

# World Medical Association



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I have just returned from the World Medical Association (WMA), 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2017 held in Chicago, United States from 10-15 October 2017.

Several important issues were discussed. Among them being:

- Socio Medical Affairs
- Health and Environment
- Role of Physicians in adoption practices
- Medical Tourism
- Tuberculosis
- Health and Climate change
- Women in medicine
- Fair medical trade
- Plastic bags & Ecological Issues
- Professional Autonomy of Physicians
- Sustainable Development
- Avian and pandemic influenza
- Family planning and Right of a woman to contraception
- Noise pollution
- Economic embargoes and health
- Revised Declaration of Geneva

**12 October 2017** was a day of Scientific Sessions on "Assuring Quality in Undergraduate Medical Education":

- Medical school expansion globally and associated challenges for ensuring quality
- Global medical School Expansion

- Creation of Accreditation and Quality Systems: Challenges and Opportunities
- The International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) Statement on: "Accreditation of Medical Education Programs"
- New Models for Medical Education
  - Competency Based Education
  - Community Based Education / Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships
  - Professionalism
- Brief Statement of Objective and logistics: Identify specific challenges and potential mechanisms to advocate for quality initiatives in working with governments / professional groups

## 13 October 2017

- Welcome remarks by the President of American Medical Association, Dr David O Barbe
- Tribute to Outgoing President
- Valedictory address of outgoing President 2016-2017 Dr Ketan Desai
- Installation of Incoming President 2017-2018 Dr Yoshitake Yokokura
- Inaugural address by the new President

## 14 October 2017

Among several items on the agenda, we had:

- Election of the President Elect 2017-2018 – won by Dr Leonid Eidelman of Israel Medical Association
- Report of the Council to the General Assembly
- Presentation by International Organisations
- Report of Credential Committee

## The Declaration of Geneva

It was first adopted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva, Switzerland, September 1948. It was then amended by the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Medical Assembly, Sydney, Australia, August 1968; and then again by the 35<sup>th</sup> World Medical Assembly, Venice, Italy, October 1983 and then at the 46<sup>th</sup> WMA General Assembly, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1994 and editorially revised by the 170<sup>th</sup> WMA Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2005 and the 173<sup>rd</sup> WMA Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2006.