APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION
WITH
THE MEDICAL WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

We, the undersigned officers of

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herewith submit our application for affiliation with the Medical Women's International Association.

We affirm that our Constitution conforms with the qualifications for membership, and we agree to meet all the obligations as stated in the requirements for affiliation. A copy of our Constitution (in English) is herewith enclosed.

There are .................... medical women in ........

of which ............ are members of our association.

Date.......................... Signature...........................................................................................................................

Please return to:

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GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MEDICAL WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MWIA)

COMMUNICATION

I. A National Association is requested to communicate regularly with the Regional Vice-President and the MWIA Secretariat, to answer all letters and to report all activities. If MWIA wishes to keep its relation with the World Health Association (WHO) and the United Nations (UN), the Secretariat needs to know of activities and projects of the member associations. **Communication is important!**

II. Therefore, a National Association should elect an MWIA National Coordinator (MWIA N.C.) who will be the link between the National Association and the Vice-President, President and especially the Secretariat. She should be chosen for her known interest in international affairs in general and MWIA in particular. She shall report on the activities of her National Association to the MWIA Secretariat and inform her National Association of all MWIA activities and requests.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES
The first payment of the subscription is due after approval of application by the Executive. Details of payment will be sent by the Secretariat. Non-payment of the annual subscription within 12 months of the due date will result in suspension of membership and non-payment of the subscription for 3 years, except in the case of a justified delay, entails loss of statutory rights. Membership shall be reinstated on payment of subscriptions owed or such amount as agreed by the Executive Committee.

ACTIVITIES

I. A National Association should support Medical Women locally and nationally. It should:

   1. Act as a support group for medical women locally and nationally.
   1. Arrange educational opportunities for medical women nationally.
   2. Keep them informed of MWIA activities.

III. Consultation with Government, University and Training Authorities a National Association should:
3. Encourage education of women in medical sciences nationally.
4. Encourage full utilization of medically trained women by
   a. flexible training programs (part time and job sharing)
   b. flexible working conditions (part time and job sharing)
   c. child care facilities for working mothers
   d. Improving work-life-balance
   e. tackle sexual harassment at the work place
5. Fight against discrimination in careers and differences in pay gap.
6. Promote a gender sensitive medicine

IV. A National Association should lobby the Government on Children and
    Women's Health Issues (e.g. screening; family planning; safe motherhood;
    preventative care; environment issues; violence and abuse; poverty; education;
    STDs and AIDS etc. etc.), prevention of violence against women and children,
    gender sensitive medicine and improving working conditions of female physicians.

V. Consultation with national medical associations and health related organizations
    is encouraged by MWIA.

ACTIVITIES FOR MWIA

A National Association is requested to:

I. Appoint a MWIA National Coordinator to communicate with the the MWIA Vice
   Presidents of their region and the MWIA Secretariat.

II. Communicate MWIA activities to members.

III. Whenever possible encourage attendance at regional and international
    congresses.

IV. Whenever possible represent MWIA on request at conferences and projects
    within their country (or region).

V. Nominate members for MWIA committees

CONTACTS WITH OTHER WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

MWIA encourages National Associations to particularly co-operate with such organizations in
matters of Women's Health.