

IHF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Special Interest Groups are a neutral arena to share knowledge, best practices, to collaborate and discuss healthcare-related topics. IHF Full and Associate members can participate to the activities of the SIG for which they express an interest and commitment to the goals of the SIG.

University Hospital Special Interest Group

In 2018 the UH SIG launched the collaborative on INNOVATION. Because, University Hospitals around the world are driving, structuring, governing and harnessing innovation to create value, it is key to identify different models implemented by leading educational institutions in medical training. The Innovation Project is a research covering a broad range of factors starting by determining:



- Role of University versus role of Hospital
- Examining the link between the educational centers and the industry
- Describing market developments, impact of partnerships with start-ups and resulting hybrid structures

This study intends to gather significant evidence from UH across the world to explain disruptive innovation and the impact of innovation on university hospital missions: Research - Education - Care

During 2018 the UH SIG members have been narrowing down the different mechanisms to assess innovation process, to elaborate the framework, the guidelines and the survey to collect a standardized set of basic information. The IHF secretariat has identified over one hundred key UH worldwide to collect basic information. In 2019, we expect to receive a vast collection of survey responses and analyze them. Consequently, the development of an instrument will accompany as a secondary internet-based research on governance structures for innovation. Preliminary results will be presented by the UH-SIG at the 43rd World Hospital Congress in Oman.

In 2020 the UH SIG will draft its conclusions and catalogue all the collected specific cases in a Manual of (Best) Practices, to be presented at the 44th World Hospital Congress in Barcelona.

We are finishing this year with a series of Webinars to showcase this ongoing project while hoping to attract new participants.

Healthcare Management Special Interest Group

The IHF and ISQUA (International Society for Quality in Health Care) are joining forces to elucidate a general framework correlating managerial practices to accreditation criteria for healthcare facilities.



This partnership with ISQUA on Accreditation would be embedded in the general line of work of the HM SIG, currently exploring how the Global Competency Directory on individual core competencies for Healthcare Managers could evolve into a Managerial Practices handbook.

Investor Owned SIG

Globalisation of Healthcare services is increasingly driving demand towards the private sector, in particular through investment. The IHF has been fostering harmonious gatherings of key stakeholders since the past three exercises.



It is a fact that it is a very asymmetric market, with partial access to information. The common interest of main actors has led the IHF to work towards the promotion of "success stories in investment". The IO SIG will be elaborating this collection across different countries, considering topics such as regulation, capital flows, cultural needs and operational procedures.

Business models will be serving as the back bone to analyse how external factors impact the level of risk in this activity.

The IHF will be presenting and promoting this work in several conferences during 2019.

Group Purchasing Organization SIG

RESAH (Network of Hospital Buyers – Île-de-France) accepted to be on board to work on "Value-based procurement". The IHF will be following closely and setting a core list of potential participants.

