Dear FIP member

Dear colleagues,

It was nice to meet so many of you at the very successful 79th FIP World congress in Abu Dhabi. Next to these conferences the FIP is now organising Regional conferences in collaboration with WHO regional offices. The first one focussed on specific needs in the Eastern Mediterranean region (EMR) and was held in Amman, Jordan. Below you will find a report of this conference. The next regional conference is being held in the European Region.

In this newsletter you will find more news from the EMR as well as from the South East Asian Region. I hope reading about these activities our colleagues are engaging in will inspire you and make you reach out to find our more or to share experiences you have with them.

An annual treat is the winners of the Taiwanese Basel Statement competition. I highly recommend sitting back and watching these videos. Amazing, and funny, to see how the Basel Statements stimulates creativity in young Hospital Pharmacists.

Last, I recommend you sign up for the next Webinar on Global Targeted Medication Safety Best Practices at the end of November. It promises to be yet another very interesting HPS Webinar.

Wishing you an interesting read,

Rob Moss
FIP HPS President
Hospital Pharmacists honoured at FIP World Congress, Abu Dhabi

We are proud of our hospital pharmacists that are impacting the profession and patients around the world. Due to their outstanding work, this is the first year 2 pharmacists have received the Joseph A. Oddis Award for Exceptional Service to FIP. Congratulations to all our exceptional hospital pharmacy members.

**Joseph A. Oddis Award for Exceptional Service to FIP**

Mr Andrew L. Gray (South Africa)

Prof. Philip J. Schneider (USA)

**FIP Fellow**

Dr Marianne Ivey (USA)

Dr Robert Moss (Netherlands)

Ms Carwen Wynne Howells (UK)
FIP Regional Conference - Eastern Mediterranean Conference

Following the 2018 World Health Organization Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care, the global imperative for further developing pharmacy’s place in primary health care has never been stronger. FIP aims to work with its partners and members to bring together leaders and professionals across all regions of the world to progress this imperative. The first FIP regional conference was held in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in Amman, Jordan on April 25 & 26 under the theme “Envisioning the future together: Transforming pharmacy for better primary health care”.

The theme of this conference draws from the committing language in the Astana Declaration, emphasizing unity in the region while also highlighting pharmacy as a clear driver for the effectiveness of primary health care. The HPS president Dr. Rob Moss and the HPS vice-president for EMRO region Dr. Waël Abi-Ghanem attended the meeting. Dr. Abi-Ghanem made a presentation on “Improving primary healthcare through hospital pharmacy” where he highlighted also the importance of the Basel statements in positioning the hospital pharmacist as a link between primary care and hospital care.

Lebanon - World Pharmacists Day

On the occasion of the World Pharmacists Day, many Hospital Pharmacy Departments organized different educational activities for the promotion of the Pharmacist profession and role.

In Beirut, the Saint George Hospital University Medical Center Pharmacy Department organized a very successful bake sale, in tandem with a health awareness session for the patients and staff of the hospital. At the bake sale, several pharmacy themed desserts were sold, and the proceeds went to the Patient Support Fund of the hospital.

As for the health awareness session, a wheel of fortune, made by the pharmacy staff, was on display to quiz the patients on pharmacy related health questions. Patients were learning about common medication misconceptions in an interactive way. Brochures on ‘tips to avoid medication slips’ were also handed out to patients, which comprised of several Q&A’s on common mistakes concerning medication use, and how to avoid them.
Pakistan Society of Health System Pharmacists (PSHP)

On September 28, 2019, PSHP hosted its 6th National & 3rd International Pharmacy Conference: ‘Medication Safety; Connecting Academia & Practice’ in Karachi, Pakistan. Around 500 Pharmacists from the domains of Hospital Pharmacy, Academia, Community Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Industry and the Regulatory, gathered from various parts of the country and abroad, to benefit from this interdisciplinary forum organized to reinforce the importance of medication safety and the substantial role of Health system Pharmacy

President PSHP, Mr. Abdul Latif Sheikh, shared the mission, vision and the roadmap of the society. The highlight of the Conference was the presence of Ms. Marianne Formiller Ivey, one of the International experts in the field of Pharmacy practice and recipient of several awards, including the ASHP Francke Medal, as the keynote speaker. The panel discussion topics included Developing Leadership in Pharmacy, Challenges for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers in the context of Medication Safety and Bridging the gap between Academia and Pharmacy practice.

