

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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- Info and online registration (*see slide 5*)
- e-mail address list for direct contact
- Guidelines for book donations
- Links of particular relevance to DC (*see slide 4*)

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- **Links to:**
- Literature available free of charge online
- Other support schemes links:
Humanitarian sites and E-mail networks
addressing pharmaceutical issues in DC
- Continuing education courses (distance and online)
- Free IT Guide

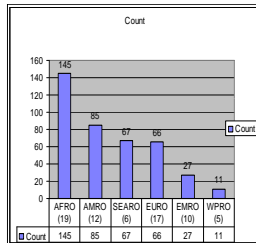
Database overall content

- Pharmabridge Code e.g. AFRO Nigeria-1
- Contact details (name, address etc)
- Practice Category (e.g. hospital pharmacy)
- Field of Activity
- Twinning wishes
- Needs/Offer and links established
- Reports (*see slide 5*)

Database reports:

- Country (*see slide 7*)
- Practice Category (*see slide 8*)
- Field of activity
- Needs
- Offers
- *Links established reflected in Need/Offer reports*
"Books etc." "Education etc." "Other" (*see slide 9*)
- Role of project coordinator

Nos and % of applicants (401 from 69 countries) per world region

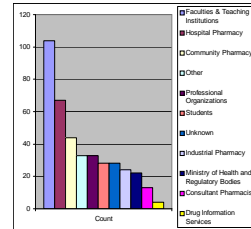


- AFRO 36%
- AMRO 21%
- SEARO 17%
- EURO 16%
- EMRO 7%
- WPRO 3%

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Practice category of applicants



- Fac/Teach. Inst. 104 (26%)
- Hospital 67 (17%)
- Community 44 (11%)
- Prof. Org. 33 (8%)
- Other 33 (8%)
- Students 28 (7%)
- Unknown 28 (7%)
- Industry 24 (6%)
- MoH/Reg. Bodies 22 (6%)
- Consultant pharm. 13 (3%)

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Links established:

- **ASHP:** more than 560 copies of AHFS and 5000 copies of The Pharmacists Drug Handbook
- **APhA:** 20 sets of 5 reference books
- **Merck:** 50 sets of Merck publications
- **Facts and Comparisons:** 50 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)

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Links established (contin.)

- Ohio Northern University Students (linked 21 parties)
 - books, computers, visits
 - Pharmabridge credit programme (*see slide 10*)

See also ACCP News December 2002
- Victorian College of Pharmacy Students (linked with a faculty in India)

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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

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Links established (contin.) Exchange of information

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

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Unlinked Needs

- Exchange between institutions/faculties: 40
(13 hospital, 27 faculties)
- Visits to learn about pharmacy practice: 15
(some around FIP Congress)
- **Need for offers**

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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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Future development

- More efforts will be deployed for linking specific needs with offers and *vice versa*
- E-mail address list on the Pharmabridge website for direct interaction: collect experience
- Communication with Pharmabridge participants ?
- Recruit more pharmacists from developed countries

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Conclusions

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

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