

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Lucy Luo, Quebec Regional Representative 2016-17
2017 Spring General Meeting
April 28-29, 2017, Winnipeg, Manitoba



I. DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

The regional representatives serve as a voice for their region on the CFMS executive committee. The Quebec Regional Representative is in a unique position given that only one of the four medical schools in Quebec, namely McGill University, is an institutional member of the CFMS; all four schools are members of the *Fédération médicale étudiante du Québec (FMEQ)*. As such, the role of the Quebec representative is both to represent McGill students at the CFMS, and to act as chief liaison between the CFMS and the FMEQ. In addition to these functions, all regional representatives are called upon to manage national portfolios, for instance the Bilingualism Committee and the Travel Awards program.

II. ACTIVITIES

Date	Meeting	Location
Nov 4 th -6 th , 2016	CFMS Fall Executive Meeting	Ottawa, ON
Nov 19 th , 2016	FMEQ Meeting	Montreal, QC
Dec 15 th , 2016	IFMSA-AM organizing committee chair	Teleconference
Jan 6 th -8 th , 2017	CFMS Winter Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON
Jan 10 th , 2017	Planning for FMEQ lobby day	Teleconference
Jan 12 th , 2017	CFMS/FMEQ Wellness teleconference	Teleconference
Jan 19 th , 2017	Launch of research chair in leadership and health science education	Quebec City, QC
Jan 28, 2017	FMEQ Meeting	Sherbrooke, QC
Feb 6 th , 2017	Planning for FMEQ lobby day	Teleconference
Feb 25 th , 2017	CFMS Executive Teleconference	Teleconference
Feb 27 th , 2017	Planning for FMEQ lobby day	Teleconference
Mar 12 th , 2017	FMEQ meeting	Montreal, QC
Mar 24 th , 2017	CFMS Strategic Initiatives Fund	Teleconference
Mar 28 th , 2017	CFMS Strategic Operations Plan	Teleconference
Apr 3 rd -4 th , 2017	Journée d'Action Politique (FMEQ lobby day)	Quebec City, QC
Apr 22 nd -23 rd , 2017	FMEQ congress	Trois-Rivière, QC

III. PRIORITIES AND PROJECT AREAS

Liaison with FMEQ

One of my main responsibilities as the Québec regional representative is to facilitate collaboration between the CFMS and FMEQ as both organizations share similar missions of serving to the best interests of medical students. In November, January and March, I attended FMEQ meetings which gathered delegates from FMEQ's four medical societies (UdeM, UdeS, UdeL and McGill). During these executive meetings, I was able to update the FMEQ on relevant CFMS activities and also discuss potential areas for partnership between both organizations including the sharing of member benefits, support for their advocacy for a pass/fail grading system and promotion of bilingualism within the medical student community.

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As in years prior, 2 delegates from the FMEQ executive attended this year's CFMS National Lobby Day tackling the issue of the opioid crisis. Reciprocally, 2 CFMS executive members attended the Provincial Lobby Day (*la Journée d'action politique*) hosted by the FMEQ, during which taxation of sugary drinks and better distribution of medical staffs were discussed with legislators.

It is worth highlighting that the global health branch of FMEQ, IFMSA Quebec, has announced its candidacy to host the IFMSA August Meeting in 2018. Over one thousand medical students from more than one hundred countries will be invited to attend this week-long conference focused on the theme Healthcare Beyond the Hospital.

Promotion of bilingualism

In order to continue CFMS' efforts to connect and support Francophone medical students across Canada, the Bilingualism Task Force became a permanent group under the new name of "Bilingualism Committee" during AGM 2016. Building on Emily Hodgson's (last year QRR) team-based model, a new cohort of translators has been recruited and trained to be part of the Bilingualism Committee. In addition to translating the constant volume of social media posts (Facebook and Twitter) put out by the CFMS, the Bilingualism Committee has been involved in the translation of MDFM leadership award guidelines, National Lobby day documents and CFMS website content.

In an effort to make the CFMS website fully bilingual, the Bilingualism Committee has worked diligently to translate most of our website content. With the help of the Comms Committee as well as our dedicated IT officers, the CFMS.org/fr French website has been revised and will be maintained in order to present the most updated content.

CFMS SGM Travel Awards

The issue of equal allocation of travel awards by region has been raised in previous general meetings. In hopes of achieving a more balanced distribution travel award recipients across Canada, a new model of distribution was tested for the SGM. This year, the travel awards were distributed geographically, such that the Western region received 2 awards, Ontario and Quebec received 3 awards, and Atlantic Canada received 1 award. Two wild card awards were given to the next top scoring applicants. For SGM 2017, the CFMS Nominations Committee played a central role in assisting with the ranking of all 70 qualified applicants. It is our wish to continuously improve the travel awards program and promote implication in the CFMS to students who wish to become newly involved.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lucy Luo'.

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