

IFAA College of Representatives Report, 27 July 2022

1. The College of Representatives of the IFAA was initiated at the General Assembly of the IFAA (London, 2019) and approved ad referendum following that meeting. The College is composed of one Representative of each member association of the IFAA. Each Representative is nominated by their own association to serve on the College.
2. The remit of College of Representatives was prepared in consultation with the President of the IFAA and sent to the members of the College for interpretation, suggestions, and revision. After the approval by the IFAA EXCo, the remit was placed on the website of the IFAA on July 1, 2020.
3. In order to ensure communication with the nominated Representatives, email addresses of the members (50) of the College were updated.
4. As a first task of the College, , a questionnaire was prepared in collaboration with the President of IFAA to investigate the global scarcity of trained anatomists. This questionnaire was shared with the members of the College by email on May 11th, 2021 for their input and comment. In that e-mail it was stated that the first item among the tasks of the College was to investigate the global scarcity of trained anatomists. The aim of the questionnaire was to identify the existing situation and to assess the need for manpower from the point of view of member associations. The deadline for the responses was June 10th, 2021.

In the same e-mail the opinion of the College Representatives about the organization of a “Google Group” was also asked. This to improve the communication between members of the College.

A reminder was sent to all members of the College on May 29th, 2021 by e-mail (56 individual e-mails).

- Six member associations responded with comments on the draft of the questionnaire.
- One member association sent several articles to improve the questionnaire.
- One member association returned an empty response.
- Eight member associations answered the questionnaire.
- Three member associations sent a reply but not a comment nor an answer.
- There were no responses from the rest of the Representatives of the member associations.

There were thus 19 responses out of the 50 Associations represented in the College.

The Chair is currently waiting for the completion of the IFAA FICSAP and FIPAE survey and the FICEDA survey before moving forward with the current task.

There were no responses related with organization of a Google Group for the College of Representatives.

5. In response to the request by Dr. Carol Hartman an announcement relating to the IFAA President's Emergent Anatomist Programme's "Introduction to Scientific Writing" Workshop was sent to the members of the College on August 15, 2021.

6. On Sep 17, 2021, an update related to 20th IFAA Congress was sent to members of the College individually.

7. On Nov 28, 2021, an e-mail requesting the upcoming anatomical congresses with their dates was sent to the members of the College. Respondents are as follows:

- The Society of Experimental and Clinical Anatomists of Nigeria
- The Republic of Azerbaijan, Public Association «Scientific Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists»
- The Bulgarian Anatomical Society

8. On November 28, 2021, a further e-mail about 20th IFAA Congress and updated information was sent to the members of the College.

9. On March 22, 2022, members of the College received an e-mail informing them of the passing of Prof. Sergio Morini, Full Professor of Human Anatomy at the Campus BioMedico University of Rome and Italian Member of the IFAA College of Representatives.

10. On April 4, 2022, a message regarding the Survey of the IFAA Federative International Committee on Equality and Diversity in Anatomy (FICEDA) from the Secretary of FICEDA, Professor Bernard Moxham was sent to the members of the College. Only two responses were received by the Interim Chair of the College. These responses were forwarded to the Secretary of FICEDA.

11. On June 26, 2022 a message announcing the FICSP Webinar 2 on Publishing in Anatomy Journals was sent to the members of the College.

Thus, while periodic messages and requests to the Representatives of the College are sent, due to the low rate of responses received I would like to appeal to the Representatives to communicate with the Chair and to notify him of any changes to the nominated Representatives or their email addresses. In addition, suggestions from associations through their Representatives in the College are welcome.

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