

WHO Family of International Classifications Annual Network Meeting

The WHO- Family of International Classifications (FIC) Network Annual Meeting, was held virtually from 18-22 October 2021 for the second year in a row due to the travel constraints during the global pandemic. This meeting progressed the work on all activities within the WHO in line with the Strategy and Work Plan of the Network. The special theme of the Meeting this year was “Unleashing the power of innovation in health information”. The WHO-FIC Network currently consists of 21 Collaborating Centres, 5 Academic research Collaborating Centres, 8 non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO (of which IFHIMA is one), and 29 invited guests. Over 430 participants from 70 countries attended the 2021 Meeting.

Prior to the formal meeting taking place, all the Committee and Reference Groups met to discuss business and inform members of progress in their relevant areas.

A Poster booklet is also produced each year that contains for following chapters:

- Committees and Reference Groups Annual Reports
- Collaborating Centre Annual Reports
- International Classification of Diseases - ICD-11
- International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health – ICF
- International Classification of Health Interventions – ICHI
- Other Topics

Of note in the ‘Other Topics’ chapter, there is an interesting poster on “Clarifying the role of terminologies within WHO-FIC” which may be of interest to many of you. And many of the collaborating centre reports provide valuable insight into what countries are doing to prepare for ICD-11 implementation. I was particularly impressed with the progress our Canadian colleagues have made.

The Poster booklet is available to download [here](#) and makes interesting reading for those of you who want to keep up-to-date with what the WHO and the WHO-FIC Network are doing to improve the use of health classifications globally.

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