

## FIP-Pharmabridge status report

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## Introduction

- **Objective:** strengthening pharmacy services in developing and transitional countries (promoting contacts, networking)
- Private initiative started in 1999 endorsed/supported by FIP and CPA
- Intent to supplement, not duplicate other support schemes
- Support to institutions and individual pharmacists

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[www.pharmabridge.org](http://www.pharmabridge.org)

- Info and online registration (*see slide 5*)
- e-mail address list for direct contact (*to become available soon*)
- Guidelines for book donations

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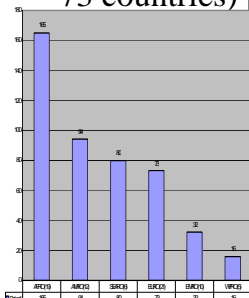
## Database overall content

- 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. country, category, needs, offers, links established

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## Nos and % of applicants (461 from 73 countries) per world region

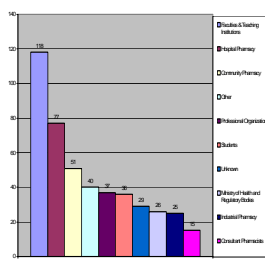


- AFRO 36%
- AMRO 20%
- SEARO 17%
- EURO 16%
- EMRO 7%
- WPRO 4%

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## Practice category of applicants



- Fac/Teach. Inst. 118 (26%)
- Hospital 77 (17%)
- Community 51 (11%)
- Prof. Org. 33 (8%)
- Other 41 (9%)
- Students 36 (8%)
- Unknown 29 (6%)
- Industry 25 (5%)
- MoH/Reg. Bodies 26 (6%)
- Consultant pharm. 15 (3%)

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## Links established:

- **ASHP:** almost 900 copies of AHFS and 5000 copies of The Pharmacists Drug Handbook
- **APhA:** 30 sets of 5 reference books (10 annually)
- **Merck:** 50 sets of Merck publications
- **Facts and Comparisons:** more than 3000 books
- **CD** on formulations for pediatric use
- Individuals (12) on forwarding books and journals
- Addresses provided for visits while abroad (8)
- Visits to practice sites and Internships (7)

## Links established (contin.)

- Ohio Northern University Students (linked 21 parties)
    - books, computers, visits
    - Pharmabridge credit programme (*see next slide*)
- See also ACCP News December 2002*

## 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

## Links established (contin.) Exchange of information

- Drug Information and Research Centre, Ontario Pharmacists' Association (13, several now receive their bulletin by e-mail)
- Exchange of Information: several linked in topics like HIV/AIDS, compounding, drug dependence, oncology, pediatric pharmacy, telepharmacy

## Links established (contin.) GMP training courses

- **Sri Lanka June 05:**
- Fundamentals of GMP (1 day, 55 participants, of which 13 from DRA)
- Fundamentals of Validation (2 days, 45 participants)
- Good Documentation Practices (1 day, 45 participants)
- **Nigeria December 05 in preparation**

## Major unlinked Needs

- Exchange between institutions/faculties: 46 (19 hospital, 27 faculties)
- Visits to learn about pharmacy practice: 16 (some around FIP Congress in Australia and US)
- **Need for offers**

## Unlinked offers from developing countries

- Sharing local practice research data
- Accomodation for exchange visits:
  - Ghana (4), Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe
  - Bangladesh, India, Nepal
  - Canada

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## Conclusions

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

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