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**STATEMENT**

**RE: Renaming the AJF in commemoration of Professor Erik Holst**

Dear IFMSA Alumni,

All of us in the AJF Board of Directors are deeply sorrowed by the fact that Professor Erik Holst passed away on Thursday, November 7th. He was first president of IFMSA, a valuable and most respected IFMSA Alumnus and the “heart” within the IFMSA Alumni Jubilee Fund initiative.

Prof. Holst was indeed a huge supporter of the whole idea from the beginning, back in 2011 in Copenhagen, Denmark, when we first presented the Fund during the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IFMSA. He helped us work out the structure of the Fund, especially its first Terms of Reference, as well as the creation of its Board of Trustees consisting of prominent past IFMSA presidents. For all the above and many, many more, he will be truly missed.

As a small token of our appreciation in Prof. Holst’s contributions to the Fund and IFMSA in general, the Board of Directors decided unanimously **to rename the Fund to “Prof. Erik Holst Fund”**. An amendment of the relevant IFMSA bylaws will be proposed at the upcoming IFMSA General Assembly-March Meeting 2014.

Prof. Holst may not be among us anymore, but his spirit and legacy will always be with us and guide us in making this Fund a success for the next generations of IFMSA activists around the globe.

Our deepest condolences go to Prof. Holst’s family and friends. He will always be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.

We issue this statement on behalf of the AJF Board of Directors,

Konstantinos M. Roditis, MD

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