**AN UPDATE REPORT PRESENTED BY DR. SALISU ISLMA’IL, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (IMAN) DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE DA’AWAH COORDINATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (DCCN) HELD AT MUNOR LODGE, KADUNA ON THE 17TH AND 18TH JUMADA ULA 1436AH CORRESPONDING TO 26TH AND 27TH FEBRUARY, 2016.**

All praises be to Allah the Almighty, may His blessings be upon seal and the leader of all prophets, Muhammad Bin Abdullah (SAW), his family, his companions and all those who follow his footsteps till the Day of judgement.

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.

We thank Allah (S W A) Who spare our live to witness yet another General Assembly Meeting of his great union spearheaded by the Da’awah Coordination Council of Nigeria (DCCN), May reword all those who laid the foundation of this union in abundance. We also thank everyone who is here presence and those who could not make it because of unavoidable circumstances. May Almighty Allah accept these from all of us as Ibadah and count it in the scale of our good deeds, Ameen.

Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN) was founded in the Holy City of Makkah in the year 1989 by a group of Nigerian Health Professionals performing that year’s Hajj; the founding fathers May Allah reword them with Jannatul Firdaus, Ameen.

The Association subsequently registered with Corporate Affairs Commission (RC NO: 7926) on 11th July, 1994. The overall objective is to bring into closer union all Nigeria Muslim Health Care Professionals, to render greater services to humanity with the fear of Allah (S W A) in mind.

It is in realization of this and other laudable objectives that the National, State Chapters, Local Government and Health Institutions branches were formed across the Federation, **His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto, is the Graqnd Patron.**

The Association is being governed by a constitution and adopts as her motto:- “HEALTH IS A PRICELESS TREASURE” “AS SIHHAT KANZUN NAFI’ISUN”

IMAN as an organization has the following objectives:

* To create Unity among Muslim Medical/Health Professionals in Nigeria.
* To enhance better understanding of healthcare within a framework of Islam.
* To improve Islamic Awareness Knowledge of Muslims Health Professionals.
* To introduce Islamic Values within healthcare education especially in patient care.
* To promote research and publication in the field of Islamic Medical ethics and other relevant Medical issues.
* To educate the general public (Ummah) on health related issues.
* To develop the potentials of students in secondary schools as well as higher Institutions.
* Partnership with other organizations nationally and internationally with similar objectives.

The IMAN objectives across the country are numerous and vary from one State to the other, nevertheless, some of the activities.

1. Establishment of Clinic and Hospitals
2. Supporting indigent patients morally and financially
3. Visitation of Patients on the sick beds.
4. Rendering free medical services in form of:
5. Visitation to prisons
6. Medical Caravans to rural Communities
7. IMAN Medical Clinics at Hajj Camps and Qur’anic Competitions.
8. Creating funds through Zakkat, Sadakat, etc, for rendering subsidized health services to the poor and the needy through collaboration with other Islamic and non-governmental organizations especially Zakkat and endowment committees.
9. Visiting and up-keeping of grave yards.
10. Constructions/rehabilitations of Msaajids at Health facilities.
11. Provision of relief materials to the needy.
12. Bathing, shrouding and burial of unclaimed copses in the hospitals.
13. Providing supporting to the Medical Hajj teams at National and States levels.
14. IMAN has initiated a scheme called IMAN Hajj and Umrah saving Scheme. This is to ease the trip of members and the entire Muslims intending to travel for Hajj and Umrah, including accommodation and visa processing.

The association is an affiliate and full member to an international umbrella of Islamic Medical Associations called Federation of Islamic Medical Association (FIMA). Professionals from Nigeria are among the founding group of this world body in the year 1980 and 1981.

Officially, IMAN started attending the international council meetings and scientific conference of the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations in the year 2010. Below are the details of our international activities:

1. Two man delegates to attend the 27 FIMA council meeting held at Beirut, London in September, 2010.
2. Three of the members have attended the 28th FIMA council meeting held at Jakarta-Indonesia in 2011.
3. Two delegates attended the 29 FIMA council meeting held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2012.
4. Twelve members attended 30th FIMA council meeting and scientific conference held at Café town-South Africa in 2013.
5. Three members attended 32th FIMA council meeting and scientific conference held in Makassar-Indonesia in 2015.
6. Three members attended the 31st FIMA council meeting and scientific conference held in Arusha-Tanzania.
7. The FIMA 33rd council meeting and scientific conference is scheduled to be hosted by IMAN in Abuja Nigeria between 18th – 23rd July, 2016. Insha Allah.
8. The IMAN also is going to host the international Medical and Health student’s camp where training will be given to the students on the leadership skill; this will be hosted in July, 2016 also Insha Allah.

