Dear colleagues,

The year 2016 has been a very interesting year globally. In our medical field we met each other on the great 30th MWIA congress 'Generation Y' at Vienna, Austria. Our new board was founded there. I pitched my ideas and vision, to 43 colleagues representing 14 countries, and am grateful to represent you with an enthusiastic, ambitious board. Working with international colleagues offers great opportunities on many levels. However it raises challenges as well. How and when do we 'meet' e.g. living in different time zones and with a busy schedule of clinical work? How to fulfill this function and how can we represent you in the best manner?

The Vienna congress learned that Generation Y is eager to be a successful medical specialist, but still often is denied the chance, being a woman. We need the support in the form of mentorship and like to be inspired by leading role models. Luckily the MWIA is royally represented with these powerful and successful doctors. Our role, as your board, will be to make an inventory where we can help you. The ultimate goal being: to inspire and empower each other.

Via the vice presidents and national coordinators a questionnaire will be spread to gather this input globally. We will prioritize 3 goals. One of them being a platform on social media. As our generations is very acquainted with using social media, we started a LinkedIn and Twitter page following Facebook. Please feel free to share your experiences with your colleagues and inspire each other. Of course you can always contact one of us.

A few days ahead of Christmas and New Year Eve we would like to wish you a peaceful and successful 2017. Michelle Obama said this last months; " I wanted them to understand that the measure of any society is how it treats women and girls". So let's do our best to make some change and make this world a better place.

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