

1951 – Rome–Italy – 24 September

On 24th September 1951 at the FIP Congress in Rome, military pharmacists from 9 countries gathered to discuss the creation of a separate section of Military Pharmacy. The Officer's Club – Palazzo Barberini – was the place, and the represented nations were: France, United Kingdom, Italy, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, and United States of America. The meeting was co-chaired by the then FIP president – Dr Høst Madsen, Denmark and Colonel Reusse, France. A decision made during the meeting was that the military section should work together with the civilian sections. They planned for the writing of statutes and aimed for standardization of military pharmaceuticals. It was also decided that reserve medical and pharmaceutical officers were also welcome in the section.

That meeting was also an academic event where four presentations were given:

- “Quality assurance of surgical sutures and catgut” by Colonel Sprengler (Switzerland);
- “Storage and quality control of drugs in the medical depots” by Colonel Guglielminetti (Italy);
- “Fabrication of dry frozen plasma” by General Marcelli (Italy); and
- “Tasks of the naval pharmacist aboard and at shore” by Captain (N) Santo Liquido (Italy).

In 1953 the Military Pharmacy Section was officially created with Colonel Sprengler, Switzerland being elected as the first president of the section. Upon Colonel Sprengler's retirement in 1953, he was replaced by the Swede Colonel Alm, Director of the Swedish Military Pharmacy Service. He was quite a diplomat and collaborated with the International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy and its president General Voncken, Belgium. At the 1966 Madrid Congress, after 11 years of presidency, Colonel Alm passed the torch to Colonel Wiesendanger, Switzerland. He organised the congresses of Hamburg (1968), Geneva (1970), Washington (1971), Lisbon (1972), Stockholm (1973), Rome (1974), Dublin (1975) and Warsaw (1976). At the Geneva Congress he organised the very interesting visit to the sanitary mountain depots of Kandersteg.

1953 – Paris–France – 16 September

Official creation of the section "Military Pharmacists".

Col Sprengler, Switzerland, President

Col Reusse, Secretary

1954 – 1966

Congresses in London–UK, Brussels–Belgium, Copenhagen–Denmark, Vienna–Austria, Amsterdam–The Netherlands

Most cited persons:

Col Alm, Sweden, President

(11 years !!)

Col Reusse, France, Secretary

Col Marcelli, France

Col Able, USA

Col Czerny, Poland

Mr Malloch, UK

Gen Izgö, Turkey

1966– Madrid, Spain

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President

Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President

Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1967

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President

Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President

Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1968 – Hamburg, Germany

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1969

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1970–Geneva, Switzerland

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1971 – Washington, USA

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, Pres
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Capt (N) Silveira, Portugal, Vice President
Col La Sorsa, Italy, Vice President
LtCol Holand, Norway, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1972 – Lisbon, Portugal

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col La Sorsa, Italy, Vice President
LtCol Holand, Norway, Vice President
F Col Moore, USA, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1973 – Stockholm, Sweden

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col La Sorsa, Italy, Vice President
Col Moore, USA, Vice President
LtCol Holand, Norway, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1974 – Rome, Italy

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Moore, USA, Vice President
LtCol Holand, Norway, Vice President
F Gen Ruggieri, Italy, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1975 – Dublin, Eire

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
LtCol Holand, Norway, Vice President
Gen Ruggieri, Italy, Vice President
F Col Walewski, Poland, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1976 – Warsaw, Poland

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Ruggieri, Italy, Vice President
Col Walewski, Poland, Vice President
F Col Schneider, Germany, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1977 – The Hague, The Netherlands

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Ruggieri, Italy, Vice President
Col Walewski, Poland, Vice President
Col Schneider, Germany, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1978 – Cannes, France

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Walewski, Poland, Vice President
Col Schneider, Germany, Vice President
F LtCol van Bladeren, Netherlands, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1979 – Brighton, UK

Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Lt Col van Bladeren, Netherlands, Vice President
FCol Holand, Norway, Vice President
F Maj Thomas, Nigeria
F Gen Walther, Germany
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1980 – Madrid, Spain

F Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, Honorary President
Lt Col van Bladeren, Netherlands, Vice President
Maj Thomas, Nigeria
Gen Walther, Germany
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1981 – Vienna, Austria

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, Honorary President
Lt Col van Bladeren, Netherlands, Vice President
Maj Thomas, Nigeria
Gen Walther, Germany
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1982 – Copenhagen, Denmark

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Wiesendanger, Switzerland, Honorary President
Gen Walther, Germany
F Gen Naguib, Egypt, Vice President
F Cdr Sommerfeld, Canada, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1983 – Montreux, Switzerland

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Walther, Germany
Gen Naguib, Egypt, Vice President
Cdr Sommerfeld, Canada, Vice President

18th February : Col Bruno Wiesendanger, honorary President, deceased

1984 – Budapest, Hungary

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Naguib, Egypt, Vice President
F Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, Vice
President F LtCol Cowley, Canada, Vice
President Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1985 – Montreal, Canada

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Naguib, Egypt, Vice President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, Vice President
Lt Col Cowley, Canada, Vice President
F Col Reusse, France, Secretary (Replaced by Capt (N) Rydberg)

1986 – Helsinki, Finland

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Naguib, Egypt, Vice President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, Vice President
Lt Col Cowley, Canada, Vice President
F LtCol Wilkinson, Australia, Vice President
Col Reusse, France, Secretary

1987 – Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Col Holand, Norway, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Gen Naguib, Egypt, Vice President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, Vice President
LtCol Cowley, Canada, Vice President
LtCol Wilkinson, Australia, Vice President
F Maj Pfefferle, Switzerland, Secretary

Dr Reusse, who had been permanent Secretary for 36 years, died on 9th May 1997. Col Reusse's outstanding contribution to MEPS is greatly appreciated.

Biography of the Colonel (French Version)

Biography of the Colonel (English version)

1988 – Sydney–Australia

F Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
F Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
Lt Col Cowley, Canada, Vice President
Col Wilkinson, Australia, Vice President
F Gen Krauss, Germany, Vice President
F Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1989 – Munich–Germany

Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
LtCol Cowley, Canada, Vice President
Col Wilkinson, Australia, Vice President
Gen Krauss, Germany, Vice President
Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1990 – Istanbul– Turkey

Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President (?)
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
Col Wilkinson, Australia, Vice President (prolonged)
Gen Krauss, Germany, Vice President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1991 – Washington, USA

Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President (?)
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
Gen Krauss, Germany, Vice President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
F Col Kratzer, Switzerland, Vice President
Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1992 – Lyon, France

Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President (?)
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
Gen Krauss, Germany, Vice President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Kratzer, Switzerland, Vice President
F Col Volkens, the Netherlands, Vice President
F Mr North, UK, Vice President
Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1993 – Tokyo– Japan

F Col Kratzer, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President (?)
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary
President
F Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, former President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice
President Mr North, UK, Vice President
Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1994 – Lisbon– Portugal

Col Kratzer, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President (?)
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, former President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice President
Mr North, UK, Vice President
Col Österblad, Sweden, Secretary

1995 – Stockholm– Sweden

Col Kratzer, Switzerland, President
Col Alm, Sweden, Honorary President (?)
Col Holand, Norway, Honorary President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, former President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice President
Mr North, UK, Vice President
F Col van Damme, Belgium, Secretary

1996 – Jerusalem–Israel

Col Kratzer, Switzerland, President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, former President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice President
Mr North, UK, Vice President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Secretary

1997 – Vancouver–Canada

F Mr North, UK, President
Capt(N) Rydberg, Sweden, former President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice President
FLtCol Hnatiuk, Canada, Vice President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Secretary

1998 – The Hague–the Netherlands

Mr North, UK, President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Harm Jan Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice President
LtCol Hnatiuk, Canada, Vice President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Secretary

1999 – Barcelona–Spain

Mr North, UK, President
Cdr (N) McCarthy, USA, Vice President
Col Harm Jan Volkers, the Netherlands, Vice President
LCol Piechota, Poland, Vice President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Secretary

2000 – Vienna–Austria

Col van Damme, Belgium, President (Had to take over early due to the sudden retirement of Mr North, UK).
LCol Piechota, Poland, Vice President
Maj Vaillancourt, Canada, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Vice President
Lt Col van Poucke, Belgium, Secretary

2001 – Singapore

Col van Damme, Belgium, President
LCol Piechota, Poland, Vice President
Maj Vaillancourt, Canada, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Vice President
Lt Col van Poucke, Belgium, Secretary

2002 – Nice, France

Col van Damme, Belgium, President
Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Vice President
Mag Wosolsobe Vice President
Lt Col van Poucke, Belgium, Secretary

2003 – Sydney, Australia

Col van Damme, Belgium, President
Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Vice President
Mag Wosolsobe Vice President
Lt Col van Poucke, Belgium, Secretary

2004 – New Orleans, USA

Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Honorary President
Mag Wosolsobe, Austria, Vice President
Gen Lecarpentier, France, Vice President
Col Höhn, Germany, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2005 – Cairo, Egypt

Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Immediate Past President
Capt Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Gen leCarpentier, France, Vice President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2006 – Salvador, Brazil

Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Immediate Past President
Maj Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Gen leCarpentier, France, Vice President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2007 – Beijing, China

Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, President
Col van Damme, Belgium, Immediate Past President
Majt Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Vice President
Maj Awle, Kenya, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2008 – Basel, Switzerland

Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, President
Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, Immediate Past President
Maj Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Maj Awle, Kenya, Vice President
Lt Col Chen, China, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2009 – Istanbul, Turkey

Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, President
Lt Col Vaillancourt, Canada, Immediate Past President
Maj Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Maj Awle, Kenya, Vice President
Col Chen, China, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2010 – Lisbon, Portugal

Col Chen, China, President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Immediate Past President
Maj Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Lt Col Groves, Canada, Vice President
Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2011 – Hyderabad, India

Col Chen, China, President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Immediate Past President
Lt Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice
President Lt Col Groves, Canada, Vice President Lt Col
Walker, Australia, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2012 – Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Col Chen, China, President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Immediate Past President
Lt Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice
President Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President Ms
Kobayashi, Japan, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2013 – Dublin, Ireland

Snr Col Chen, China, President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Immediate Past President
Lt Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice
President Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President Ms
Kobayashi, Japan, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2014 – Bangkok, Thailand

Snr Col Chen, China, President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Immediate Past President
Lt Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice
President Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President Ms
Kobayashi, Japan, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2015 – Dusseldorf, Germany

Snr Col Chen, China, President
Col Helmut Höhn, Germany, Immediate Past President
Lt Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice
President Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President Ms
Kobayashi, Japan, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2016 – Buenos Aires, Argentina

Cdr Grenier, Canada, President
Snr Col Chen, China, Immediate Past President
Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President
Lt Col Shaddock, Australai, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2017 – Seoul, South Korea

Cdr Grenier, Canada, President
Snr Col Chen, China, Immediate Past President
Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Lt Col Walker, Australia, Vice President
Lt Col Shaddock, Australia, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2018 – Glasgow, Scotland

Cdr Grenier, Canada, President
Snr Col Chen, China, Immediate Past President
Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Lt Col Shaddock, Australia, Vice President
BrigGen Dato' Basari, Malaysia, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary

2019 – Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Cdr Grenier, Canada, President
Snr Col Chen, China, Immediate Past President
Col Wosolsobe, Austria, Treasurer and Vice President
Lt Col Shaddock, Australia, Vice President
BrigGen Dato' Basari, Malaysia, Vice President
Mrs Dawson, New Zealand, Secretary