

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 has become part of the FIP Board of Pharmacy Practice: special BPP WG with own terms of reference and budget

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- 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 (*to become operational before end 2007*)

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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

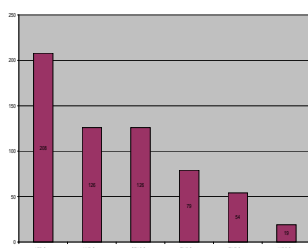
Reports for all criteria, e.g. by country, category, needs, offers, links established

* 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 (612) from 81 countries) per world region

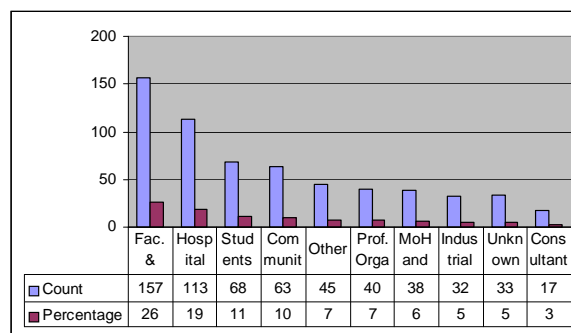


AFRO	208	34%
AMRO	126	21%
SEARO	126	21%
EURO	79	13%
EMRO	54	9%
WPRO	19	3%

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Practice Categories



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Links established (1): books

- **ASHP**: AHFS DI (900 plus), The Pharmacists Drug Handbook (5000), Handbook Inject. Drugs (1000), Medic. Safety Guide (10),
- **APhA**: 40 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 (10)
- Ohio Northern students (37) and Individuals (more than 30) on forwarding books and journals

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

Links established (2): various

- Addresses provided for visits while abroad (8)
- Visits to practice sites and Internships (9)
- Linking 13 DICs to DI and Res. Centre Canada
- Links on topics like HIV/AIDS, compounding, drug dependence, oncology, pediatrics, telepharmacy

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

- **Clinical Pharmacy 2007**:
2 Indian and 1 Nepali academics 4 weeks training in USA (completed)
- **Pediatric Pharmacy 2007**:
1 Ghanaian and 1 Indian hospital pharm. 4 weeks training in Canada (in the pipeline)
- **Drug Information 2007**:
2 Nigerian pharmacists 4 weeks training in US (completed)

Links established (4) 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 part. (Reg. bodies and companies)
- **Mongolia** August 07

Links established (5) Group training: Pharmacotherapy and Drug Information courses

Offer: course duration 5-15 days

Planned for 2008:

India ?
Nigeria

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Major unlinked Needs

- Exchange between institutions/faculties: close to 50, mainly from faculties and hospitals
- Visits to learn about pharmacy practice

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Unlinked offers from developing countries

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

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Specific activities by Pharmabridge coordinator in 2007

- Nigeria: LiveWell initiative (member of Advisory Board): participation in launch of DIC and inaugural Board meeting 20 and 21 September 07
- USA/India: disc. on creation of APhA chapter of pharmacists from India practicing in USA
- USA/Nigeria: initiate organization of Nigerian pharmacy diaspora in US?

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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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