

## *Initial Proposal*

The international objectives, schemes, and strategies of the Islamic Republic of Iran Medical Council (IRIMC) in two calendar years. (2014-2016)

An Internet opinion poll has been arranged for revealing the general awareness of health care professionals about IRIMC Deputy for International Affairs or IRIMC International Function. The questionnaire has been set up and sent via email to 500 MDs, dentists, and pharmacists who practice in Tehran. Upon analyzing their answers, 2 points can be highlighted from the participants in the mentioned opinion poll:

1) Nobody was aware of IRIMC International Affairs Deputy neither its mission, responsibilities, and functions.

2) No one declared any goals or schemes for this deputy.

Regarding the result of this poll, it is highly recommended to define thoroughly IRIMC International Affairs Deputy to Iranian health care professionals in the first place. Since the health care professionals in the capital city are totally unaware of IRIMC international objectives, mission, and strategies, it is presumable that the mentioned deputy is ambiguous for other health care professionals nationwide. On the other hand as nothing has been done in this domain, any achievements would make a noticeable impression on the public.

Regarding enhancing the proficiency and competency of IRIMC nationwide as well as worldwide and to raise it to eminence as a notable Medical Council, the following policies are recommended respectively:

1) Setting up a specific website for IRIMC International Affairs which consists of a distinct email to facilitate communication with the public and a thorough definition of international strategies & schemes in Farsi, English, and Arabic. It is highly recommended to introduce this website and email to all IRIMC members via text message, and ask them share their points of view as well as suggestion about IRIMC International Affairs. The mentioned website is supposed to be interpolated in every written communication. So other countries' official bodies can easily have access to the IRIMC strategies.

2) Membership in Iran joint chambers of commerce with European, Middle Eastern, Far Eastern countries.

3) Arranging the appointment as well as collaborative agreements with Ambassadors of the mentioned countries.

4) Assembling the first meeting of the Medical Councils presidents of regional countries in September 2014.

5) Joint procedures with European embassies to facilitate the formalities of issuing visa for Iranian health care professionals registered by IRIMC.

6) Providing job vacancies for graduate health care professionals registered by IRIMC in other countries.

7) Presenting educational courses & programs in affiliation with the International Organizations such as WHO, WMA, FDI, and Unilever for health care professionals of regional countries.

8) Promoting the establishment of health tourism or global health care center in Iran and cooperation with Iran Ministry of Foreign Affairs due to bring it to the public worldwide.

9) Membership in world medical, dental, and pharmaceutical associations, and regular attendance of IRIMC president in their sessions & meetings.

10) Organizing a collaboration committee between Middle East Medical Councils regarding achieving following goals:

- to exchange executive & administrative expertise and information due to ameliorate IRIMC policies such as:

Regulation medical services cost and tax affairs.

Providing special facilities for health care professional who work in underdeveloped regions of the country (exempting them from paying taxes or offering them favorable discount)

Defining health oriented insurances and substitution health oriented insurances for patient oriented ones to improve health care quality and achieve sustainable development in the medical field.

- an interchange of scientific information in the field of medicine.

11) Creating a joint committee of students of regional countries to improve dental & medical public health based on Millennium Development Goals of WHO. Based on medical cooperation with regional countries, IRIMC can collect precise information due to improve national as well as regional health care quality.

12) Setting up a medium to define and publicize IRIMC achievement as well as its president's points of view.