presentation of F factor 2012-2013.
To add 35. Adoption of F Factor 2012-2013.
To the agenda. And renumber accordingly.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Kyrgyzstan

Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

**Result: Procedural motion passes by two thirds majority.**

19:54 Kuwait (KuMSA) enters the room
19:55 Iran (IFMSA - Iran) enters the room
19:55 Libya (LMSA) enters the room
19:56 Uganda (FUMSA) enters the room
63 voting rights in the room

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28. Termination of the contract with the host of the AM 2012, Dubai

**Point of Information:** Statement from Dubai, EMSS

Explanation of motion 97: we explained at the President Session that we don’t feel confident about Dubai hosting the IFMSA AM 2012.

No questions.

**Motion 97 19:58**

To terminate the General Assembly host contract with the AM2012 Dubai, UAE Organizing Committee.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Portugal (PorMSIC)

No further amendments.

**Direct Negative from Oman (SQU - MSG).**

No alternative motion.

**Point of Order:** IFMSA-the Netherlands: we would like to have a secret voting.
Chair: We will have a secret vote with electronic voting system if that is acceptable.
IFMSA-the Netherlands: Yes

Vote on terminating the contract:

In favour: 44
Against: 15
Abstain: 4

Result: motion passes with a simple majority
The contract with the OC of the AM 2012 has been terminated by the General Assembly.

Statement: the Netherlands (IFMSA-NL):

Point of Information: India: Dear presidents, this is going to be a statement of India that MSAI is willing to host the AM2012 in India, Mumbai.

Point of Information: United Arab Emirates (EMSS): Thank the EB for their support and patience. And the presidents. Wish the August Meeting all the best.

20:03 Bahrain (IFMSA-BH) enters the room
20:04 Mali (APS) enters the room
64 votes in the room.

29. Report of the IFMSA President on the status of the IFMSA Board of Recommendation
IFMSA President presents the report.

Motion 98 20:08
To adopt the report of the IFMSA President on the status of the IFMSA Board of Recommendation
Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Israel (FIMS)
No amendments.
No direct negatives.
Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

30. Adoption and changes of the IFMSA Policy Statements

Motion 99 20:08
To adopt all policy statements.
Point of Information: Germany (BVMD): we would like to vote on every policy statement one by one.
Chair: we will be voting on every policy statement separate.
Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by:

Germany (BVMD): can we vote on the policies one by one?

20:09 Peru (IFMSA Peru) leaves the room (63 votes in the room).

Motion 100 20:10
To adopt the attached policy statement on Refugees and Asylum Seekers
Tabled by: Australia (AMSA)
Seconded by: Denmark (IMCC)

Amendment: Australia (AMSA) add introduction.
(see annex for policy statement)

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes with a two-third majority

Motion 101 20:12
To adopt the attached policy statement ACCESSIBILITY TO MEDICAL EDUCATION. Ensuring Equitable Access to Medical Education for Students of Low Socioeconomic Status (SES)
Tabled by: IFMSA SCOME Director
Seconded by: Mexico (IFMSA-Mexico)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority.

Point of Order: Lebanon (LeMSIC): aren’t the Policy statements passed by 2/3 majority?
Chair: That is correct, it will be written correctly in the minutes.
20:13 Korea (KMSA) enters the room.

**Motion 102 20:12**

To adopt the IFMSA policy statement on Environmentally Sustainable Healthcare Facilities.

Tabled by: Taiwan (FMS-Taiwan)
Seconded by: Thailand (IFMSA-Thailand)

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

**Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority**

**Motion 103 20:14**

To adopt the IFMSA policy statement on Student Involvement and Engagement in Medical Education Process.

Tabled by: IFMSA SCOME Director
Seconded by: Uganda (FUMSA)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

**Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority**

**Motion 104 20:14**

To adopt the IFMSA Policy Statement Medical Students’ Statement Regarding Homophobia.

Tabled by: Switzerland (swimsa)
Seconded by: Slovakia (SloMSA)

Amendment: Canada (CFMS): past 2 days worked with the PS to make some amendments. No changes have been made to the context of the text Amendment in annex.

Proposer and seconder accept the amendment. Amendment is incorporated into the original motion.

No further amendments.
Direct Negative from Sudan (MedSIN-Sudan): We believe that the PS should be representing the whole IFMSA. It legalizes homosexuality. We agree with the policy statement, but if we accept it, it means we legalize homosexuality and then we will have a problem with our government. There are others who will have the same problems.

