

## John Ly – Chairperson YPG 2017–2018



Hi everyone! I am John Ly from Australia and have been a pharmacist for 10 years. I have been fortunate to immerse myself with our professional and representation and advocacy since being elected as a first year student representative at Monash University at Melbourne. I went on to be Treasurer, and then President of the Victorian Pharmacy Students' Association in my days a student, national councillor for NAPSA Australia then elected as Secretary General, then Chairperson of Asia Pacific Regional Office of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF). From then I realised the importance of succession planning and stability in student groups and founded the IPSF Leaders In Training program back in 2006, a program which still goes on today for all future leaders. I was fortunate to be re-elected on the IPSF Exco from 2006–2010 and was IPSF President in 2008–09. After this I was privileged to be awarded IPSF Honorary Life Membership to IPSF for these years of contributions.

Pharmacy advocacy, teamwork, collaboration, leadership training has always been my core passions for the profession and I am glad to serve in this new role of YPG Chairperson. This year we are focusing on our new projects such as the Leadership Training Workshops and Mentorship program. It is my hope to expand the projects that YPG can offer to members and promote collaboration with YPG member organisations. I am very grateful to work with such a great team this year and look forward to our best together for YPG. My professional interests are Community Pharmacy where I own my business in Melbourne. If anyone is interested further in our events and projects, or to get involved, please email us at [ypg@fip.org](mailto:ypg@fip.org). Hope to see you all in Glasgow, Scotland at FIP World Congress 2018!