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**ECFMG® Introduces a New E-newsletter for International Medical Schools**

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) is pleased to announce the launch of *Focus*, a new e-newsletter specifically for the Deans, faculty, and staff of international medical schools. Last week, more than 3,000 international medical school representatives received the inaugural issue of this informative new publication, which included articles on efforts to advance accreditation of international medical schools, the pilot of ECFMG's program to electronically verify the medical education credentials of international medical students/graduates who apply to ECFMG, and programs available to schools through the ECFMG Medical School Web Portal (EMSWP).

Upcoming issues of *Focus* will feature other topics of import to the international medical school community, such as new ECFMG services; news on graduate medical education in the United States and the process of entry into the U.S. health care system; proposed changes to the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®); and educational, research, and data offerings of ECFMG's foundation, the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER®).

ECFMG's President and Chief Executive Officer, Emmanuel G. Cassimatis, M.D., comments, "ECFMG is involved in a number of activities related to global medical education and health care. Through *Focus*, we look forward to providing subscribers with current, usable information on important developments in these areas."

International medical school representatives can visit the ECFMG website at <http://www.ecfm.org/focus/index.html> to learn more about *Focus*, view previous issues, and subscribe to this convenient new source of information.

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## **About ECFMG**

Established in 1956, ECFMG is a private, nonprofit organization based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with more than 800 full- and part-time employees.

ECFMG is a world leader in promoting quality health care—serving physicians, members of the medical education and regulatory communities, health care consumers, and those researching issues in medical education and health workforce planning. ECFMG's program of certification evaluates whether international medical graduates (IMGs) are ready to enter U.S. programs of graduate medical education, where they provide supervised patient care. ECFMG offers a variety of other programs for IMGs and the entities worldwide that educate, train, register/license, and employ them.

ECFMG's organizational members are the American Board of Medical Specialties; American Medical Association; Association of American Medical Colleges; Association for Hospital Medical Education; Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc.; and the National Medical Association.

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