

# IFMBE Working Group on Developing Countries

## Report of the Activity 2009 - 2012

**Chair:**

Mario Forjaz Secca

**Vice-Chair:**

Kenneth I. Nkuma-Udah

**Members:**

Saide J. CALIL

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This Working Group had meetings at MEDICON 2010, in Greece and in EMBEC 2011, in Hungary.

In April 2011 Saide Calil resigned as Chair of this Working Group and the then Vice-Chair, Mario Forjaz Secca, took over as the new Chair. We then appointed as the new Vice-Chair, Kenneth I. Nkuma-Udah.

In July 2011 Mario Forjaz Secca went to Honduras to attend the EHW Summer conference at Tegucigalpa and in August 2011 Kenneth I. Nkuma-Udah and Andre Linnenbank went to Tanzania to attend the EHW Summer conference there. These trips were very important to establish a close working relation with EWH, which is very involved in promoting Biomedical Engineering in the Developing Countries. The report from Mario's visit to Honduras appeared in issue No. 87 of IFMBE news.

Mario Secca was Mozambique in August and November 2011 and he started contacts for collaboration with Mozambique.

In his interest and involvement with this Working Group, Herb Voigt implemented a program where IFMBE will support a student to go to Beijing to present BME research relevant to the Developing countries.

We started discussions to implement a program of equipment donations or collaborate with international agencies that already work on this.

Kenneth I. Nkuma-Udah organized mini-symposium that will take place in WC 2012 in Beijing, called "IFMBE and IOMP Symposium on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in Developing Countries". The symposium will be chaired by Kenneth I. Nkuma-Udah and Andre Linnenbank and will have as speakers: Fridtjof Nüsslin, Herbert F. Voigt, Shankhar Muthu Krishnan, Mário Forjaz Secca, Melissa Driver Beard.