

ATA International Task Force

Summary of Proposed International Activities

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1. Establish communications with embassy staffs and international agencies in DC area to educate them about telemedicine and potential U.S. – foreign alliances (e.g. USAID, State Department).
2. Increase ATA presence and potential collaborations with international telemedicine organizations; promote telehealth with global organizations; establish membership recruitment efforts.
3. Expand Journal's international coverage with dedicated articles and meeting notifications.
4. Bring together ATA member institutions with established international programs to under developed nations to create a resource and learning center and create suggested guidelines and practices for others to use.
5. Establish a matching service – linking contacts in underdeveloped nations with hospital facilities based in the U.S. and other developed countries to better facilitate the deployment of medical services to areas in most need.
6. Work with WHO and promote their e-Health initiative.
7. Survey ATA members about their international interests and existing international alliances.
8. Foster international exchange programs, mentoring programs and sabbaticals
9. Assist ATA corporate members with marketing internationally
10. Bring together current providers/systems/associations that are actively working in international telehealth arenas and have alliances outside of the U.S. (e.g. ISfT, CST, etc.)
11. Develop an ATA-sanctioned or owned international consultancy for telemedicine.
12. Expand U.S. knowledge base of telehealth activities occurring outside of the U.S. through surveys and reports.
13. Facilitate the creation of an international network of networks in Telehealth to improve access to information, etc.
14. Expand content of ATA website, focusing on education for international interests; address promotion of funding opportunities.
15. Target ATA membership in rural and underdeveloped areas through reduced membership fees.
16. Create a resource center for international telemedicine with online and other training services.
17. Develop and issue ATA statements, guidelines, and strategic planning regarding global disaster response using telemedicine.
18. Utilize ATA SIGs/Chapters infrastructure to facilitate international communications and involvement.