

FIP-Pharmabridge status report

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Introduction

- **Objective:** strengthening pharmacy services in developing and transitional countries (promoting contacts, networking)
- Intent to supplement, not duplicate other support schemes
- Support to institutions and individual pharmacists
- Pharmabridge is part of the FIP Board of Pharmacy Practice: special BPP WG with own terms of reference and budget

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www.pharmabridge.org

- General information and online registration facility (no registration fee)
- Guidelines for book donations
- Guidance on postgraduate education funding: various links
- List with e-mail addresses searchable by category and country for direct contacts; restricted to people having agreed to have their address included

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Database overall content

- Pharmabridge Code* e.g. AFRO Nigeria-1
- Contact details (name*, address etc)
- Practice Category* (e.g. hospital pharmacy)
- Field of Activity*
- Twinning wishes
- Needs/Offers and links established

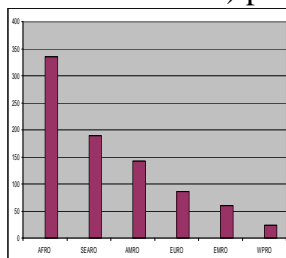
Reports for all criteria, e.g. by country, category, needs, offers, links established

* information accessible on-line for search for people having agreed to have e-mail address on website

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Nos and % of applicants (836) from 85 countries) per world region

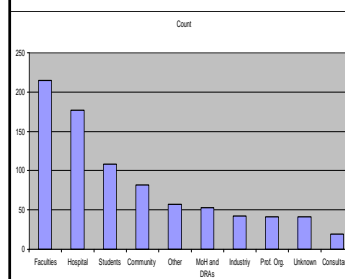


Code	Count	%
AFRO (21)	335	40
SEARO (8)	190	23
AMRO (13)	142	17
EURO (23)	86	10
EMRO (13)	60	7
WPRO (7)	23	3

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Practice Categories



Practice Category	Count	Percentage
Faculties	215	26
Hospital	177	21
Students	108	13
Community	82	10
Other	57	7
MoH and EPAs	53	6
Industry	42	5
Prof. Org.	41	5
Unknown	41	5
Consultant	19	2

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Links established (1): books

- ASHP: AHFS DI (1000 plus), The Pharmacists Drug Handbook (5000), Handbook Inject. Drugs (1000), Medic. Safety Guide (10),
- APhA: 50 sets of 5 reference books (10 annually)
- Merck: 50 sets of Merck publications
- Facts and Comparisons: more than 3000 books (2004)
- CD on formulations for pediatric use (10)
- US students and Individuals (more than 50) on forwarding books and journals to over 70 parties

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Books brought to FIP Congresses

Students bring books to IPSF Congresses for handing over to colleagues from less prosperous countries

The idea has been taken over and for the first time some books are also available at the end of this session

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Ohio Northern University Course Catalogue Academic Year 2004-2005. **PHPR 225 – Pharmabridge***

- **Credits:** 1.00
*PHARMABRIDGE A service-oriented program focusing on making relationships with pharmacists in developing countries and providing those pharmacists with needed reference materials for their practices. Research on the chosen country, assessment of the practice of pharmacy standards in that country, communication with the pharmacist noted, and provision of reference materials, if needed. May be repeated indefinitely. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.
 - **Other:** 1.00
 - **College:** Pharmacy
 - **Department:** Pharmacy Practice
- * programme stopped in spring 07 due to departure of teacher taking up by other schools under consideration*

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Links established (2): various

- Addresses provided for visits while abroad
- Visits to practice sites and Internships
- Linking DICs to DI and Res. Centre Canada
- Links on topics like HIV/AIDS, compounding, drug dependence, oncology, pediatry, telepharmacy

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Links established (3) Individual training: clinical pharmacy and drug information

- Clinical Pharmacy 2-4 weeks in USA 2008:
3 pharmacists (India)
1 pharmacist (Nigeria) visa refused
- Pediatric Pharmacy 4 weeks in Canada 2008:
1 pharmacist from Ghana
1 pharmacist from India (in the pipeline)

12 individuals trained so far ((Ghana, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru) and trainees network under development

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Links established (4) Individual training: clinical pharmacy and drug information

Under discussion:

- 3 Ethiopian teachers (3 months) in Durban, South Africa
- Lecturers for Malawi school of pharmacy
- Collaboration NIPER* (India) with schools of pharmacy in Nepal

*National Institute for Pharmaceutical Education and Research

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Conditions for individual training

- Submission of cv (not more than 2 A4 pages) and training objectives
- Funds for airfair and if possible accommodation

People trained so far all from schools of pharmacy and hospital pharmacies

Links established (5)

Group training: GMP courses

- **Sri Lanka** June 05: 1x2 +2x1 days: 54,43,43 part.
- **Nigeria**: Dec. 05: (How to inspect) 2 days with 20 part. (Reg. Bodies); 2 days GMP with 33 part. (companies)
- Dec. 06 (Validation and Water): 2 ½ days with 34 participants (companies); 1 ½ days with 13 part. (Pharmacy Council) June 07: (Good Doc. Pract.) 1 day (Managing q.c. lab.) 1 day. 41 part. (Reg. bodies and companies)
- **Ghana** May 07 (5 GMP topics): 5 days with 60 partic. (Reg. bodies and companies); Ghana spring 2008
- **Mongolia** August 07

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Links established (6) Group training:
Pharmacotherapy and Drug Information

Course duration 5-15 days:

2008: Nepal, 30.06.08 to 04.07.08 2008

2009: Nigeria, Feb 15 – 27, 2008

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Major unlinked Needs

- Exchange between institutions/faculties: close to 50, mainly from faculties and hospitals
- 25 application with CVs and training objectives awaiting placement

Unlinked offers from developing countries

- Sharing local practice research data
- Accomodation for exchange visits:
 - Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe
 - Bangladesh, India, Nepal
 - Canada

Conclusions

- Pharmabridge is providing concrete support to pharmacists in underprivileged countries
- Pharmabridge is becoming a global pharmacist network
- Acknowledgements
- You are invited to join