



Egyptian Medical Students' Association (EMSA)



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The Egyptian Medical Students' Association (EMSA) - Overview

Who are we ?

* The Egyptian Medical Students' Association, EMSA for short, is a legally recognized Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), registered at the Egyptian Ministry of Social Affairs under license number 7866 - Cairo.

* It is the sole legal organization representing Egyptian medical students both inside and outside the Egyptian territories.

Our Vision:

"Empowered medical professionals leading impact."

Our Mission:

"To provide the suitable atmosphere for Egyptian healthcare Students to create those activities and involvements that would prepare future physicians and healthcare workers with enough skills, competences and broad mind to reshape the future of this country."

Through our activities, we promote the ideals of tolerance, open mind to the world, experiential learning and the international involvement that has become a necessity for the medical practitioner to accomplish his mission according to today's standards; the profession of medicine being one that can't accept any compromises any more.

Being an NGO that is concerned with medical students, from different age groups, nationalities, and social environments; we exploit the growing spectrum of generations between the two extremes of our members' age groups, providing the missing link between undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Opening new doors to career development possibilities and maintaining a continuous contribution to the community that surrounds us, are all fundamentals to create a physician who is capable of benefiting his community, to think globally and act locally.



EMSA— Birth Date

On the 3rd of December 2007, building 3, Prince Aziz street became the birth place of the first, one and only officially recognized and accredited NGO representing Egyptian Medical Students in Egypt and worldwide. This first home stands for our ambitions, reminds us of our hard times and promises us the brightest future.



The EMSA Values

1- Linking: Our network

Our primary aim is to gradually build up a network of volunteer medical and non-medical students and graduates covering the different Egyptian Medical faculties and others, establishing local branches that are capable of holding their own local projects, and grouping all the members inside and outside the local branches in national and international campaigns and projects. By carrying out recruitment campaigns and providing peer support, training, financial resources, projects ideas...etc, to the creation of local branches, we promote the ideal of creating a daily growing network that tightens the bonds between our members, our family members.

2- Sharing: Partnerships and collaborations

Before applying for our NGO, we had our good share of research about others' work and involvements in fields related to us. Among those, we discovered the huge amount of potentials and opportunities available to Egyptian NGOs, particularly those related to youth. In fact, we realized this field was probably the most advanced sector in our country, when it comes to resources and diversity. Sharing our successes, sharing others achievements, gathering everyone around the same causes became a value that we are always keeping in mind. A notion that has become a necessity if we want to accomplish our goals.

3- Inspiring: Career development

Through our internal and external networks, we aim at providing to future physicians with all the tools they need to grasp the essence of a future successful career, to develop the skills they might need and to put all the suitable career options at their fingertips. We let them experience the real working environments, through local and international training and work simulations, we give our members the opportunity to become more in touch with their fields of interest and with the constantly changing market needs and standards.

4- Soaring: International Involvements

We learn only by getting out of our comfort zone. By opening our eyes to that not-so-big village that is the world, we savor life as we never did. Relocating our members and medical students in general outside their habitat is one of our main concerns. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing the metamorphosis one's approach to life undergoes after being exposed to different cultures. Providing a closer look to the different career possibilities worldwide has always been a big student's concern, namely in the form of exchange programs. We're here to push this to the next level, to capture the essence of international involvement, and present it in various appealing packaging that satisfy one's different



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- 5- Touching: Community Development
- 6- Learning: A million dollar investment
- 7- Bonding: The Family Feeling
- 8- We're through with basic needs
- 9- Continuity, Stability, Sustainability
- 10- Tolerance

5- Touching: Community development

By employing our daily learnt experiences and skills into serving our community, we teach ourselves how to have an active, influential role in our society. Our “community” starts from inside, from our internal community. How we operate and how we culture our relationships is probably the most crucial community development. Starting from there, we zoom out to our communities as medical students, our neighborhoods, our country and then the world entire. We know our efforts really have an impact, we initiate our own ripples of development and we make sure we see it with our own eyes.

6- Learning: A million dollar investment

We tend to consider our little NGO community as our little own “test tube of life”. In this tension free environment, our goal IS NOT to reach the stars, it’s basically to LEARN how to do so. We celebrate failures because we learn from them, we are challenged by successes because they set new standards. We invest our time and efforts in trying everything we put our minds into. Our outcome is our own list of “lessons learnt”. If a member made us loose a million dollar, we cling to him even more. After all, we can’t let go someone we invested a million dollar in his education.

7- Bonding: The Family feeling

If there is one thing we’ve learnt, is that hard times show who your real friends are. Working together to achieve the same goal is THE most powerful friendship-detection tool available in the market. During work, we share our glorious moments, we endure our hard times, and only true friends stick around. In EMSA we AIM at creating this kind of friendship. The one that is capable of going on for life without losing its luster. A true family feeling with all the noble human values there could be.

8- We're through with basic needs

“Travel”, “money”, “surviving”, “power”, “posts”...etc. these are all basic needs just like water and food. We have secured those basic needs and shifted our attention to finer needs to fulfill. We are no more a travel agency concerned with traveling and arranging trips for foreign students. We are no more doing our work in order to get a tangible concrete reward. Positions have no relevance to us, surviving is no longer a concern. NOW we can concentrate on our learning and on giving back to our community. We have drawn the line between necessity and commodity. Now, members can work without ever worrying about anything other than their work.



EMSA is a member in the following networks :

1. IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students Associations)
2. MANY—Network (Mediterranean Autonomous Network for Youth)

9- Continuity, Stability, Sustainability

“We have all the time in the world”. There is ABSOLUTELY no need to rush anything, to guarantee a stable working environment that enables ongoing successes and constant improvement, we have carefully created an entire system and hierarchy of work that would allow for constant overlap between EMSA officials, that would make sure our policy and vision is always maintained without alterations and that would guarantee that our work is not related to a specific person’s efforts. Although we encourage everyone’s uniqueness, yet, we took extra care to develop a system that would integrate each one’s specific talents, into a sustainable, continuing working strategy that would allow us to carry on without having to start over from scratch each and every time

10- Tolerance

We learned this the hard way. Communicating tolerance to differences, understanding, abolishing personal judgments and embracing everyone’s personal preferences and needs with an open heart is a talent not many have before entering our world. We constantly stress on those values and deal with extreme care with how people’s different social, religious, cultural or behavioral backgrounds, interfere with the way they deal with each other. Probably the biggest defect we receive from our initial community, and the most remarkable outcome of our work as a team. By understanding everyone’s needs and culture, we emphasize how judgments can be shallow and immature. We make sure we let everyone embrace different cultures and accept them the way they are instead of being constantly in quest for changing them.



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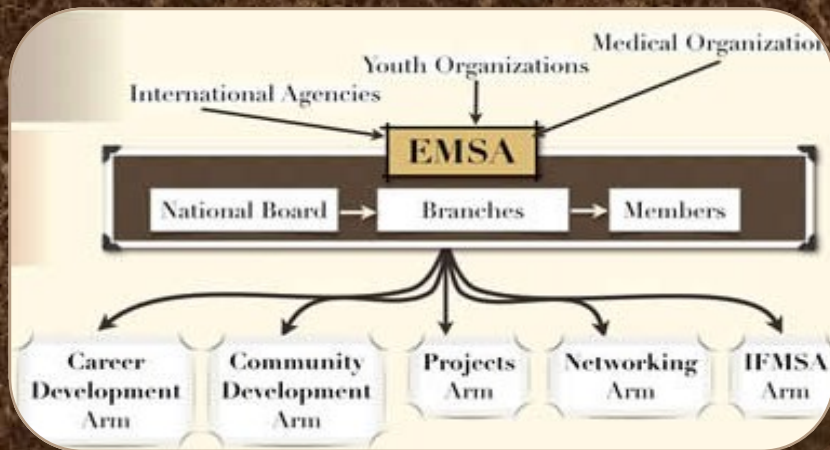
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✿ The Organization

Our EMSA has a rather peculiar way of organizing its work. Although structure is a necessity for optimal performance, yet, we don't allow ourselves to get "too attached" to "too much structure". In fact, what we have been striving to accomplish during the formulation of how we wanted to get our work done, is to have a structure that enables a great deal of flexibility and dynamic components that would therefore be able to "evolve" with time. The best way to describe the EMSA structure, generally speaking, is to think of a factory:



Public Relations
Department

✿ Our "Raw Materials":

Those are the untamed, random ideas, thoughts, involvements and potential activities that we get either from our extensive network of International Agencies, Youth Organizations or Medical Organizations, or the ones our members come up

✿ Our "Factory":

Our "raw materials" pass by our internal structure to be processed and tamed into a real project or activity that can be executed through EMSA. This "factory" is composed of:

- 1) The EMSA National Board (NB): In charge of all the logistics, finances, paperwork and administrative work necessary for any EMSA activity. It manages the EMSA relations with the ministries, carries out the financial & membership book-keeping, deals with official reporting & crisis management, all without getting involved in branches or arms decisions. The national board is chosen by the EMSA founders on specific dates to carry out those tasks & are there to interfere if anything went wrong.
- 2) EMSA branches: According to their fields of work, EMSA branches can be involved in national EMSA work or simply create their own activities. Each branch has the adequate degree of autonomy to make its own decisions.
- 3) EMSA Members: Members can carry out national projects as part of an EMSA branch or, independently, without even being related to a specific branch. After all, EMSA membership is for individuals.

✿ Our "final products":

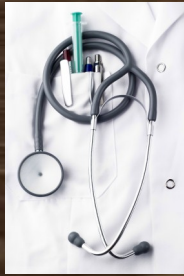
The "Processed idea" is then transferred to the corresponding EMSA Arm. Each arm has its entirely different system of work processing, infrastructure and field of work. Long term projects or projects that are not related to a specific Arm have their own independent work dynamics, manpower and internal bylaws.



Arms

EMSA is divided into:

1. Career Development Arm :



The Career development Arm is all about creating a physician who is capable of contributing to the development of his community with the social, scientific and cultural skills needed to be able to carry out an outstanding work in a global community. Through the trainings, linking between undergraduate and postgraduate students, providing the suitable career counseling and the different international opportunities we provide, EMSA

is playing its part in the future of this country's healthcare. The work of the career development arm is divided into 4 different fields of work or "Arm Committees":

- 1) Skills development
- 2) Career counseling
- 3) Employment Bay
- 4) International exposure

2. Community and Projects Arm :



EMSA is all about "impact", being a recognized NGO we have access to all the different aspects of our community and, by making bold steps towards making a difference, we enable our community to benefit from our members energy, skills and will to do something. We make an extra effort to make differences that would

affect the community not only in a tangible way, but also on the long run.

3. Networks Arm :



Our Network is our most valued treasure, its expansion is more than an ambition, it's a necessity. Making people understand what EMSA is all about, and what's the real dream EMSA is aiming at achieving is therefore the primary aim of the Network's Arm. The Network's arm activists are meticulously chosen to be messengers of

peace that are capable to go around every corner of our country to offer an alternative way of co-existing, embracing everyone's differences and working hand in hand to achieve something bigger than life itself. Working in the network's Arm means having 4 words in mind:

- 1) Recruitment
- 2) Branches
- 3) Trainings
- 4) Support. 5) Fun days and Retreats



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* EMSA has done the following events and projects :

- A. Dinner in the Dark
- B. Splashes of hope
- C. Photography for charity
- D. Help portrait
- E. Teddy Bear Clinic
- F. El Ma'asara
- G. Smoke free initiative
- H. Research Methodology Course
- I. Osteoporosis awareness campaign
- J. Female Genital Mutilation Awareness campaign
- K. Breast Cancer awareness campaign
- L. Orphans' Day
- M. Protect your child (A project against Pneumonia)

The network's arm is therefore an internal supporting arm that aims exclusively at the support, stability, development and expansion of the EMSA network.

4. IFMSA—Arm :

IFMSA stands for the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations. It is an international platform that gathers all medical students of the world.



The IFMSA Arm, is the Arm of EMSA that is in charge of forming the structure, the committees and the membership procedures of EMSA into IFMSA.

The EMSA - IFMSA Arm team officials have a very peculiar job. They act as the "EMSA ambassadors" to their specific fields of work, covering all the activities in EMSA and presenting them to IFMSA, but also gathering updates, announcements and projects carried out through IFMSA and presenting them to EMSA. We believe this structure will help us better achieve our goals without getting lost into redundancies of positions.

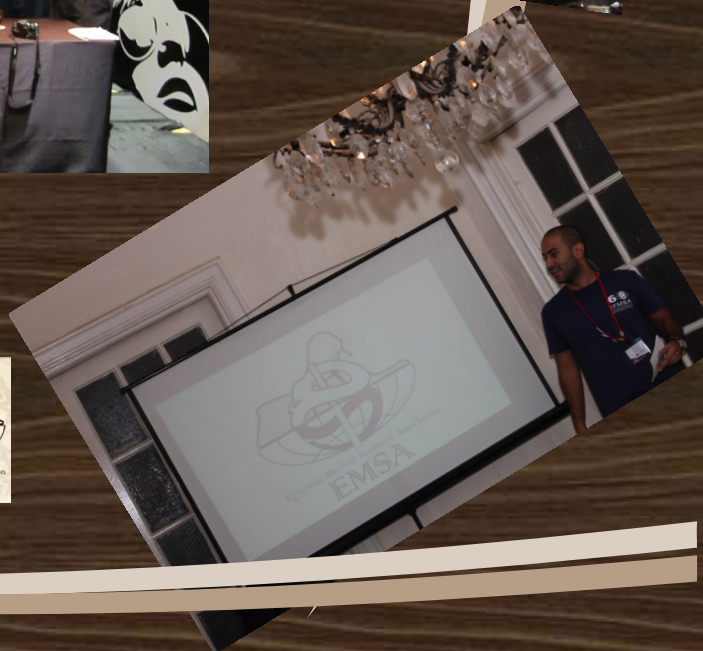
The following are the official IFMSA committees :

