



FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce

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News and Updates

The Pharmacy Education Taskforce recently published a new article “**Global Perspectives of Pharmacy Education and Practice**” in **World Medical & Health Policy**. You can download the full text at no charge from the journal's website. The website is <http://www.psocommons.org/wmhp/vol2/iss1/art2>.

CONGRESS 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The **FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce** and **FIP Academic Section** are organizing a full-day satellite session on Education to be held before **FIP Congress 2010 in Lisbon, Portugal**. Please join us for this interactive session “**R1: HOW TO DEVELOP ACADEMIC CAPACITY TO ENSURE SEAMLESS EDUCATION**”, with topics such as: Teacher Training and Capacity Development; Continuing Professional Education: Seamless or Not?; and The Learning Journey - Developing a pharmacy education roadmap. It will be held **Saturday, 28th August 2010 from 09:00 – 17:00**. The cost for the session is **55 Euro***.

The session will feature case studies, group discussions, debates and an “**ideas showcase**” poster and short oral presentations derived from abstract submissions. R1 will be of particular interest to faculty, practitioners, researchers, regulators and policymakers who are involved with activities such as: teacher training and faculty development; practitioner development and mentoring in practice settings; or innovative ideas for a new vision of seamless professional education. However, registration is open to anyone from any background.

All participants are invited to submit abstracts at: <http://bit.ly/d4GYkE>. Subsequent to the session, the abstracts will be published in the international peer reviewed journal *Pharmacy Education*. The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to **Friday, 11 June 2010**.

The Taskforce and the **FIP Young Pharmacists’ Group** are also co-organising the second **Learning to Teach Workshop** to be held at the Lisbon Congress. This session will offer attendees a half day of interactive, thought-provoking small group discussions, case studies and panel discussion on concrete action plans to use within their teaching and learning environments. The unique aspect of this session is the rich diversity of faculty from around the world, with various backgrounds of experiences, and many novel tools to share. **R5: Learning to Teach Workshop** will be held **Sunday, 29th August 2010 from 09:00 – 12:00**. The cost for the session is **35 Euro***.

An important education event for all to attend at the congress this year is the **5th Annual Global Pharmacy Education Consultation** on **Tuesday 31 August 2010, 09:00 – 12:00**. Anyone registered for the Congress can attend. The Taskforce invites all to participate and to celebrate the achievements made over

the past 2 years of implementing the Pharmacy Education Action Plan. During the session all participants will be able to provide input into the future focus on and development of Pharmacy Education in FIP.

The Project Team for Quality Assurance will hold a session during **FIP Congress 2010** in Lisbon. Mark your calendars for **Monday 30 Aug from 12.30-13.30**. Project Lead for QA, Mike Rouse, will chair the event, entitled **“The Updated Global Framework for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education.”**

*Separate registration is required and only possible in addition to registration for the full Congress. More information about the Congress, including how to register for R1 and R5, can be found at <http://www.fip.org/lisbon2010/>.

News from FIP

Join the Deans Forum at the FIP Congress – as a feature of the newly launched FIP Academic Institutional Membership, FIP is inviting all Deans of Schools/Faculties of Pharmacy to participate in the Deans Forum at the FIP Congress in Lisbon. The Forum is a two-day event during which Deans and Leaders of Academic [Pharmacy] Institutions will meet to discuss issues and topics relevant to the functioning of Academic Institutions and what decision-making processes are put to work to realize the best strategy for Faculties and Schools of Pharmacy.

The Forum will focus on:

- * Partnering for Resources – Public/Private; Industry; Government
- * Faculty Strategy – Preparing for the Future; Multidisciplinary approaches
- * Quality Assurance – staff, students, curriculum
- * Panel Discussion of global representatives of regional pharmacy deans/faculty associations

For more information please visit http://academic_institutional_membership.fip.org/about/aim-at-fip-congress-2010/ or contact Oliver van der Spek (oliver@fip.org) or Myriah Lesko (myriah@fip.org)

As mentioned, this past month FIP launched the new **Academic Institutional Membership (AIM)**, a new stream of academic pharmacy involvement that focuses on institutions that offer degrees in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences. The FIP AIM is a Membership that allows Faculties and Schools of Pharmacy to become inter-connected on a global platform of discussion, leadership and shared challenges and successes, focusing on the parallel evolution of Faculties and Schools of Pharmacy alongside the ongoing changes in pharmacy practice, science, research and their respective funding. This is a forum in which schools of pharmacy connect via their deans to discuss issues they face on a daily basis within the logistic and leadership functioning of the school or faculty. More detailed information can be found on the AIM website at http://academic_institutional_membership.fip.org/.

