Global Conference to Focus on the Future of Hospital Pharmacy

Historic meeting to develop consensus on the future of critical aspect of hospital treatment - care provided by pharmacists

FIP, the international organisation representing 2 million pharmacists worldwide, will hold a conference from 30-31 August 2008 as part of the 68th FIP Congress in Basel, Switzerland, to address issues that will shape the future of hospital pharmacy practice.

Hosted by the FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section, the conference will identify opportunities for improvement in all aspects of the medication use process, including the procurement, preparation, distribution, prescribing and administration of medicines in hospitals. Consensus statements will be developed to offer guidance on the development of tools, timelines and tactics for achieving these advancements.

“As the complexity of medication therapy has increased for hospitalized patients, the importance of skilled pharmacists and advanced pharmacy services in hospitals has become critical,” says Lee Vermeulen, the Chair of the Conference Steering Committee. “This conference will establish a shared vision for hospital pharmacy practice worldwide, and will establish objectives for global collaboration aimed at achieving that vision.”

FIP will seek representatives from every country to attend the conference and represent their nation in the consensus-development process. The conference will also be open to any hospital pharmacy leader, hospital pharmacist or other individual interested in hospital pharmacy practice.

“The conference will truly be a unique opportunity to influence, in a very direct way, the development of hospital pharmacy in all countries of the world”, says Andy Gray, the President of the FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section.

For more information about the Global Conference on the Future of Hospital Pharmacy, please visit the conference website at www.fip.org/globalhosp or contact the conference organisers at globalhosp@fip.org.

Make plans now to attend the Global Conference on the Future of Hospital Pharmacy and the 68th International Congress of FIP!

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About FIP
The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is the global federation of national organisations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. FIP’s mission is to improve global health by advancing pharmacy practice and science and improving access to and value of appropriate medicine use worldwide. Hospital pharmacists from around the world belong to the Hospital Pharmacy Section of FIP. The Hospital Pharmacy Section, founded in 1957, focuses on education, communication and improving the pharmacy practice in hospitals around the world.
Information about the 68th FIP Congress in Basel is available online at www.fip.org/basel2008