

Dear fellow alumni,



We hope you like the new look and feel of your IOMBA Alumni Newsletter; we continuously try to improve to give you the best support. Do you have a story, update, or profile you would like to see featured in the upcoming newsletter? Please contact the alumni association at alumniassociation@iomba.ch and help us make this your platform.



Jennette Leung (class of 2016)

Practicum grant

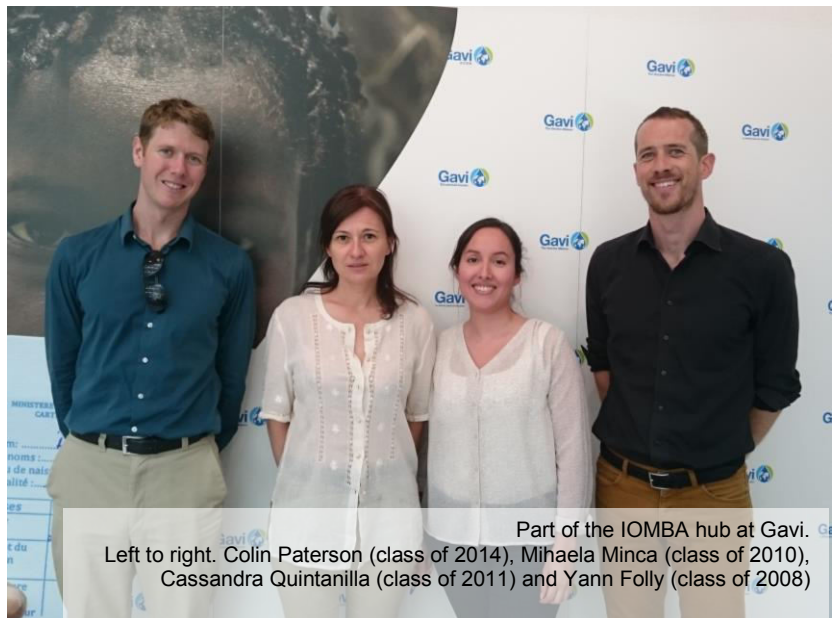


Congratulations to Jennette Leung!

She has been awarded the annual practicum grant that the Alumni Association offers to current students to support their internships or post-IOMBA positions.

Jennette acted as class rep and social media rep while interning at WHO, and is planning to join the World Economic Forum for a second internship.

We wish her the best in this next step and want to thank all alumni that made this possible with their contributions. If you wish to contribute towards upcoming practicum grants, please donate through our [GIVE portal](#) on the IOMBA Alumni Association website.



Part of the IOMBA hub at Gavi. Left to right. Colin Paterson (class of 2014), Mihaela Minca (class of 2010), Cassandra Quintanilla (class of 2011) and Yann Folly (class of 2008)

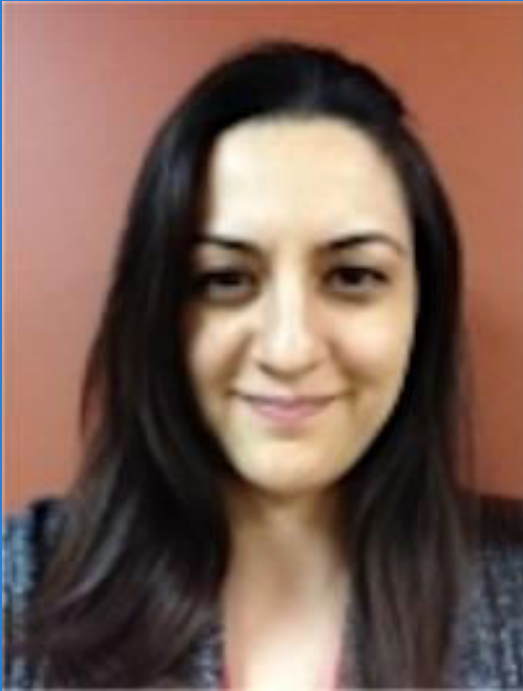
IOMBA @ work

Hubs of alumni grow in different organizations, such as Gavi, where we have seven alumni working together to increase the equitable use of vaccine in lower income countries.

Alumni are the best ambassadors of IOMBA, not only to promote the program to prospective students, but also to engage other iombies in their organizations and strengthen our support network.

If you are part of an IOMBA hub at work and/or if you think there might be an interest in promoting the program within your organization, don't hesitate to get in touch! Let us know where you are, and we can work together to make it happen.

Featured IOMBie



SAIQA PANJSHERI

Class of 2007

Saiqa is a Child Health Specialist with the USAID supported Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS) Plus project at Abt Associates, based in Bethesda Maryland USA. She has over twelve years of experience in policy and advocacy, program management, gender integration, community mobilization, capacity building, public-private partnerships, and strategic planning, focused on resource-challenged settings for vulnerable populations such as women and girls.

Prior to Abt, Ms. Panjsheri led CARE USA's Learning Tours Program, and she also spent several years implementing reproductive and maternal health programs in twelve developing countries as part of the Mothers Matter Signature Program, brokered a global partnership between UNFPA and CARE, and

organized an internal task force on integrating reproductive health programs across the agency. Saiqa's professional background also includes working in the Gender and Development unit at The World Bank on the launch of the Adolescent Girls Initiative and advancing health related and gender-sensitive programs at UNICEF and Population Action International (PAI).

Saiqa holds a Masters of Public Policy in International Policy and Development from Georgetown University in addition to her IOMBA degree. She loves hiking outdoors with her son and husband, going to the movies, and travel.

AMBA Accreditation



Last April, some alumni were asked to join a discussion towards the AMBA re-accreditation process.

The AMBA accreditation is only awarded to those programs demonstrating high standards in teaching and curriculum that reflect innovative trends and best business practices.

We thank everyone that participated and gave feedback; this is truly the best way to add value to our degree.

MBA fairs worldwide



As a way to further the promotion of IOMBA, the program is aiming to be present in MBA fairs like the QS World MBA Tour 2016-2017.

The idea is to join key selected cities within the next promotion period (September 2016-May 2017) such as Washington, New York, Beijing and New Delhi.

If you are interested in representing the IOMBA program in one of these locations, please contact us at alumniassociation@iomba.ch



New Self leadership module

Jean Yves-Mercier (featured above) has been leading the Self-leadership module in UNIGE since 2007 within the Executive MBA program. Starting next academic year, this module is being offered to IOMBA students as well, as part of a comprehensive approach to career development.

The Self leadership module comprises a number of sessions where coaches guide students towards building a career action plan, position themselves within organizational needs and become further self aware.

This module kicks off the path to career development support, followed by Professional Skills Training with Deborah Küttemann (practical sessions where students explore job search strategies, go into the different application materials and interviewing skills), and wrapping up with the optional Mentoring Program offered by alumni.

A couple of alumni will have the opportunity to take the Self leadership module next academic year in order to advance their skills, develop their own career and become coaches for the 2017-2018 IOMBA cohort.

Are you interested in becoming a coach?

Check out [what it takes](#) and apply by sending an email to alumniassociation@iomba.ch

before 31st July 2016!



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