Point of Order: Germany (BVMD): we would like to have a secret vote.
Vote on adopting the policy statement Medical Students' Statement Regarding Homophobia:

In favour: 35  
Against: 25  
Abstain: 3

Result: Motion fails.

20:21 United Arab Emirates (EMSS) leaves the room: 62 votes in the room

Motion 105 20:21
To adopt the IFMSA Policy statement on Economic Governance and Health.

Tabled by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)  
Seconded by: Denmark (IMCC)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority

Motion 106 20:22
To adopt the IFMSA policy statement “Sustainable Development and Health”.

Tabled by: IFMSA LO to WHO Usman Al Mushtaq  
Seconded by: to be added by the Secretary General

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority

31. Adoption of amendments to the IFMSA budget 2012-2013

Explanation: IFMSA treasurer: we explained them in Presidents’ session. We are having another sponsor.

Motion 107 20:24
To adopt the amendment to the budget 2011/2012:

Income:
Add item: - E.7 Kaplan (€3.800)

Expenses:
- Remove items:
  - D.4.D. Membership Fee UKPHA (€15)
  - D.4.H. Young people for Global Health (€1000)
- Add items:
  - C.5.6. EB-Elect support-fund (€1000)
  - A.5.C Website Consultations (€1000)

Tabled by: IFMSA Treasurer
Seconded by: Tunisia (ASSOCIA-MED)

Amendment: IFMSA Treasurer Name of budget concerning the name of the Regional Coordinator.
Chair: Not possible, as this has nothing to do with the original motion.
Withdrawn

No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

20:26 Kyrgyzstan leaves the room (61 votes in the room).

32. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2009 in Macedonia

No motions tabled.

Point of Information: Switzerland (swimsa): I was wondering if we could now the outcome of the Financial committee?
Chair: I agree. Maybe the Financial committee can present it now and we will vote on it later.

20:31 Peru (IFMSA Peru) enters the room (62 votes in the room).

Procedural motion P8 20:31

To change the agenda to have point 33 after point 36 and renumber accordingly.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: to be added by the Secretary General

Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes nemo contra by 2/3 majority.
33. Presentation of Factor F 2012-2013

No change to last year it will be kept at 88 euros.

Point of Information: Chair: Changes to the bylaw will take place after the GA. Therefore we still have a factor F today. And it can be used today still.

34. Adoption of Factor F 2012-2013

Motion 108 20:35
To adopt next years’ Factor F 2012-2013

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Jamaica (JAMSA)
No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

35. Adoption of the report of the Financial Committee

It was presented this morning, but it was changed since then, so the change is presented by the Financial Committee.

Motion 109 20:38
To adopt the report of the Financial Committee.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Spain (IFMSA-Spain)
No further amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

33. Adoption of the financial report of the August Meeting 2011 in Denmark

Motion 110 20:40
To adopt the financial report of the AM2011 in Denmark.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board and financial committee
Seconded by: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt)
No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

The following bylaws are about suspending bylaws to prevent from having any problems with organizing from now on and having the AM 2012 take place. Length of the AM, number of delegation, Early Fee and such. Some measurements may be made if needed by the EB. This is only to make sure we don’t cross any bylaws while organizing the August Meeting.

**Procedural motion P9 20:41**

To suspend bylaw 4.1.1. until the end of the August Meeting 2012.

Tabled by: Germany (BVMD)
Seconded by: IFMSA-the Netherlands

Direct Negative from Slovenia (SloMSIC): suspending bylaws is a final result so I would like the NMOs to rethink the subject.

Vote on suspending bylaw 4.1.1.:

In favour: 44
Against: 10
Abstain: 8

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority

**Procedural motion P10 20:45**

To suspend bylaw 4.3.3. until the end of the August Meeting 2012.

Tabled by: Germany (BVMD)
Seconded by: the Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands)

Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes by two-thirds majority.

**Procedural motion P11 20:46**

To suspend bylaw 4.4.1. until the end of the August Meeting 2012.

Tabled by: Germany (BVMD)
Seconded by: IFMSA-the Netherlands
Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes by two-thirds majority.

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**Procedural motion P12 20:46**

To suspend bylaw 4.6.6. until the end of the August Meeting 2012.

Tabled by: Germany (BVMD)
Seconded by: IFMSA-the Netherlands

Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes by two-thirds majority.

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**Procedural motion P13 20:47**

To suspend bylaw 4.6.1.a. until the end of the August Meeting 2012.

Question: Switzerland (swimsa): Can we suspend only 4.6.1.a., because otherwise we will suspend a lot.
Answer: CCC: We found it better to suspend the whole bylaw. They might include the other points with the contract with the OC. So all the other points will be included in the contract.

Point of Information: EB: 2 parts of that bylaw that we needed in order to suspend the right once. The second one is halfway in a paragraph, which would leave us to suspend the whole bylaw anyway.

Point of Information: Germany (BVMD): I want to make sure that it is stated in the minutes that we have to suspend the whole bylaw. But that part of point a) and the rest of bylaw 4.6.1. should be inserted in the contract. And we only vote on it because that is happening.

Tabled by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)
Seconded by: Lebanon (LeMSIC)

Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes by two-thirds majority.

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**Procedural motion P14 20:50**

To suspend bylaw 4.6.2.b. until the end of the August Meeting 2012.

Point of Information: Germany (BVMD) like the previous bylaw: Travel assistant fund is in that part. That is needed for a lot of countries. Only the A+ found is changed to the contract, the rest will be inserted, because the countries need the assistance.
Tabled by: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Medsin-UK)  
Seconded by: Lebanon (LeMSIC)  
Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes by two-thirds majority.

21:02 Kyrgyzstan returns in the room (63 votes in the room).

37. Adoption of the final report of the Constitution Credential Committee

CCC presents the Final report of the CCC.

Point of Information: Chair: would like to only read out the rulings of the CCC, not all the outcomes of the March Meeting.

Point of Information: RC Europe: Question to CCC: In reference to the bylaw change proposal 64, referring to the bylaw 12.1, that was suspended by a procedural motion right after, I would like to know how does a bylaw change that needs to be suspended in order to avoid present irregularities during the coming months in the Federation doesn't reveal contradictions to the bylaws?

Point of Information: CCC: When we did review the motions we didn’t see any irregularities. Proposal 64 didn’t have any irregularities with the bylaws or constitutions.

Point of Information: RC Europe: You are taking decisions in the future included in the decision in the

Point of Information: 64 - there is no contradiction. Therefore it is allowed to pass.

Point of Information: RC Europe: does it 12.1, could the CCC confirm to me that it is in accordance with the change of proposal 64.

Point of Information: CCC: Yes

Motion 111 21:05

To adopt the final report of the Constitution Credentials Committee.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board  
Seconded by: IFMSA-the Netherlands

No further amendments.  
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.
38. Any other business

**Motion 112 21:06**

To adopt the new General Assembly host contract.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Serbia (IFMSA-Serbia)

No amendments.
No direct negatives.

Result: Motion passes nemo contra.

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**Announcement from Ghana (FGMSA), the host of MM 2012.**

Dear NMOs,

Tonight marks the end of yet another IFMSA General Assembly. Tonight marks the end of the first General Assembly of this kind in the African region of the IFMSA. It gives us great pride that IFMSA has finally completed its journey of having a General Assembly in all of its regions.

The following statement is simply to acknowledge the contribution of one of our own members, as an NMO and as an entire federation.

Africa as a region and a continent is full of potential for projects and for development. Although it is a continent with rich heritage, people living on the continent continuously face many obstacles, and as such, opportunities are not taken up, leaving a lot of work still to be done.

IFMSA member NMOs from the region are few and many of them are new and relatively weak. This first General Assembly of this kind in the region has for the first time, seen increased and diverse participation form the African NMOs. This is a foundation that we hope can be built upon. We hope that the only way on from here is forward for this region and its NMOs.

Having recognized the need to build on the platform provided by this General Assembly, an FGMSA and IFMSA Alumni has again decided to contribute to our beloved federation by providing a grant to further empower African NMOs, both in their projects and in travel assistance to IFMSA General Assembly March Meetings.

