

# Shape medicine's future

## Your voice is needed

International medical graduates (IMG) interested in shaping medicine's future are invited to run for a position on the AMA-IMG Section Governing Council.

The section seeks to fill three positions on the Governing Council, one of which is designated for a resident or fellow. All three seats have two-year terms, which begin after the 2006 AMA Annual Meeting in June. Once nominations are submitted, a committee will select a slate of up to 15 candidates. Election ballots will be mailed to all section members in April, and results will be posted following the Annual Meeting.

Candidates must be international medical graduates who are AMA members and be able to attend all AMA-IMG Governing Council meetings, two of which are held in conjunction with the AMA Interim and Annual Meetings, and two others held usually in September and March.

To apply, physician candidates must, by March 1, submit a nomination form, which can be downloaded from the AMA-IMG Web site, and an updated curriculum vitae of no more than five pages, along with:

- A personal statement, limited to 250 words (may be edited for space and clarity).
- A letter or statement of endorsement, also limited to 250 words, by an officer of the sponsoring organization.
- A high-resolution digital headshot photo in .jpeg or .tif format

Resident and fellow candidates must submit the same materials by Feb. 15.

Candidates can visit [www.ama-assn.org/go/imgs](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/imgs) for details and to download a nomination form.

## Your vote counts

All AMA-IMG members are eligible to vote in the Governing Council election. Watch for your ballot in April, which will include candidate information and instructions for casting your vote electronically. The winners of the election will be announced June 9 at the AMA-IMG Congress in Chicago.

## Opportunity for IMG physician on ECFMG board

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), which assesses the readiness of IMGs to enter residency or fellowship programs in the U.S., is looking for an international medical graduate to fill a seat on its board of directors. The four-year term begins Jan. 1, 2007. Candidates should submit a nomination form and a curriculum vitae no longer than three pages to [img@ama-assn.org](mailto:img@ama-assn.org) by April 4.

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Visit [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org) for more information on ECFMG practices and procedures.

## Section chair attends disaster training in Israel

AMA-IMG Section Chair Bernd Wollschlaeger, MD, completed emergency and disaster preparedness training and is now qualified to volunteer in the Israel Medical System in times of need.

Dr. Wollschlaeger kept a daily blog during his five-day training with the American Physicians Fellowship for the Medicine 2005 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in late November. On his blog, he recounted his experiences during the final day of his training, which included a trip to Ha'emek Medical Center in Afula, a small city in northern Israel. Ha'emek Medical Center is the only trauma hospital in the region that cares for victims of bombings, and more than 800 victims of terrorism have been treated there in the past five years.

Visit [www.drbw.blogspot.com](http://www.drbw.blogspot.com) for more about Dr. Wollschlaeger's training.



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Visit [www.ama-assn.org/go/evoice](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/evoice) to sign up.

## Get involved in AMA

**You're invited to run for the AMA International Medical Graduates Section Governing Council.**

*See inside for details.*

### **Join your colleagues to discuss the issues**

All AMA international medical graduates (IMGs) are invited to participate in two upcoming AMA-IMG Section Governing Council meetings, one in conjunction with the AMA National Advocacy Conference in March and another at the AMA Annual Meeting in June.

The AMA-IMG Governing Council will meet March 10-11 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Reserve your spot at [img@ama-assn.org](mailto:img@ama-assn.org) by March 1.

The AMA-IMG Congress will take place June 9-10. The section also is planning a Desserts from Around the World reception the evening of June 10. Check [www.ama-assn.org/go/imgs](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/imgs) this spring for details.