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Dear Dr Nwauwa,

Re: **Membership of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine**

It was a pleasure to meet you at our recent round of meetings at ACEP15 in Boston. I take great pleasure in confirming that the International Federation for Emergency Medicine approved the application of the Society of Emergency Medicine Practitioners of Nigeria for Affiliate Membership of the IFEM.

The traditional role of the Federation has been as the umbrella organisation for the biennial International Conference on Emergency Medicine. However, with the growth of our membership, the Federation is involved in many activities to foster the development of emergency medicine globally. In 2012, a 12 member Board was established to facilitate a more efficient governance structure and to improve regional representation of our Members. Dr Melanie Stander (EMSSA) is the elected representative for Africa. She can be contacted via the IFEM Secretariat and you are encouraged to contact her with any questions or initiatives that you might wish to undertake within the IFEM umbrella. Board Elections will be held next April and a call for nominations will shortly be circulated.

As an Affiliate Member, the President or nominated representative of your organisation will be invited to attend Board meetings, but will not be entitled to vote on motions before the Board. Other members of your organisation are welcome to attend as observers. The next meeting of the Assembly will be held in Cape Town during the International Conference on Emergency Medicine 2016, April 18-21. Full details and Agenda papers will be forwarded at the appropriate time.

IFEM Committees, Taskforces or Special Interest Groups are a good way of becoming involved and making connections within IFEM. You are most welcome to attend any of the meetings of the Committees, which are held in conjunction with the Assembly meetings, once or twice each year.

Details regarding associated fees will be forwarded to you by Dr Andrew Singer, Treasurer of the IFEM, in due course.

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You will find a current list of member organisations, Committees as well as the current IFEM By-Laws and other governance documents, at the IFEM web site at [www.ifem.cc/About IFEM](http://www.ifem.cc/About%20IFEM). An orientation package of information will also be forwarded to you by separate email.

If you have any issues or concerns, or wish to contact me, please do so via our Executive Officer, Carol Reardon, at the IFEM Secretariat at [ifem@acem.org.au](mailto:ifem@acem.org.au). I would also ask that you keep all contact details for your organisation up to date with the Secretariat.

The contribution of the Society of Emergency Medicine Practitioners of Nigeria will be most valued and I look forward to welcoming you or your representative in Cape Town. It promises to be a very exciting meeting so we encourage you to promote the event to your members. If you have suggestions for how our organizations can collaborate further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Once again, congratulations and welcome to the IFEM.

Kind regards,



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**PRESIDENT**

cc Dr Melanie Stander, IFEM Board Representative (Africa)  
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