

## HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER?

Join your National Medical Women's Association.

Where there is no national association you may encourage colleagues to form one in your country.

You may join also as an Individual Member if there is no National Medical Women's Association in your country.


More information can be found under: <http://mwia.net/memberships/>

### Medical Women's International Association (MWIA)

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## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Have a global political voice on health issues

- ▶ Join forces, co-develop campaigns, stand up for women's rights
- ▶ Create sustainable change as a member of a NGO active at the UN and WHO
- ▶ Form regional platforms, increase outreach and combine forces

### Strengthen and increase the role of medical women

- ▶ Spread sisterhood across countries when politics fail to do so!
- ▶ Participate in MWIA committees and working groups to directly influence the work and strategic direction of MWIA

### Participate in international research activities

- ▶ Be a part of multicenter studies and grant proposals.
- ▶ Participate in surveys initiated by MWIA on topics of interest such as violence against women, sexual harassment with valuable input for national campaigns
- ▶ Development of region-specific educational material: such as manuals, workshops on adolescent sexuality, gender mainstreaming and the teaching modules on violence.

# MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION MWIA



## WHY PARTICIPATE IN MWIA?

MWIA IS AN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL WOMEN AND STUDENTS REPRESENTING WOMEN DOCTORS FROM ALL SIX CONTINENTS AND EIGHT REGIONS

Founded in 1919, **MWIA**. It is one of the oldest professional international bodies and is non-sectarian and non-profit making.

It serves as an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) of medical women and medical students from different countries and cultures around the globe.

- **MWIA has an important voice and influence on issues of interest to medical women** e.g. work-life balance, maternity leave, career progression, fighting discrimination, mentoring of young medical doctors and students
- **MWIA initiates and supports scientific projects relating to health and well-being** - locally, nationally and globally
- **MWIA has developed training modules** for physicians e.g. on gender mainstreaming, violence against women, girls, and adolescent sexuality
- **MWIA serves as a platform for medical women and students to foster dialogue and action** on various health issues internationally e.g. female genital mutilation, women's reproductive health, maternal and infant mortality

## STRUCTURE

Each of MWIA's 8 regions is represented on the Executive Committee by its Regional Vice-President. The President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary-General and the Regional Vice-Presidents are elected by MWIA members. The regions are as follows:

**NORTHERN EUROPE**  
**CENTRAL EUROPE**  
**SOUTHERN EUROPE**  
**NORTH AMERICA**  
**LATIN AMERICA**  
**NEAR EAST AND AFRICA**  
**CENTRAL ASIA**  
**WESTERN PACIFIC**



MWIA has a Special Interest Group for Young Women Doctors and Medical Students (**yMWIA**).

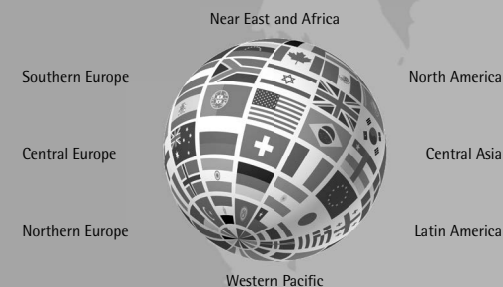
Founded at our Ghana congress in 2007, built on its predecessor, the Young Forum. It is an opportunity for younger women in medicine to meet and discuss relevant issues to their lives and careers.

Members of national associations and individual members under the age of 40 can join this special interest group. Sign up at <http://mwia.net/young-mwia/>

## ACTIVITIES

- **Consultative status with**
  - the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations
  - the Department of Public information
  - the World Health Organisation (WHO)

- **Organization of eight regional meetings every three years.**



- **International Congresses** and General Assemblies are held every 3 years in various countries of the world. The General Assemblies determine administrative policy.

Resolutions addressing the concerns of members are submitted to the General Assembly for approval and formal adoption

- **Manuals are developed** on topics such as gender mainstreaming and adolescent sexuality
- **Background information is compiled** on current health issues
- **General communications and writing of statements** and press releases.