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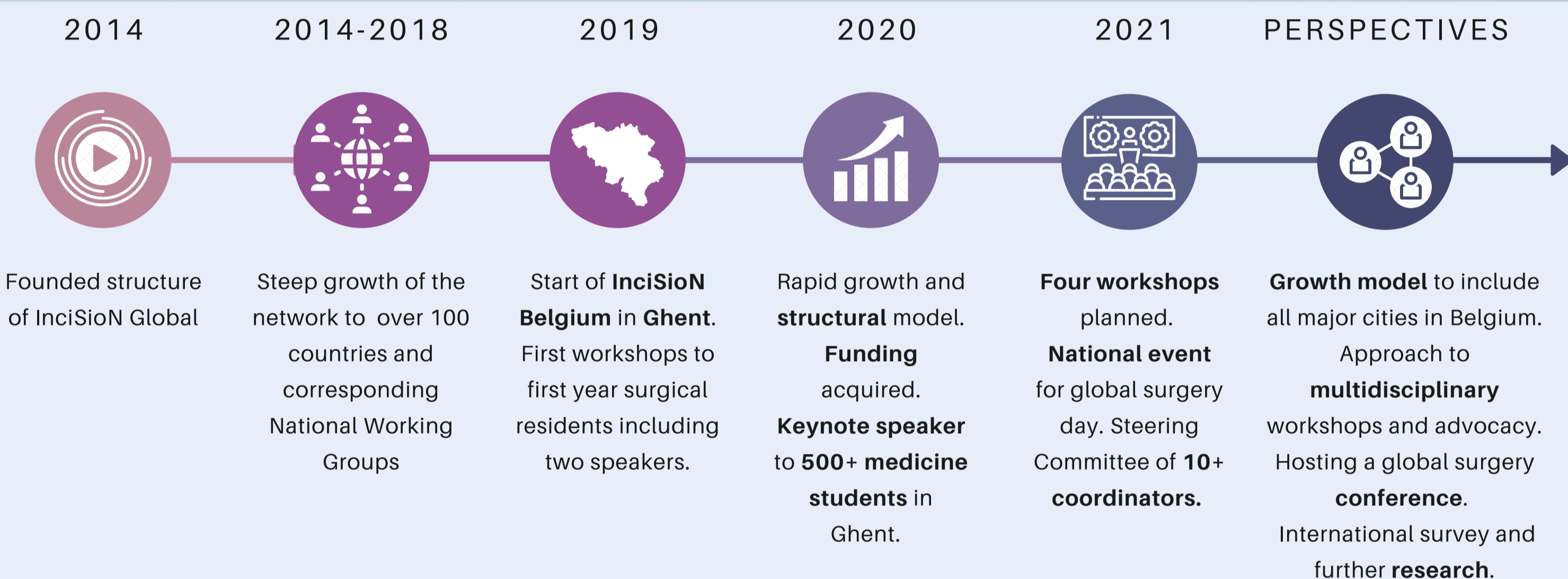
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EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY FOR GLOBAL SURGERY: THE ROLE AND EVOLUTION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION INCISION GHENT & BELGIUM.

Background/Aim

Worldwide, **five billion people lack** access to safe and affordable surgical care. To decrease this number and to reach the goal of the **Lancet** Commission on Global Surgery, an added 1.27 million surgeons, anesthesiologists, and obstetricians (SAO) are needed by 2030. These SAO's are necessary to meet **the target of 20 per 100,000 population** (1,2). A **well-informed future generation** exposed early on to the current gaps of global surgery is necessary to ensure a durable future (2-5).

InciSioN, the International Student Surgical Network, is a non-profit organization by and for students, residents and fellows around the globe. **InciSioN Belgium** has made vast progress with **Ghent** as one of its most active local groups. InciSioN Ghent has collaborated with other student networks in medicine **to fill the educational gap**, to stimulate **advocacy** efforts and to increase **interactions** with the international **network** (3).



- STEERING COMMITTEE OF 10+
- COLLABORATION WITH BEMSA
- 4 WORKSHOPS
- 1 NATIONAL EVENT
- KEYNOTE SPEAKING
- INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY
- FOCUSED ON EDUCATION

Results

- For the year 2020-2021, InciSioN Ghent has organized **4 workshops** combining **educational** and **interactive** sessions to prime future advocates and surgical candidates.
- InciSioN Belgium and Ghent have set-up a strong formal coalition, both locally and nationally with the **Belgian Medical Students' Association (BeMSA)**, with its own standing committee, **reaching over 3000+ medical students**.
- InciSioN Ghent and Belgium plan to broaden to a multidisciplinary approach, a formal integration into the **medical curriculum** and an increased international advocacy, whilst inspiring **surgeons, anesthesiologists, and obstetricians** to integrate into **Global Surgery** in Ghent and Belgium.

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Conclusion

The development and implementation of **durable** change for **Global Surgery** is necessary. The **Student organization InciSioN Ghent and Belgium** is growing and hopes to close the colossal gap and to inspire growth of other branches, while sharing the know-how of a student organization.

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