FIP would like to invite all pharmacy/pharmaceutical sciences related academic institutes to participate in this new Membership. For information on how to become a Member, please contact **Oliver van der Spek at oliver@fip.org**.

The **FIP Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section** is looking to apply for a UNESCO literacy prize for their **Pictogram Project**. If your pharmacy school has used the software and training video and found it useful, please consider sending a letter of support. For more information contact **Dr. Régis Vaillancourt at rvailancourt@cheo.on.ca by June 18, 2010**.

Resources

The World Bank is now offering free access to more than 2,000 financial, business, health, economic and human development statistics that been available previously only to paying subscribers. The decision is part of the organisation's effort to increase access to information. The databases are available online at <http://data.worldbank.org>.

The meeting documents from the **WHO Open Forum on International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce Meeting** held 26 March 2010, are now available online at http://www.who.int/medicines/services/counterfeit/open_forum/en/index.html.

Management Sciences for Health has published an electronic resource for managers of health programs and health services, *Health Systems in Action: An eHandbook for Leaders and Managers*. It aims to provide practical information to help strengthen health systems. *Health Systems in Action* focuses on leading and managing, promoting good governance, planning, managing human resources, managing finances, monitoring and evaluation, and managing health service delivery. The eHandbook is available online and on CD-ROM. Visit the website to at <http://www.msh.org/resource-center/health-systems-in-action.cfm>.

The first **Global Forum of the Noncommunicable Disease Network (NCDnet)** was held in Geneva on 24 February 2010. Background papers, meeting documents and opening remarks from the meeting are available online at http://www.who.int/ncdnet/events/global_forum/en/.

WHO World Health Statistics is available online in six languages. The report contains data from 193 member countries obtained from publications and databases produced and maintained by the technical programmes and regional offices of WHO. Indicators have been included on the basis of their relevance to global public health; the availability and quality of the data; and the reliability and comparability of the resulting estimates. Download the full report at <http://www.who.int/whosis/whostat/2010/en/index.html>.

A joint Policy Brief by WHO and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) includes recent migration trends for doctors and nurses up to 2008, and discusses the main causes and consequences for destination and origin countries. It also presents possible policy responses stressing the importance of international co-operation to address the worldwide scarcity of health workers. The report is available at <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/8/1/44783473.pdf>.

Events

The **International Conference on Research in Human Resources for Health** will be held in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 9-11 June 2010**. It is hosted by the Social Medicine Institute, University of the State of Rio de Janeiro and jointly organised by WHO Department of Human Resources for Health. To register, please RSVP to conferenciarhs@ims.uerj.br.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and partners are pleased to announce the **First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR) - Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage** to be held **16-19 November 2010 in Montreux, Switzerland**. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of low and middle-income countries. The Symposium is structured around two main streams: state of the art research and state of the art research methods. More information is available at <http://www.hsr-symposium.org/>.

The **Sixth Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF6)** will take place on **24- 28 November 2010** at Le-Meridien, Cochin Resort & Convention Centre (Kochi, Kerala), India. The theme of PCF6 is **Access and Success in Learning: Global Development Perspectives**. PCF6 is an international conference which

will explore the contribution of open and distance learning to international development goals by opening up access to learning at every level. The Forum brings together practitioners, researchers, planners and policy makers in the fields of open and distance learning and development from over 70 countries. More information is available at <http://www.pcf6.net/index.html>.

The Global Health Workforce Alliance, the Prince Mahidol Award (PMA) Conference and the World Health Organization are jointly convening the second **Global Forum on Human Resources for Health** in Bangkok, Thailand in **January 2011**. Visit <http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/forum/2011/en/index.html> for more information.

The Essential Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policies Unit of WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) is hosting the **3rd International Conference on Improving the Use of Medicines (ICIUM)** from 10-14 April 2011 in Egypt. The flyer about the event can be downloaded from the WHO/EMRO website at <http://www.emro.who.int/emp/media/pdf/icium.pdf>.

Community of Practice

If you are replying to a discussion posting, please note that clicking "Reply" will send your email to the entire COP; this option should only be used if your email contributes further to the general discussion and information exchange. If, however, your response only needs to be sent to the author of the posting, we request that you copy and paste the individual's email address into a new message or click the "Reply to sender" link at the very end of the email.

Contact

If you would like more information about the Pharmacy Education Taskforce or have any feedback on the Taskforce Newsletter, 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 15th of each month.

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