To the Constituent Members of the World Medical Association

Observers and Guests of the 2014 WMA General Assembly

2015 General Assembly in Moscow, 14-17 October 2015

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

With your help and enthusiasm our 2015 General Assembly in Moscow was a great success.

We are proud to have Sir Michael Marmot from United Kingdom as our new President for the period 2015-2016. We are most grateful to our outgoing President Dr. Xavier Deau from France for his prominent work as President 2014-2015, the guidance and friendship he has given to us. Dr. Deau will remain active as Immediate-Past President for the next year.

We have important new policies and as well as some revisions of existing policies that have been updated to reflect the latest consensus opinions of the global profession.

Please find the list of adopted policies from this meeting and these are available in html at the WMA website (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/index.html). You will be able to download these policies in pdf formats in the members’ area in next weeks:

- **Declaration on Alcohol**  
  Adopted by the 66th WMA General Assembly, Moscow, Russia, October 2015

- **Statement on Ethical Issues concerning Patients with Mental Illness**  
  Adopted by the 47th WMA General Assembly, Bali, Indonesia, September 1995  
  and revised by the 57th WMA General Assembly, Pilanesberg, South Africa, October 2006  
  and by the 66th WMA General Assembly, Moscow, Russia, October 2015

- **Statement on Mobile Health**  
  Adopted by the 66th WMA General Assembly, Moscow, Russia, October 2015

- **Statement on Non-discrimination in professional membership and activities of physicians**  
  Adopted by the 37th World Medical Assembly, Brussels, Belgium, October 1985  
  and editorially revised by the 170th WMA Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2005  
  and revised by the 66th WMA General Assembly, Moscow, Russia, October 2015

- **Statement on Nuclear Weapons**  
  Adopted by the 50th World Medical Assembly, Ottawa, Canada, October 1998  
  and amended by the 59th WMA General Assembly, Seoul, Korea, October 2008  
  and by the 66th WMA General Assembly, Moscow, Russia, October 2015
These are strong policies and we encourage you to promulgate them actively among your membership. We hope that your organizational leadership and your membership will discuss them and use them as guidance resources in the development of your national policies and apply their principles in your daily work as physicians serving your patients.

You may also find the following documents in the members’ area:

- **WMA Dues Categories 2016**
- **Presentation files at the Scientific session and Open session at the General Assembly**

In Moscow, we welcomed the Panhellenic Medical Association from **Greece** as our new Constituent Member and now the total number of Constituent Members of the WMA is 112.

This message would be incomplete without thanking all those who have assisted in the work of the WMA since last year’s Assembly in Durban, be it financially, with voluntary efforts or in other ways. Special thanks go to the Russian Medical Society for being a wonderful host of our General Assembly.

With kind regards,

Dr. Otmar Kloiber  
Secretary General  
World Medical Association
P.S.  The next meetings the WMA organizes from are as below and you may find them at webcal-WMA Event Calendar:

- **Health Database and Biobanks Expert meeting** in Seoul, February 2016
- **203rd WMA Council Session** in Buenos Aires, 28-30 April 2016. The Council meeting is usually open to all constituent members participating as observers.
- **World Health Professionals Regulation Conference 2016** in Geneva, 21-22 May 2016
- Members of Council and guests are advised that the **WHO World Health Assembly** opens on **Monday, 23 May 2016** in Geneva. On the **first and second day of the WHA** we are traditionally holding **receptions for the delegates** to the World Health Assembly, the first of which is together with the World Health Professions Alliance (www.whpa.org). Of course the delegates of our constituent members are cordially invited.
- **WMA General Assembly, Taipei 2016**, 19-22 October 2016