



IFMSA
Groningen

The Committees of IFMSA-Groningen

What is IFMSA-Groningen?

IFMSA-Groningen is a non-profit foundation with an international and idealistic character. IFMSA is active in a lot of different cities in 127 countries. We have more than 1,3 million members all over the world. In the Netherlands IFMSA is present at the 8 medical faculties. In Groningen we have around 100 active members, who volunteer to improve global health and consequently develop in students who dare to look beyond their own borders. Every year IFMSA-Groningen organizes exchanges, internships and about 25 projects/activities.



These projects are organized by the 13 different committees, each highlighting a different aspect of global health. In this way students will be introduced to subjects like sexual health, medical education, refugees and human rights, public health and European integration. Are you looking for an organization/association where, apart from a lot of fun, you do something for the society? Then you've come to the right place!

Below you can find a brief explanation of all the committees we have in Groningen to give you an impression of what they do.

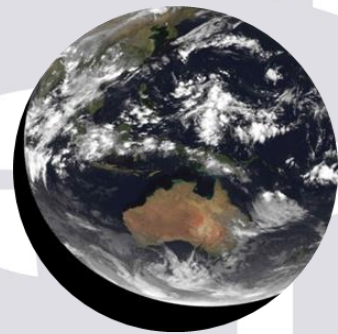
SCOME - Standing Committee on Medical Education 'Medisch Onderwijs'

The committee Medical Education aims to provide supplemental education to students in areas that they believe are not sufficiently highlighted in the current medical curriculum or are a nice addition for medical students. They do this by organizing activities for students outside the regular curriculum. Over the past years SCOME has organized a family medicine KPP, namely 'Aches & Pains' where students learn more about home, garden and kitchen ailments. Every year they organize the course *Breaking the Silence*. This course is aimed to inform medical students about the Dutch Sign Language and the related Deaf culture. Besides these two projects SCOME has also organized a project about the termination of life.



SCORCE - Standing Committee on Research and Clinical Exchange

This committee organizes four weeks of *clinical internship* for medical students from all around the world. During these internships students will join a physician in a clinical unit of their preference. Every year, they send more than 100 Dutch well prepared students abroad for a clinical internship in a hospital and they receive about 90 foreign students in the Netherlands. In the Netherlands they provide shelter and a social program for foreign students in addition to the internship. Secondly, SCORCE offers students from countries affiliated with IFMSA the ability to join a *research project* abroad. This can be for a period of four to twelve weeks. Students have a large number of countries to choose from. For the foreign students everything will be taken care of and they will ensure an enjoyable social program and provide shelter.



SCOPH-projecten - Standing Committee on Public Health, 'projecten'



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This committee is involved in many activities in the field of public health and everything that can affect it. This is a very broad topic, with many opportunities and room for creativity. They organize the *Organ Donor Project*, which pays attention to awareness campaigns through street actions, workshops and lectures. They also give lessons about organ donation at secondary schools. In addition to this they try to raise awareness for *stem cell- and blood donation*. Next to this they organize interactive lectures about *Dr. House* and they organize a *Mental Health Symposium* for students yearly.

SCOPH-stages - Standing Committee on Public Health, 'ontwikkelingsstages'

This committee focuses on development aid by organizing *internships* for medical students. They provide clinical, but also non-clinical internships (such as teaching at a school) in developing countries such as Nepal and Ghana. The committee organizes an *internship information evening* together with SCORCE, selects the students who apply for an internship and has contact with the foreign countries.

SCORA - Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health including HIV/AIDS

This committee tries to stimulate healthy sexual behavior and raise awareness about issues like STDs, HIV and unwanted pregnancies. They do this by organizing a variety of projects. The biggest project is '*Het Voorspel*', where medical students are trained to provide sexual education at secondary schools. They also organize activities around international focus days such as World AIDS day and *International Women's day*. They give away free condoms or they organize a *self-defense class* for women.

SCORP - Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace

This committee deals with all issues surrounding human rights and peace. They organized a *lecture* on doctors in conflict areas, a lecture on "The road of a Refugee", a debate on the Millennium Development Goals and many more lectures on current issues. In addition, students have recently been given the chance to become active in various *organizations* regarding refugees and human rights as a volunteer. SCORP also gives information about human rights to secondary and primary school students. Furthermore, last year they created a small documentary about the Hijab in order to raise awareness and start an open dialogue on this topic.

SSGH - Summer School on Global Health

SSGH organizes a ten-day summer program for students from all over the world. Together with the other members they create the educational program that focuses on Global Health, but also the social events like the parties or Dutch pancakes eating. Next to this they make sure that there is accommodation for the foreign students.

TP - Twinning Project

This committee organizes an exchange between European medical students. The project lasts two weeks, during which students learn about each other's medical curriculum, culture and social life. The committee makes contact with the country that they want to have an exchange with and organize the activities for the exchange in their own country.





IFMSA Teddy Bear Hospital

This committee works all year toward one week in which children visit the hospital with their “ill” teddy bears. Several elementary schools from the area participate in this big project and even newspapers report about the event. Together with students the children “heal” their teddy bear in the Teddy Bear Hospital. The goal here is to take away any pre-existing fear of the hospital. The committee meets every week to organize a fantastic Teddy Bear Hospital.



Mini-TBH - Mini Teddy Bear Hospital

This committee was set up last year at IFMSA-Groningen. They are planning to go to schools that cannot visit the regular Teddy Bear Hospital. You can think about special education or schools for refugees. They will bring teddy bears and materials so that the children can play the doctor and “cure” the teddy bear. If you join this committee you will have the chance to help in getting this project started.



Berendokter

Committee members train a group of students to become ‘Berendokter’. Twice a week a small group of ‘Berendokters’ goes to the University Medical Center Groningen and the Martini Hospital to visit the children that are admitted to the ward or that visit the polyclinic. The children can play the physician for their ill teddy bear. This gives the children some distraction. You can apply for this working group around February.



Konijntje Medicijntje

This committee trains students to give lessons at kindergarden about the pharmacy and medications. Toddlers often have no idea what impact drugs can have. Konijntje Medicijntje tries to explain this to children in a playful way. This is done, for example, by making medicine boxes and pills.



Committee for sustainability

As green ambassadors we are trying to make our faculty more green. We have a collaboration with Greenoffice. We organize some information meetings and activities. Our goal is making students and teachers more aware of the environment! We are very free in the way we want reach our goals. So every thought or opinion will help!



If you have any questions about IFMSA you can mail to [groningen@ifmsa.nl](mailto: groningen@ifmsa.nl) or come visit us in our room at the end of the board hall (Room S22). You can find us there Tuesday and Thursday from 13:00 until 16:00. You can also visit www.facebook.com/IFMSA-Groningen or our website: www.ifmsa.nl.