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News and Updates

The Pharmacy Education Taskforce would like to announce four new additions to its Advisory Group. They are:

• **Mr Mohamed Bin Shahna** – Technical Officer, Essential Medicines & Pharmaceutical Policies, WHO, Egypt.

• **Prof Suresh Bhojraj** – Vice Chancellor, JSS University, India and President of the Pharmaceutical Council of India.

• **Prof Jennifer Marriott** – Associate Professor, Monash University, Australia and President of the Academic Section of FIP.

• **Miss Nomvula Mabuza** – Chairperson of Pharmacy Education, IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation), South Africa.

The Taskforce will benefit greatly from their valuable experiences and expertise.

FIP is calling for contributions for the 2009 Issue 1 of the International Pharmacy Journal (IPJ). The issue's theme will be: "Integrated Science, Collaborative Practice." FIP will be accepting and considering articles focusing on how both the pharmaceutical sciences and practice are crossing traditional boundaries and taking innovative directions, with remarkable results. This issue of the IPJ will also host a special section on Vaccines. It is here they would like explore how the pharmaceutical sciences are also inviting contributions from other disciplines in the research and development of vaccines; ask how the particulars of manufacturing, shipping and storage are affecting access; and look into how pharmacists are becoming more involved in every step in the supply chain, integrating new scientific knowledge on vaccines into useable patient information and reacting to safety concerns around the world. Please send your articles to myriah@fip.org NO LATER than the 15th of April, 2009. (Articles should be between 1500-2500 words; photos and graphs welcome and encouraged; author's information mandatory).

Special Report

This is a new section featuring a successful clinical pharmacy training programme in China as reported by Taskforce members Li Yang and Melody Ryan.

In 2009, the Chinese government-sponsored clinical pharmacist pilot training program entered its third cycle. The Science and Education Division of the Ministry of Health set up the first group of 19 pilot

training facilities for clinical pharmacists in 2005. Eighty-two trainees from across the country trained in hospitals distributed in 21 provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities, and the People's Liberation Army Hospitals. A majority of trainees were selected from either large, regional hospitals or medium-sized community hospitals.

Expansion of this program came in July 2006, when the Ministry of Health announced the second group of 31 clinical pharmacist training centers with a capacity for 122 trainees enrolled in 10 specialties (endocrinology, neurology, total parenteral nutrition, organ transplantation, cardiology, respiratory medicine, nephrology, oncology, gastrointestinal disease, and infectious disease).

Most recently, in February 2009, the Ministry of Health presented the list of clinical pharmacy training centers. There are currently 50 clinical pharmacist training centers in 19 provinces and critical care has been added to the list of clinical pharmacy specialties.

An example of a typical training site, the Peking University Third Hospital (PU3H), joined the group of training centers in 2006. By February 2009, eight clinical pharmacists in two specializations (respiratory medicine and neurology) had graduated from the PU3H clinical pharmacist training center. To carry out the training, a teaching team is formed. The team consists of a senior clinical pharmacist, a physician, and two trainees. All the trainees passed the final assessments (written examinations, clinical skills assessment, case analysis and report) and obtained their certificates after one year of full-time study.

The clinical pharmacist training program in China is still young; however, the program has been very successful. Further efforts will include continuous improvement of the training centers, developing a cadre of senior clinical pharmacists to be advanced clinical pharmacist trainers, and recruiting more training centers and trainees.

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Resources

Proceedings from the FIP Global Conference on the Future of Hospital Pharmacy, which was held in Basel, Switzerland in September 2008, is now available from the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy website. This was an important event which built global consensus on the direction of hospital pharmacy in six key areas, one of which included human resources and training. To view the proceedings, please go to: <http://www.ajhp.org/>.

The Human Resources for Health journal has published an article "Effective scale-up: avoiding the same old traps" by Pape A. Gaye and David Nelson of IntraHealth International, Inc. The article explores the

pitfalls of training initiatives for health workers. The article can be found at: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/7/1/2>.