Some of the activities we currently partake in collaborating with FIMA include the followings:

* Free surgeries for blindness (cataract surgery)
* Free surgeries for patients with Vesico-vaginal fistula (V. V. F)
* Free surgeries for children with cleft lip and palate
* Relief services to victims and disasters and epidemics

IMAN currently take the lead in mobilizing and collaboration regional meeting of Islamic Medical Association of West Africa; from the beginning of the year 2015 IMAN sent delegate to Ghana, Cote’ de Ivoire and Niger republic where branches were established, other countries on the list of next visit include Burkina Faso, Senegal, Chad, Cameroun, Benin Republic and Togo.

IMAN also presently is on the process of acquiring a benefiting National secretariat in Gwagwalada Abuja and fund are being mobilized from our members and other well-wishers for the purchase of the house.

IMAN recently launched her first edition of Medical Journal called “IMAN Medical Journal” during the last Annual General Meeting and scientific conference in Gusau, Zanfara State.

**IMAN ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCES**

We consistently held our Annual National Conferences in different parts of the country where topical health issue with Islamic perspectives are usually subject of discourse.

Topical issues such as **Immunization, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Infertility, Avoidable Blindness, Maternal Mortality, Drug Abuse/Misuse, Child right act and their Islamic perspectives, Health and environment, Collaboration and Team Work in Medical practice; Islamic perspective to mention a few. This year conference which is going to be an international which is going to be on communicable diseases the West Africa and Nigerian experience. Special discussion will be held on the eradication of poliomyelitis in Nigeria and its lessons.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL LEVEL SO FAR**

1st – Held in Ilorin, Kwara State in the year 1999

2nd – Held in Lagos, Lagos State in the year 2000

3rd – Held in Abuja FCT in the year 2001

4th –Held in Minna, Niger State in the 2002

5th – Held in Gusau, Zanfara State in the year 2003

6th – Held in Kano, Kano State in the year 2004

7th – Held in Osogbo, Osun State in the year 2005

8th – Held in Gombe, Gombe State in the year 2006

9th – Held in Sokoto, Sokoto State in the Year 2007

10th – Held in Kaduna, Kaduna State in the year 2008

11th – Held in Ilorin, Kwara State in the year 2009

12th – Held in Abeokuta, Ogun State in the year 2010

13th – Held in Iyana Ipapa, Lagos State in the year 2011

14th - Held in Lokoja, Kogi State June, 2013

15th – Held in Minna, Niger State in June 2014

16th – Held in Gusau, Zanfara State in 2015

**PARTNERSHIP WITH ORGANIZATIONS.**

IMAN is partnering with:

1. Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH)
2. State Ministry of Health (SMOH)
3. Zakkah and Endowment Committees and boards
4. DCCN and other Islamic Sisters Organizations such as FOMWAN and NASFAT, MSSN, MCAN, MSO, NACOMYO etc.

**INCOME**

To provide the needed funds for our activities, members in some of our chapters/branches overwhelmingly agreed for a monthly deduction from their salaries, for those in the public service. While the private sector members are similarly inclined. Our activities have benefited greatly from these sacrifice of members and public spirited individuals of the society.

Donations also come from Philanthropists, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and individuals who appreciate the executions of the associations.

**PROJECT AHEAD OF THIS ASSOCIATION**

1. **Building of office complex at Abuja.**
2. **Building of specialist Hospital tha will carter for the low income earners in all the regions of Nigeria.**

At this juncture, with all humility, I wish to humbly call on all other Muslim professionals to please strengthen similar Islamic Associations in their sectors and the DCCN for their coordinating role. This will go a long way in contributing in no small measure to socio-economic development of the Nigeria nation.

The summary of our achievement under year of review include:

1. Regular support to indigent patients, lectures, symposia, workshops and medical caravan.
2. Change of National leader of the Association to new set of the executives.
3. Participation in two international council meetings of FIMA in Arusha, Tanzania and Makassar in Indonesia.
4. Hosting Annual General Meeting and scientific conference in Gusau, Zanfara State in 2015.
5. Launching of IMAN scientific Medical Journal called “IMAN MEDICAL JOURNAL.”
6. Awarding the hosting right of international council meeting and scientific conference of FIMA.
7. Awarding the hosting right of international convention and leadership training of Muslim Medical and Health students by FIMA
8. Acquiring the initiating purchase of National secretariat in Abuja.
9. Initiating collaboration with National Hajj Commission of Nigeria in the aspect of support to the National Hajj Medical Team.
10. Establishing various IMAN cooperative societies in various branches and states.
11. Visit and establishing Islamic Medical Associations in Neighbouring countries such as Ghana , Niger, Cote de Ivoire.
12. Establishing IMAN hospitals and Pharmacies in some States.
13. Collaborating with Zakkat and endowment committees in aspect of patients assistance in some of our states especially Sokoto state.
14. Widening our branches nationwide.
15. And lots more.

Finally, I thank Allah for the opportunity given to us to gather here in the process of promoting the religion of Allah.

I sincerely thank you for listening.

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