Dr. CJ Kaduru, one of FGMSA’s illustrious alumni has over the years been a strong pillar of support for our NMO, and has endlessly contributed to the IFMSA. Cj started his work in one of our local committees in SCOPE in 2005 and over the years, worked in SCOPE, SCOPH and on our national board. Internationally, he was IFMSA Regional Coordinator for Africa in 2008/2009, Vice President for Internal Affairs 2009/2010 and IFMSA President in 2010/2011. He continues to serve IFMSA, in a lesser role, through the Project Proposal Review Committee.
CJ may no longer be active in FGMSA and IFMSA, but his contributions in the past are recognized and his continued support for both our NMO and this federation, is there for all to see. By providing this double grant, one aspect of which supports projects being done in a country in the IFMSA African Region and the other aspect, which provides travel Assistance Fund for attendance of an IFMSA March Meeting, he again is seeking to empower NMOs to rise above some of their financial challenges, and focus on the work in their communities and at General Assemblies. This kind of work, which made us become a part of IFMSA in the first place.

We as FGMSA, would like to thank Dr Cj Kaduru. We would also like to ask that all of you as a federation, kindly acknowledge this added contribution to the work of the NMOs.

Thank you.”

Point of Information: IFMSA Treasurer: The bylaw changes will take effect immediately after the GA. I have calculated and invoiced the membership fees for 2012-2013 immediately.

Point of Information:
India (MSAI): Because we would like to organize the AM 2012 in India, Mumbai, we would like to share some information with you:

IFMSA - India, the largest represented medical students association in India and a very energetic young & brand new NMO of IFMSA wishes to state its willingness to host the General Assembly of IFMSA for the August Meeting.

Chair: Thank you, you will send it through email to all NMO’s.

Procedural motion P15:
To suspend 4.2.4. So we can vote on the bylaw, which stated that only a NMO which has been a member for more than a year can organise a GA. Just in case.

Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Tunisia (ASSOCIA-MED)

Put to a vote. No direct negatives.

Result: Procedural motion passes by two-thirds majority.

Point of Information: Egypt (IFMSA - Egypt): IFMSA-Egypt has been working on a concrete proposal to host an IFMSA General Assembly for 2 years now. Having said that doesn’t necessarily mean that we were sceptic about the Dubai OC abilities or their passionate will to host the GA. Giving the current circumstances and after the NMOs have made their decision. We have decided to step in to offer our best to help this federation to have the GA we all deserve.
Point of Information: Publications
Today we finally got our EMsite and projects bulletin. To make it easier for everyone. Please approach me between the plenary and the closing ceremony to gain one.

Point of Information: Denmark (IMCC): “This is a statement and announcement to the OC. In spite of the hardship, in spite of uncooperative staff, and in spite of insults from and inappropriate behaviour of delegates, you guys endured, you kept working, kept smiling, and you did a tremendous job hosting us here in your country. I know - and I believe I have a bit of experience in this - how tired you must be, and that you must be fed up with everything. So, I simply want you to congratulate you, because you guys did it, and hosted a fine GA - African Style.”

The plenary thanks the OC. They stand up and give them a big round of applause.

EB: As we are thanking people. The EB would like to thank the plenary team and ccc for making the plenary run so smoothly for us.

SCORA Director and SCORP Director: Statement regarding the rejection of the Policy statement on Homophobia.

“We hope that by rejecting this Policy Statement, we are not ignoring true hate crimes and violations of the basic human rights that are occurring every day.”

OC: People interested in the post-GA should meet at the OC room.

SCORP Director: On behalf of the SWG of Human Rights and Peace, regarding the crisis in Syria:

“We, the IFMSA condemn any violation against human rights.
All human beings are entitled to life, personal security and freedom of expression as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
At the present time we are witnessing grave violations to these rights in Syria.
As medical students worldwide concerned with the health and prosperity of all human beings, we call for an immediate end to these violations.
All: We, the IFMSA, are against the human rights violations in Syria.”

Vice Chair: after the plenary can the following NMOs approach me to stamp and sign your motion.

39. Closure of the meeting

Motion 113 21:30

To close the March Meeting 2012 in Ghana of the IFMSA General Assembly.
Tabled by: IFMSA Executive Board
Seconded by: Ghana (FGMSA)

No further amendments.
Direct negative: the Netherlands (IFMSA-the Netherlands) and Tunisia (ASSOCIA-MED): We like it here!

No alternative motion

Point of Order: Oman: I would like anonymous voting please.
Chair: There will be anonymous voting.

Vote to close the Plenary MM 2012:

In favour: 43
Against: 15
Abstain: 5

Result: Motion passes with a simple majority

Chairperson: We did 128 motions. I would like to thank the plenary team, the CCC, the Returning officers, the EB, and, of course the General Assembly for being patient and cooperative.

Chairperson adjoins the plenary session at 09:35pm