Editors are now collaborating on the Medpedia Project to collect the best information about health, medicine and the body and make it freely available worldwide. Only physicians and Ph.D.s in a biomedical field are allowed to make edits directly to the Article pages. However, everyone can contribute by using the "Suggest Changes" link at the top of each Article page. Click the link below to visit The Medpedia Project: <http://medpedia.com/welcome/4/4c45c2a86c5e3144>.

The Capacity Project's HRH Global Resource Center (<http://www.hrhresourcecenter.org>), a digital library of human resources for health (HRH) resources, has launched two new features to help promote learning and information literacy. The GRC Tutorial (http://www.hrhresourcecenter.org/tutorial_main) introduces the site and demonstrates the basic skills of browsing and searching an online collection. The Subject Guides (<http://www.hrhresourcecenter.org/sg>) series introduce fundamental topics in HRH, provide recommended readings for users who are new to the field and guide users to appropriate sections of the site for more information.

Events

The African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) in collaboration with the International Society for Urban Health (ISUH) and the Government of Kenya's Ministry of Nairobi Metropolitan Development, wish to announce the 8th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH) which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 19-23 October 2009. The theme of this year's conference is 'Meeting Urban Health Needs through Innovative Research, Policies and Interventions.' If you need more information, please contact the conference coordinator at: icuh@aphrc.org or visit the conference website: <http://www.icuh2009.org/>.

The 4th Nordic Social Pharmacy and HealthServices Research Conference that will be held 15-16 June 2009 in Oslo, Norway. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for researchers in the Nordic countries to present their research to an audience of other social pharmacy or health services researchers, to attend workshops in areas relevant to social pharmacy and health services research, and to meet and forge networks with other researchers. Participants from outside the Nordic countries are also welcome. For more information please check the conference website at www.farmasi.uio.no/nspc2009. The deadline for abstract submission is March 1st.

News in Education from Around the World

International Council of Nurses Announces New Nursing Education Network ***International Council of Nurses***

Geneva, Switzerland, 07 January 2009 – A new International Council of Nurses (ICN) Network has been established to promote excellence in nursing education to prepare a diverse 21st century nursing workforce. New realities of international migration, easier movement across and between countries, advanced communication technology, global health care, and a worldwide nursing shortage make the preparation of a diverse nursing workforce a critical priority. ICN has responded positively to strong interest from several of its member national nurses associations (NNAs), coordinated by the National League for Nursing (NLN)*, to establish the ICN Nursing Education Network. The new network will provide a forum to address nursing educational issues worldwide.

The network's inaugural meeting will be held during the 24th ICN Quadrennial Congress, 27 June- 4 July 2009 in Durban, South Africa. Several countries have already signaled interest in collaborating on the development of an agenda, and the NLN has offered to work with ICN, its member NNAs and interested individuals and educational organizations in moving forward. Among the primary items for exploration will be the international shortages in the nursing workforce and in nursing faculty that exist in many countries.

India in Africa medical link-up

India has launched a hi-tech project it says will provide medical education and better health care in Africa. Launched by Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee in Delhi, the project will at first connect 11 African countries with India. The services will include virtual classes for medical staff and online medical consultations. For more, go to: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7915294.stm.

Medicines going to waste in Myagdi

MYAGDI, Feb 22 - Medicines provided by the government as a part of the free health services programme to the rural sub-health centers of the district are unutilized due to lack of health workers. The government has declared free health services for primary, sub-health posts and district health centers across the country from January 14, 2009... According to District Public Health Office (DPHO), Myagdi, the medicines are stored uselessly at the center due to lack of health workers to prescribe and distribute the required medicines to the locals. For more, go to: <http://www.kantipuronline.com/capsule.php?&nid=181578>

Contact

If you would like more information about the Pharmacy Education Taskforce, please contact Sarah Whitmarsh, Communications Liaison, at education@fip.org. If you have any information you would like to include in this newsletter, please also send it to her by the 25th of each month.

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