

# NATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

*Julia Sawatzky, National Officer of Global Health Education  
2019 Annual General Meeting  
September 20-22nd, 2019, St. John's NL*



## I. ACTIVITIES OF NOGHE

My focus this year spanned a few different projects, including a survey on Community Service Learning at Canadian medical schools, a “Rebranding Global Health” social media campaign, building a relationship with CSIH MentorNet, creating the TOR for a new Global Health Education committee, and ensuring that the “Selected Cases in Global Health” document completed by previous NOGHEs was being disseminated and used across the country.

- The Community Service Learning Survey collected information about curriculum requirements and structures at all 15 CFMS member schools with regards to Community Service Learning (CSL), as well as perspectives from students about whether or not CSL should be mandatory, what makes a CSL experience beneficial for students and communities, and areas students would like to see improved or expanded in their curricula. This was shared with the AFMC Global Health Network and the AFMC working group on Community Service Learning, and is now published on the CFMS Website.
- The Rebranding Global Health Social Media Campaign involved asking students from across the country: “What does Global Health mean to you?” and capturing their thoughts through a series of photographs that were shared on instagram, twitter and facebook. This campaign was inspired by recurring discussions at medical schools across Canada, within the CFMS and at the AFMC level about the term Global Health, and whether or not it adequately describes the field and mandate of global health in Canada. Here is a collection of our final photographs:



One of the main issues we dealt with in this portfolio was engaging LOGHEs from different schools to participate in and disseminate our national projects, namely because the LOGHEs are already very busy at their own schools, the LOGHE team changes every year, and the team is also very large. I am optimistic that the new GHE Committee we created this year will increase the amount of focused manpower in the portfolio and help to share more broadly the work that Canadian medical students are doing in Global Health Education.

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## II. MEETINGS ATTENDED



<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept 21-23 2018	AGM	Montreal
October 2 2018	AFMC Global Health Network Teleconference	Phone
October 22 2018	NO Teleconference #1	Phone
Nov 25 2018	LOGHE Teleconference #1	Phone
Jan 13 2019	LOGHE Teleconference #2	Phone
February 9 2019	NO Teleconference #2	Phone
April 7 2019	LOGHE Teleconference #3	Phone
April 12-14 2019	SGM	Niagara Falls
April 13 2019	AFMC Global Health Network Meeting	Niagara Falls
July 24 2019	NO Teleconference #3	Phone

## III. CONCLUSIONS

This was a great year for the NOGHE portfolio! It was fun and exciting to engage with students from across the country and generate some new ideas about Community Service Learning and definitions of the term “Global Health.” I’m looking forward to seeing what new projects arise in the portfolio in the year to come.

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