

International Federation of Health Records Organizations (IFHRO)

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1. IFHRO's History

IFHRO was established on 29th May 1968 in Stockholm, Sweden - This was 16 years, 5 international congresses, many thousands of letters and lots of hard work after the idea was first discussed during the first international meeting in London in 1952. (*History of IFHRO, P.J. Watson*)

The Federation was established as a forum for national organizations committed to improvements in the use of health records in their countries, and to support national associations and health records professionals to implement and improve health records and the systems which support them.

IFHRO is a non-profit organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

IFHRO's International Congresses

1 st	International Congress	1952	London, England
2 nd	International Congress	1956	Washington DC, USA
3 rd	International Congress	1960	Edinburgh, Scotland
4 th	International Congress	1963	Chicago, USA
5 th	International Congress	1968	Stockholm, Sweden
6 th	International Congress	1972	Sydney, Australia
7 th	International Congress	1976	Toronto, Canada
8 th	International Congress	1980	The Hague, Netherlands
9 th	International Congress	1984	Auckland, New Zealand
10 th	International Congress	1988	Dallas, Texas, USA
11 th	International Congress	1992	Vancouver, Canada
12 th	International Congress	1996	Munich, Germany
13 th	International Congress	2000	Melbourne, Australia
14 th	International Congress	2004	Washington DC, USA
15 th	International Congress	2007	Seoul, Korea
16 th	International Congress	2010	Milan, Italy
17 th	International Congress	2013	Quebec, Canada

16th IFHRO Congress at Milan, Italy From November 15-19, 2010



2. The Purposes of IFHRO

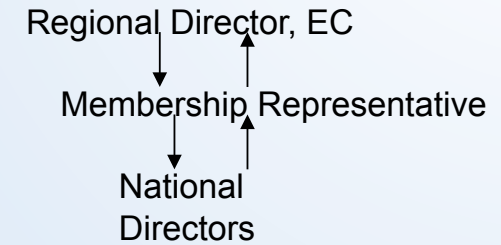
- Promote the development and use of health records/information in all countries
- Advance the development and use of international health records/information standards
- Provide for the exchange of information on health records/information education requirements and training programs
- Provide opportunities for education and communication between persons working in the field of health records/information in all countries
- Promote the use of technology and the electronic health record

