

Dear AFSM members, friends, and colleagues,

After more than 30 years of existence of the Association of Former PAHO/WHO Staff Members, AFSM, it is necessary to reflect on the vision and work of the Association in the next 5 years.

As part of this reflection, in 2022 the AFSM Outreach Committee defined the following purpose:

"Promote the incorporation of former PAHO/WHO staff and their full participation in scientific, technical, cultural, educational, administrative and social activities, including new initiatives and activities defined and proposed by AFSM members."

In the meantime, as you have been informed during the 2023 annual meeting and through the AFSM Newsletter, WHO Director General, Dr. Tedros, has expressed his interest in strengthening and "institutionalizing" the relationship between AFSM and WHO. As he says: "Once WHO, always WHO". On his side, PAHO Director, Dr. Jarbas, has established a very constructive relationship with the association in agreement with this vision. It means at the same time an opportunity and a collective responsibility for the members of the Association.

Therefore, the Committee intends to explore how best to respond to members' needs and expectations, as well as to new challenges in a near future.

Last July, a preliminary consultation was conducted by the Committee with the Focal Points in the countries. The relevance of conducting a survey requesting the contributions of all AFSM members directly was confirmed.

The Committee wish to invite you to participate in the attached opinion survey.

For responding you may use all the space you need and, at the end, there is space for free remarks. We remind you that AFSM is yours and requires everyone's collaboration. We hope everyone will respond.

All your answers will be included in the final report. All ideas are acceptable. All suggestions will be taken into account in the analysis and for the elaboration of the final document!

Your opinion is relevant! We hope everyone will respond! All responses will be included! All ideas and suggestions will be reported and considered!

Please send your response before June 30 to the following email address, where you can also send any comment or concern related to this survey:

afsmpaho.outreach@gmail.com

For a better, more useful, more accessible, more inclusive, and dynamic Association, we look forward to your participation!

Thank you and best regards.

AFSM Outreach Committee

AFSM Members' Opinion Survey (May/June 2024)

Note: For every question, use all the space you need for your response

Among the main activities of the AFSM, which ones have met your expectations?

Identify problems or limitations in AFSM?

Propose improvements for activities and operation of AFSM?

What is the added value of AFSM? (Compared to other associations)

With which organizations should AFSM establish or strengthen relationships?

What activities of other associations do you consider useful to incorporate into AFSM?

What new activities would you propose for implementing in AFSM?

What responsibilities can you assume for collaborating with AFSM?

What strategies would you propose for attracting new members?

From your perspective, what kind of relationships should be strengthened or implemented with PAHO and WHO: a) for the benefit of AFSM members on one hand and b) in support to PAHO and WHO on another (cf. institutionalization of the relationship)? At which levels?

How do you envision what AFSM should look like in five years?

Free space for questions, comments, suggestions, etc. (use all necessary space):

NOTE: In order to confirm or update your data, stay in touch and share with you the results of this survey (among others), please complete the following:

Name and Surname:

Full Postal Address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Email:

Access to AFSM directory by all members is important for allowing each member to establish relationships at any time with any other members, friends and colleagues. Please, confirm your agreement for including the data above in the directory and sharing them with AFSM members. Select here: YES or NO (leave only the option agreed).