More activities about PSHP can be found here

New HPS Webinar!
Targeted Medication Safety Best
The next HPS webinar will take place on 20 November at 20:00-21:00 CEST. Michael R. Cohen (United States) and Mário Borges Rosa (Brazil) will present on the new the International Medication Safety Network (IMSN) Global Targeted Medication safety Best Practices

Register here

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Focus on South-East Asia Region

Awareness of Substandard and Falsified Medical Products

Nepal is situated between two of the most populated countries as well as major pharmaceutical manufacturers of the world, India and China. The border between India and Nepal is very porous. Nepal imports majority of its medical products from India. The drug regulatory authority as well as national drug control laboratory are understaffed. Hospital pharmacies do not have medicine testing facility of their own. Nepal is also frequented by international tourists who bring their own supply of medicines or try to procure medicines from unreliable sources. Online purchase of medicines is another factor which is difficult to monitor. Concern regarding expired, fake medicines in Nepal though seldom reported has been raised in the media as well.

Easy movement of medicines in between Nepal and India due to very porous border, poorly regulated pharmacy distributors and lack of quality test at hospital pharmacies mean that the extent of SF medical products in Nepal requires improvement. Studies regarding this are negligible in Nepal. As prevention is better than cure, hospital as well as community pharmacy and drug regulators needs to be aware of this situation and keep controls in place before such products cause harm to the patients. More information can be found here

- Eurek Ranjit, FIP HPS Vice President (South-East Asia Region)

Hospital Pharmacy Profession in India

Before India’s independence in 1947, there was dominance of Multinational Pharmaceutical Corporations in manufacturing. Consequently the country was dependent on availability and supply of all medicines on these MNCs. Indian government therefore took a conscious decision to become self-sufficient on production and availability of all essential medicines in India. Consequently, pharmacy profession and pharmacy curriculum was focused to generate Industrial Pharmacists, than hospital
are exporting the generic medicines to all over world including developed countries. This is the greatest contribution of pharmacy profession in the development & progress of India.

However, it is only during last 8-10 years, the focus of pharmacy education has been changed and now it is geared towards the development of Hospital Pharmacy profession in India. Before this, the pharmacy colleges were rarely attached to any hospital for practical training in the hospitals, now with the introduction of Pharm. D. the Indian hospital pharmacy profession is progressing very fast. It started in the year 2008 with the aim of increasing the scope of hospital pharmacy to meet the clinical health care needs. There are more than 160 colleges which are engaged in Pharm. D program, which is a five year doctorate program, specially attached to hospitals and trains the pharmacists in clinical pharmacy, clinical trials, pharmaco-vigilance, pharmaco-economics, inventory & stores management, patient counselling, and helping the physicians in identifying correct drug, dose and various range of drugs interactions.

-Dr. Suresh R. Saravdekar, Vice- Chairman, Hospital Division, Indian Pharmaceutical Association

From the HPS Webinar Library ...

From Jul 2019: International Pharmacy Accreditation
From Nov 2018: Clostridium difficile: considerations in a resource-limited setting
From June 2018: Challenges of nanomedicine

WHoPReC news - FIP HPS Research Grant

Congratulations to researchers at Government Medical College, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences in India for their successful application to the FIP HPS Research Grant. They will be conducting a project titled “A Study on Antimicrobial use in Intensive Care Unit for the Implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in a Tertiary Care Hospital.” This study will be conducted in the intensive care unit at Pariyaram Medical College, Kannur, India. Research investigators include Dr Kiron S.S, Dr
Basel Statements Promotion: Winners of Taiwan’s competition

Below are the top 3 entries for the 2019 Taiwan Applied Pharmaceutical Practice of Basel Statements Micro Film Contest.

1st Place
Beyond Dispensing - Pharmacists in the Hospital
by Taoyuan Psychiatric Center
Ministry of Health and Welfare

2nd Place
The Hero In Me
by China Medical University Hospital

3rd Place
Always for You
by Taoyuan Psychiatric Center
Ministry of Health and Welfare
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