- 1) Standing committee of Human Rights and Peace (SCORP)
- 2) Standing committee of Research Exchange (SCORE)
- 3) Standing committee of Professional Exchange (SCOPE)
- 4) Standing Committee of Reproductive Health and Aids (SCORA)
- 5) Standing Committee of Public Health (SCOPH)
- 6) Standing Committee of Medical Education (SCOME)

5. Public Relations Department

The public relations department has the main aim to publicize the organization and gain sponsors for the organization. This department also is responsible for creating a good name for EMSA and spreading that name around Egypt. This can be done in the way of events, publications, TV or radio spots and interviews.





Support

EMSA is always welcoming specific projects grants or general donations from foundations, corporations, enterprises or business entrepreneurs concerned with youth, career and health development.

Grants

Through its ongoing membership and involvement with the different NGO federations and NGO support centers, EMSA has its place on the map of NGOs eligible for projects grants. It is the only official organization that gathers Egyptian medical students from across the country under one specific mission. Generally speaking, project grants are attributed to a specific project, prepared by EMSA members, that delivers the message or accomplishes the goal the grant donor is seeking.

EMSA dispenses of a very uptight financial administration system that guarantees a practically flawless financial management of any project. Projects' finances are handled by a hierarchy formed of the project's specific treasurer, the EMSA national treasurer, the EMSA external financial auditor and finally the financial administration of the ministry of social affairs. When it comes to finances, we know how to make sure every dim is spent the way it should be.

The EMSA structure is designed to guarantee a stability and sustainability that enables us to carry out long term or repetitive projects without being dependent on their quality being compromised from year to year. Each project's managing team has its own independence and custom made structure that also guarantees the flexibility needed to arrange work dynamics that suit the project's needs.

Donations

Being a non-profit organization, donations are always an indispensable source of financial support for EMSA. Our registration as an officially recognized NGO allows us to receive donations from the private sector or from individuals. All donations EMSA received are accompanied by an official donations receipt and then deposited in the official EMSA bank account. This stamped receipt allows the donor to subtract from 100% to 200% of the donors yearly taxable income. Meaning that not only do you do us a big favor, you also make a good use of your tax money, and earn up to the same amount of money you donated by subtracting it from your taxes amount.



The Egyptian Medical Students' Association, being the only legally recognized body representing Egyptian Medical Students, is blessed with the official support and recognition of many governmental and non-governmental bodies, such as:

1. Egyptian Ministry of Social Solidarity



2. Egyptian Ministry of Health



3. Egyptian NGO Support Center



4. Assistance to Young Diabetics



5. Etisalat Egypt



6. Pfizer Egypt



7. Hala deals





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Donations or grants are deposited in our bank account carrying the name of EMSA: Bank: بنك مصر - Banque Misr Account Name: الجمعية المصرية لدارسي العلوم الصحية - The Egyptian Medical students' Association Account Number: **10 100100 1 84434**

Sponsorship

EMSA offers for potential sponsors several sponsorship opportunities of its different projects and activities. Each of our activities and projects we make available for sponsorship provides to potential sponsors with different promotional platforms and target audiences. From medical students to university students in general, from hospital patients to general population, from medical professors to youth and from general fields of medicine to very specific sub-specialties; we constantly prepare detailed sponsorship offers for our projects that we commit to deliver and that satisfy your promotional or marketing needs.

Partnerships

EMSA is always looking for creating partnerships with different organizations, either other NGOs or associations sharing common visions or values. We believe that the best way to accomplish our goals is to see where other have ended and continue from there. That was one of the reasons we created this NGO in the first place.

Generally speaking, we are seeking and establishing partnerships with organizations working in the following fields (1- Public Health, 2- Community Development, 3- Reproductive Health, 4- Medical students International Opportunities, 5- Career Development and Training, 6- International Medical Campaigns and Initiatives, 7- Medical Education Assessment and Improvement).

Through these partnerships, EMSA shares ideas, projects, facilities as well as manpower, according to a mutual agreement with its partners to guarantee stability and continuity of the relations. Some of the EMSA partners:



** EMSA partners*

- 1- Kasr El Ainy Hospital
- 2- Benha University Hospital
- 3- National Hepatology Institute
- 4- Theodor Bilharz Research Institute
- 5- Bostan Diagnostic Eye Center
- 6- Alfa Scope GIT Endoscopy Center
- 7- Benha Pediatric Specialized Hospital
- 8- Cambridge Training College - Britain
- 9- Save the Children NGO
- 10- AIESEC

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