

Military & Emergency pharmacy



News from our section

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Dear FIP member

The countdown has started until the next Congress. Our program committee has prepared an impressive program and we are still working with the host committee to finalize what I believe will be a memorable congress. MEPS as always, has continued to keep busy. We are still moving forward with certain projects, for example, the Competency framework for pharmacists working in a humanitarian arena. The identification and compilations of activities and tasks were completed earlier this year and now we are collaborating with FIPeD to convert these into actual competencies. We also initiated another project on the thermostability of certain medications. This project will be in collaboration with BPS. Again, MEPS demonstrates its leadership and ability to seek expertise and collaborate with other groups in FIP to achieve relevant and high-quality results. This aligns with FIP “OneFIP” vision.

On behalf of the entire MEPS Board members and myself, we are looking forward to seeing you in great numbers in Abu Dhabi to reconnect and share experiences, stories and have a good time while doing this.



Sylvain Grenier, President

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Refuge for the Refugees: A military pharmacist on serving the Rohingya of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

Article courtesy of MIMS Malaysia, December 2018, submitted by Brigadier-General Dato' Basari

In 2017, targeted violence against the Rohingya community in Myanmar forced over a million people to flee across the border to Bangladesh. In this issue, MIMS Pharmacist gets some perspective from Cpt. Manvikram Singh Gill, military pharmacist with the Royal Medical and Dental Corps (RMDC) of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF), who was stationed at Cox's Bazar—now the world's largest refugee camp—for the first humanitarian assignment of his career.

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MEPS presentations at FIP Glasgow 2018

Last year we had a variety of quality presentations during the FIP Glasgow 2018 Congress. Usually, the CommsO would summarise these presentations and include the summaries in the newsletter. This year, the CommsO has been especially non-compliant in this regard and you are therefore receiving a list of the presentations together with a link to each presentation. The presentation is available on the FIP website and if you are unable to download it, please email Wendy at wendywalker@fip.org.

There is also a list of most of the questions asked and answers given after each presentation.

[More>](#)



Facebook - Peter Rollason turns 90!



May 27th 2019. Queen Mary House hosted a tea party for one of Bulawayo's icons, Peter Rollason, who is celebrating his 90th Birthday today. Well known for his pharmacy, and his involvement with the Sea Cadets and the Academy of Music, he truly is amazing for 90. Happy Birthday Peter.
Taken from Queen Mary House, Bulawayo webpage



MEPS sessions at FIP Abu Dhabi 2019

As indicated by our MEPS President, this year's sessions are going to be filled with topical, informative and relevant presentations. If you have not already visited the FIP Abu Dhabi 2019 Congress homepage to check out the programme you can do so via this link:

Requests and other information

Webinars

If you have any ideas, or would like to volunteer to give a webinar presentation, please contact MEPS webinar facilitator: Steve Shaddock

on: steveshaddock53@gmail.com or steveshaddock@fip.org

FIP members can review all FIP past webinars on the FIP library at the following website:

<https://www.fip.org/webinar>

Speakers Required for FIP Congresses

In order to continue to provide relevant, topical and informative sessions, The MEPS Programme Committee is requesting nominations for speakers for future FIP Congresses in Seville, Spain (2020), Brisbane, Australia (2021), and all future Congresses.

If you would like to make a presentation at a future Congress, please submit your ideas to one, or both, of the MEPS Programme Committee:

- Nita Sood - sood415@gmail.com or
- Steve Shaddock - steveshaddock53@gmail.com

Giving a presentation will provide you with an opportunity to showcase the great work you are doing in the military or emergency pharmacy in your own country or abroad.

Newsletter Contribution Request

One way to contribute to the newsletter is by volunteering to summarise a presentation, complete with questions and answers. If you do want to participate, please let the Communications Officer know which presentation you will be summarising, so we can share the load.

Anyone who has a contribution for the newsletter - be it information about their role, items of interest, notification of awards, or requests for information from members of MEPS - please submit your contribution to MEPS communications officer on wendywalker@fip.org

MEPS Hotel for 2019 Abu Dhabi

For those interested, many MEPS members will be staying at the Aloft Abu Dhabi, which is adjacent to the Congress Venue.

Notices & upcoming events



Meet the SIG meeting in
Abu Dhabi



Webinar - Good
distribution practices

the SIGs - is currently working on implementing a revised SIG structure, aiming to have this in place after Abu Dhabi. An update on the new SIGs will be provided at the Meet the SIGs meeting to be held on **Tuesday 24 September 2019, 17:15-17:45**. You are all invited to this meeting.

More information is available via this link: <https://abudhabi2019.congress.pharmacy/programme-session/meet-the-sigs-meeting/>

CEST = 12 Oct 01:00AEDT

The webinar covers these topics:

- Product Integrity
 - Counterfeiting
 - Temperature

Degradation

- Theft / Tampering
- Know Your

Supplier

- Stock Rotation
- Sanitation
- Record Keeping.

About - Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section -

Our objective is to establish close collaboration and co-operation between pharmacists who work in the military and with the NGOs that respond in times of emergency, whether the emergency is as a result of a natural disaster or man-made.

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