

# 66th FIP Congress Salvador Bahia, Brazil



The intriguing and historical city of Salvador Bahia, Brazil was the setting for the 66<sup>th</sup> FIP Congress, taking place from 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006. The Opening ceremony was held in the afternoon of Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, with speeches by the President of FIP, Mr. Jean Parrot; the President of the Brazilian Host Committee Dr. Jaldo de Sousa Santos, the Brazilian Minister of Health, and other officials.

In his speech, President Parrot stated that there were 114 associations from 83 different countries in FIP, which in its turn, represents and promotes both Pharmaceutical Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He emphasised the expansion of relations of FIP with WHO and other health profession associations, and commented on the founding of the Afro Forum during the year, completing the roster of six such forums in coordination with WHO.

Dr. Peter Kielgast also presented the FIP Foundation Report and emphasised the initiation of the FIP Good Pharmacy Practice Project in two pilot locations, Uruguay and Thailand.

Many Award Winners were also announced at the Opening Ceremony and FIP offers deserved congratulations to the recipients:

- Pharmaceutical Sciences Award to Dr. Gordon Amidon ( U.S.A. )
- Lifetime Achievement in Pharmaceutical Practice Award to Dr. Atilla Hincal ( Turkey )
- F.I.P. Fellowships to
  - Dr. Ryoji Konishi ( Japan )
  - Prof. Tony Moffat ( U.K. )
  - Dr. Tom Sam (The Netherlands )
  - Dr. Vinod P. Shah ( U.S.A. )
  - Mr. John Ware ( Australia )
- André Bédard Award to Ms. Gloria Francke ( U.S.A. )

This year was a very significant year for FIP with the Council having the responsibility of electing a new President, along with numerous Vice Presidents and Chairs. FIP is very pleased to announce that Dr Kamal K Midha was elected as FIP President for the term of 2006-2010. Accompanying this election were:

- Mr. John Bell ( Australia ), Mrs. Linda Stone (U.K.), and Mr. Prafull Sheth ( India ) were elected as Vice-Presidents to fill vacancies, and each for a four year term
- Mr. Mario Rocci (U.S.A.) was elected as a Vice-President, proposed by the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Dr. Th. (Dick) Tromp (The Netherlands) was elected as a Vice-President proposed by the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice
- Prof. P. Schneider (U.S.A.) was confirmed as Chairman of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice