Dear FIP member

Greetings academic colleagues and welcome to the fourth edition of The Mortar Board for 2019. My name is Dalia Bajis, and I am delighted as a new member of the AcPS ExCo to serve as the next Editor for The Mortar Board. We, the AcPS, extend our gratitude to our past Editor, colleague and friend Mariet Eksteen, who seamlessly edited The Mortar Board for the past four years. Thank you Mariet for doing a fabulous job, and now passing on the baton.

Exploring New Horizons for Pharmacy and Navigating Winds of Change was ALL that in Abu Dhabi, where the 79th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was hosted. In September this year, the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre buzzed with 2737 delegates from 118 countries around the globe. A week packed with so much energy and enthusiasm on many fronts. In this edition of The Mortar Board, we will present summarized accounts of the Congress's most relevant events to the section.

John A. Pieper, our Section President reports and reflects on the successes of the Abu Dhabi World Congress and includes a summary of the Annual Business Meeting. The 2019 AcPS Business Meeting in Abu Dhabi was attended by an unprecedented 153 members! and It was elections for new ExCo members. You should have also received the minutes of our Business Meeting via the FIP Discussion Forum sent on October 2nd by Secretary Toyin Tofade.

For FIP's Academic Institutional Membership (AIM) 10th anniversary, the Deans Forum was expanded and re-branded as the Global Academic Leaders Forum (GALF) with a new and exciting partnership with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).

Also in this newsletter, Lina Bader; Lead for Workforce Transformation and Development shares the latest news from the Workforce Development Hub and its recent expansion.

Enjoy browsing fellow colleagues.

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The Academic Pharmacy Section (AcPS) had a very successful FIP World Congress in Abu Dhabi, 22-26 September 2019. The section contributed 52 abstracts to the Congress. Special thanks to Dea Herrera Ruiz for organizing the poster and abstract adjudication. The section also organized or partnered on nine program sessions, thanks to the hard work of Arijana Mestrovic. At the Annual Business Meeting of the section, 153 members were in attendance, a record for our section annual business meeting. I reported at the Annual Business Meeting that we were the second largest section in the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice with members from 105 countries. We now have over 1,000 twitter followers thanks to the diligent tweeting and work of Dai John, our outgoing Vice
organizing these great webinars.

The section again sponsored the Young Pharmacists Group Leadership Development Workshop and supported Pharmabridge exchanges for four academicians. The section members approved two changes to the Section Statutes; permitting the Vice President to be eligible to stand for election for a second four-year term and changing the time required to notify the membership for a potential statute change from two months to one month. Section membership also approved the section strategic implementation plan. Members were encouraged to sign up electronically for working groups that include Membership, Finance, World Congress programming, Strategic Implementation Plan monitoring, Educator Development, Poster and Abstract Adjudication, Program Assessment, and Connection and Communications.

Lastly, the section membership elected new officers:
Vice President - Arijana Mestrovic
Secretary - Toyin Tofade
Executive Committee members -
  Four-year term - Carl Schneider, Dalia Bajis, Rula Darwish
  Two-year term - Aukje Mantel-Teeuwisse and Abdi Abdikarim

The Annual meeting was so successful that the section received 19 new memberships at the meeting to bring our current total membership to 771, an all-time high for the section!

Following the meeting, the new Executive Committee met to determine responsible ExCo members for each of the Working Groups. Membership-Abdi; Finance-Jenelle; World Congress Programming - Arijana; Strategic Implementation Plan monitoring - Carl, Dalia and Rula; Educator Development - Toyin and Rula; Poster and Abstract Adjudication - Aukje and Abdi; Program Assessment - Naoko and Connection and Communications - Dalia.

I am excited about starting a new year for the Academic Pharmacy Section. My goal is to grow our membership to 1,000! I need each of you to identify new members and share the excitement of our Section’s initiatives.

Please send comments and questions to john.pieper@stlcop.edu.

Kind regards

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Meet our new ExCo members
Abdikarim Abdi - Assistant Professor in clinical pharmacy and Director of clinical experiential practices in Near East University, North Cyprus. Currently, Vice Director of Eastern African Association for Research & Development. Research focus: pharmacy education, rational drug use and clinical pharmacy services.

Dalia Bajis - Assistant Professor at the University of Bahrain, College of Health Sciences. An Australian pharmacist and WDG2 Global Lead for FIP’s Workforce Development Hub. Research focus: competency based pharmacy education.

Rula Darwish - Professor (and Former Dean) at The University of Jordan, School of Pharmacy. Chair of Continuous Professional Development of Jordan Pharmaceutical Association and member of ACPE Advisory Group. Research focus: pharmacy education, antibiotics resistance amongst others.

Aukje Mantel - Professor of Pharmacy and Global Health at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Director of School of Pharmacy and the Scientific Director of WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation. Research focus: global health, pharmaceutical policy analysis, drug regulatory science, and variation in medicines’ use across countries.

Dr. Carl Schneider - Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice at The University of Sydney School of Pharmacy, Australia. Carl is a registered pharmacist and nurse. Research focus: patient safety, including health professional education and healthcare services design and implementation.

AIM Leadership Blog (1): 10th year anniversary
By: Pierre Moreau, FIP AIM Chair-Elect

FIP AIM Updates: GALF 2019, 10th year anniversary, AACP Partnership and the New AIM Advisory Committee.

For FIP Academic Institutional Membership (AIM)’s 10th anniversary, the Deans Forum was expanded to include all academic leaders - Deans, Vice-Deans, Department Heads etc., and was rebranded as the Global Academic Leaders Forum (GALF). The presence of young developing academic leaders interacting with more experienced leaders created amazingly rich discussions in the three half-day sessions of the GALF 2019 in Abu Dhabi, UAE. One session dealt with entrepreneurship in academia, and was chaired by Paul Gallagher and Mohamed Rahal. Another session, chaired by Lilian Azzopardi, focused on integrating pharmaceutical and clinical sciences into the curriculum. The networking session I chaired was proposing a new format: all the time was devoted to small-group exchanges around 3 different topics that had relevance for academic leadership: succession planning, balancing academic duties to prevent burnout, and promoting pharmacy for future students. These topics were identified based on the feedback collected from FIP AIM Members. Each group of 6-8 participants had to devise a strategy to address these sensitive issues. The feedback was great, and participants really enjoyed the time they had to exchange on experiences and ideas to build a meaningful strategy.

Read more.
From Astana to Ankara! The European Region commits to action “to leave no one behind” at FIP’s Regional Conference in Ankara, Turkey.

South Africa has been selected as the host for the FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2022. The congress will be held in Cape Town.

News! FIP's Workforce Development Hub goes more global

By: Lina Bader, Lead for Workforce Transformation and Development
FIP has made a commitment to support its members in working towards the Workforce Development Goals (WDGs) and has set in motion strategic mechanisms to meet this aim, including the establishment of the Workforce Development Hub (WDH) and more recently the FIP Workforce Transformation Programme (WTP).

In order to meet the extended needs of our members in supporting progress, the Hub has expanded its team of global workforce experts - our Global Leads. Following a global call for experts among FIP members, more than 100 expressions of interests were reviewed. Each of our Workforce Development Goals now has a team commissioned to drive the implementation of our tools and frameworks. The Hub now has Global Leads drawn from all regions of the world and representing a cross section of practice and expert areas including pharmaceutical sciences.

The Hub and its new members held their first official meeting during the 79th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Abu Dhabi. They were joined by FIP President Mr Dominique Jordan and CEO Dr Catherine Duggan to discuss the strategic workforce and education priorities of FIP and our members and the delivery of solutions.

Workforce Hub Director Professor Ian Bates says “This is another major milestone for the Hub and we are delighted to be working with this excellent group of FIP expert volunteers who will underpin our mission of global workforce transformation. Our output will be focused on continued development and implementation of tools and frameworks to support national members through the Workforce Transformation Programme.”

AIM Leadership Blog (2): Pilot for introducing WHO International Nonproprietary Names (INN)

By: Conxita Mestres and Marta Hernández
School of Health Sciences Blanquerna. University Ramon Llull. Barcelona, Spain.

The INN (International Nonproprietary Names) programme was established in 1950 by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The programme aims to provide a common language for all people all over the world for the safe and effective use of medicines. The objective of INN School is to offer a contribution to stakeholders and provide information to health professionals, students, academia, patients and pharmaceutical industry. We had knowledge about the WHO School of INN through the presentations of the group lead Dr. Raffaella Balocco made in the 2018 ESFP (European Society of Faculties of Pharmacy) Conference and in the 78th FIP Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

When we received a mail from FIP asking for a possible collaboration in this project we thought that it could be a great opportunity to be involved in it. Therefore, since the moment we expressed our willingness to participate, we have attended two meetings; in
As in our School of Health Sciences, we teach pre and post graduates in nursing, physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics and pharmacy, and we think that this programme is of paramount importance to be developed in subjects like pharmacology (that is included in all of our degrees) and pharmacy practice... Read more.

Congress promotion

13 September 2020 - 17 September 2020 • Seville, Spain
80th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Notices & upcoming events

AcPS Webinar: Progress after Nanjing
Celebrating three years anniversary of Nanjing Conference.
AcPS/WDH/IPSF/YPG Webinar
14th November 2019

AcPS Webinar: The value and application of using health theories and models in pharmacy education and practice
4th December 2019
12h00 - 13h00 GMT
Register here.

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