

2020 SDRME Summer Meeting
International Membership Committee Report
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Membership

Membership	# of members	Comments
Total members on June 19, 2020	21	
Member removed	1	Removed upon request on 5/15 (two from same University)
Current total members	20	

Annual Email w/Survey

Responses	# of members	Comments
Solicited responses from...	21	
Responses received	16	
No response received	5	Three follow-up email reminders were sent

Survey Responses Received to Date (n=16)

Survey Questions	# of members	Reason
<i>Q1. Do you still meet the SDRME eligibility requirement?</i>		
▪ Yes	16	
▪ No	0	
<i>Q2. Are you still interested in continuing as a SDRME member?</i>		
▪ Yes	15	
▪ No	1	Member requested to be removed from list
<i>Q3. What is beneficial about being a SDRME member?</i>		
▪ I receive educational and scholarly information through email which are very beneficial to me. I enjoy participating on twitter discussions on every Thursday @Medchat.		
▪ Have a network of like-minded persons to discuss, explore and exchange research in medical education.		
▪ It has the potential to be a good academic network and avoid isolation in countries where research in medical education is weak.		
▪ We worked together to gather information on the value internationals found in this organization and the things we would like to do to bring value to the international membership.		
▪ Email and chats are good.		
▪ International Community of good people.		
▪ The opportunity to be connected with international colleagues and the information that gets circulated.		
▪ SDRME is a unique medical education research community offering a space to share ideas, information and advice. Through peer dialogue, members receive support to develop idea sand initiatives. both as individuals and as a group. SDRME is focused on collaborative learning, informing policy, is well connected and committed to positively developing medical education research challenged by poor levels of funding. It's a great support to all it's members, providing encouragement and advice.		
▪ information and idea exchanges.		
▪ Identifying prestigious medical education scholars from the US and around the world. Possibilities for networking and attending meetings.		
▪ Latest update in MEd and Research done by members.		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I enjoy following the discussions and learn from others' experiences.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Great network of colleagues who I like to meet whenever suitable (AERA, AMEE, sometimes AAMC annual meetings).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community of directors, being able to contact and exchange ideas/experiences.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unfortunately, I did not find much benefit from SDRME. I had hoped that there would be a little more initiative to create meaningful, multi-institutional research activities among a group of high-qualified folks. While I did not take the lead to make it happen, it didn't seem like it was something others were interested in doing as there never really was even any discussion about potential areas of need that a multi-institutional project could help to address.
<p><i>Q4. How might SDRME serve you better?</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently I am happy and satisfied with what we are doing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The situation in Iraq and lack of fund for medical education activities especially that held outside is my great barrier to attend such events. I suggest creating an online platform that offer courses in medication education and medical humanities with possibility of offering degree and certificate. I hope the society can help us in getting Master or Ph.D. in medical education which is difficult to get In Iraq.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I cannot afford to attend meetings, so the possibility of joint collaborations and projects, as well as offering opinions and exchanges in my areas of interest would be good.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Difficulty in attending meetings and retreats. Usually with the occurrence of other important international MedEd meetings (particularly AMEE) it was easier.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The time differences between US and international members can be a barrier to participation in events. Negotiating time zones so that meetings aren't too late would be a step forward. I realize this may prove challenging but perhaps worth experimenting with. For example, the international committee is a small group that could agree to hold regularly meetings. This would provide a way of identifying time constraints and workable compromises. Another option would to video events such as the summer retreat. International members could watch the recording. If there is a discussion board after the retreat that included SDRME US members international members that might provide an opportunity to extend discussion generated within the retreat.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Networks and Peer-review.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting in AMEE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By organizing some Zoom sessions for all members.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Probably by including more scholars from my country. It's getting more and more difficult (and expensive to travel abroad).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By organizing online workshops/ creating special interest group for research.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I very much appreciate meetings held in connections with international conferences, such as AMEE and the Ottawa conference. I look forward to joining the annual meeting online this summer!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More online/distance exchange, given Covid19.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I appreciate the opportunity to be involved. It just wasn't the type of organization that was a good match for me in my working style/personality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific suggestions.

The international member information (degree, title and contact) has been updated on the SDRME website, <http://www.sdrme.org/members-international.asp>