3. Regions

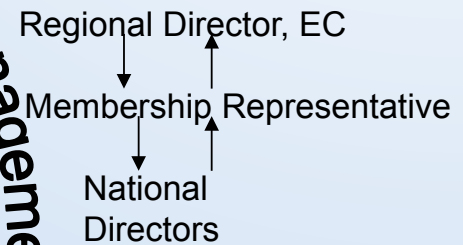
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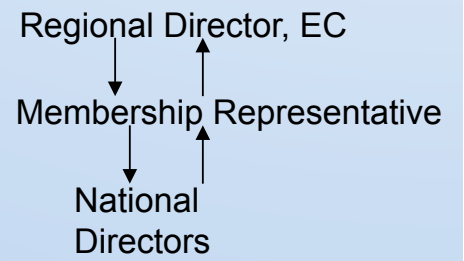
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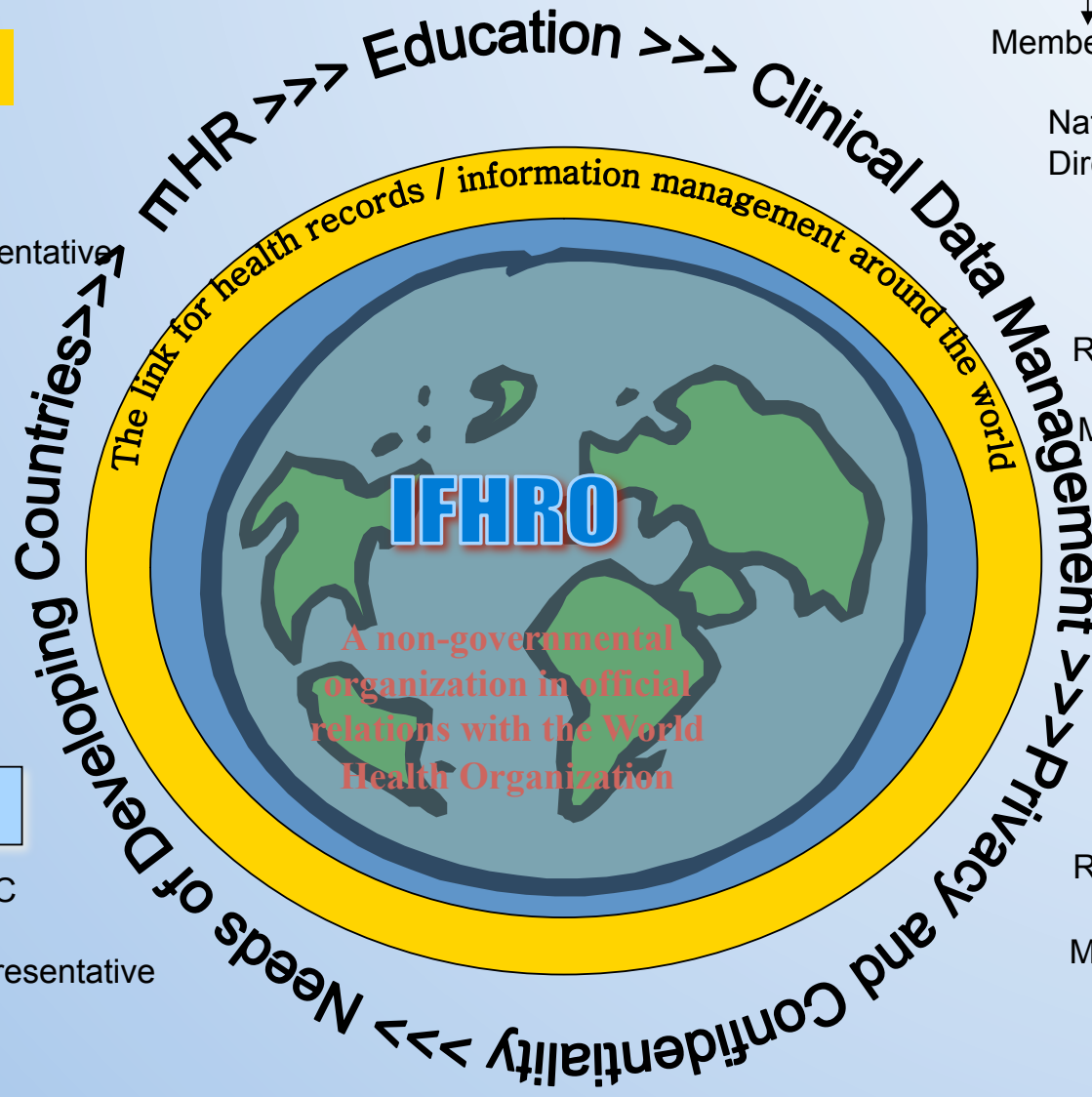
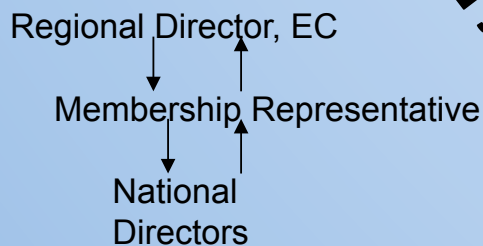
Europe



Africa & Eastern Mediterranean



Western Pacific



4. IFHRO's National Members

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- France
- Germany
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Kenya
- Korea
- Pacific Island Network
- The Netherlands
- The Philippines
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- United States of America



5. IFHRO's Strategic Initiatives

- Education (Joon Hyun Hong)
- Clinical Data Management (Sallyanne Wissmann)
- Privacy and Confidentiality
- Electronic Health Record (Marci McDonald)
- Needs of Developing Countries (Yukiko Yokobori)



6. IFHRO's Strategic Initiatives

- Needs of Developing Countries

Yukiko Yokobori and Stuart Green

- Education Modules Published on IFHRO Website
- IHRIM adopted the IFHRO Education Modules as the curriculum and study materials for a new Overseas Certificate qualification to make it affordable for students in developing countries
- 1st SEAR Conference in Bali in 2008
- 2nd SEAR Conference in Perth, Australia in 2009
- “Africa Network” is being developed
- Discussion Group topic at 16th General Assembly supported by a discussion paper developed by Regional IFHRO Directors for Africa (Robert Wamalwa), South East Asia (Gemala Hatta) & the Western Pacific (Vicki Bennett) & a report on the discussions will be published in IFHRO's Global News

7. Information Sheets

WHO-FIC-IFHRO Joint Collaboration

1. WHO-FIC—IFHRO Joint Collaboration
2. What You Should Know about Clinical Documentation
3. Uses of Coded Clinical Data
4. Mortality (Cause-of-Death) Data
5. Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
6. International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)
7. International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision (ICD-10)

8. My Idea for the Way Forward

As the Regional Director of IFHRO in charge of Southeast Asia, I would like to

- Build up collaborative relationship
- To share information and human resources
- Among WHO-FIC EIC, WHO-FIC APN, IFHRO, JHIM (Japan Society of Health Information Society) and related organizations from the countries in the region.

Thank You