

Global Cochlear Implant Access Network (GCIAN) 2017 steering council annual meeting:

Date & Time

12/4/2017, 5:00pm

Attendees

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Agenda Items

1. Define the purpose and scope of the global cochlear implant access network.
2. Review the GCIAN board resolution and register the organization as a sub-entity of the Middle East Academy of Otolaryngology (MEAO).
3. Preliminary discussion of plans for the 2018 GCIAN congress meeting location.
4. Share thoughts on the sessions delivered during the 2017 congress and aspects of the meeting that can be improved upon.
5. Explore funding options needed to maintain GCIAN website and support annual meeting costs.
6. Discuss Membership process and **steering council leadership**.

Action Items

1. It was agreed that the GCIAN is a global network of ear surgeons, audiologists and speech/language pathologists that aim to shed light on the challenges faced and the progress made in the delivery of hearing devices to the developing world. An annual meeting of the network will take place to provide a platform for the discussion and evolution of these ideas.
2. The GCIAN board resolution was reviewed and agreed upon. The GCIAN will be registered as a sub-entity of the MEAO.
3. The third annual congress on CI in emerging countries will take place in South Africa under the leadership of chairman-elect Professor James Loock.
4. Sessions delivered in this year's meeting were well received. Greater inclusion of sessions that are concerned with providing instruction on how to build a CI program in a developing country will be a focus of the 2018 meeting.
5. Partnership with hearing device manufacturers will be sought to provide funding for the sustainability costs of this organization.
6. **Membership status to the GCIAN will be attained by all speakers and delegates upon registering to attend the annual World Congress on CI's in emerging countries. A membership registry will be created and maintained on the GCIAN website by the administrative secretary. The Organizing chair of the World Congress will be appointed as the president of the GCIAN for the following year.**