Dear MEPS Family/Friends/Colleagues,

Wow, where did that year go; 2019 is almost over! Together, we have achieved quite a bit this year, including:

- Conducting a very successful Congress in Abu Dhabi - thank you to those who were able to attend. For information on what we got up to at the Congress, please see the Post Congress Report compiled by our trusty Communications Officer.
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between FIP and the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) in May during the ICMM annual congress in Basel.
- Successfully held three webinars, despite encountering some technical difficulties
- Submitted our Trend Analysis report and Strategic Plan
- Negotiations with FIP Communications staff to include more content on the MEPS webpage in lieu of the Discussion Forum
- Special projects underway:
  - Pharmacologistics
  - Temperature exposure
  - Competency framework
- I have been appointed Chair of the Regulators Forum with the focus aimed at Pharmacy Practice Regulation

Thank you for your involvement and support.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. For those that do not celebrate Christmas, best wishes for the end of the year and start of the new year celebrations.

Regards,
Sylvain
2019 saw us in Abu Dhabi, UAE at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) for our annual Congress. And, there were a few people who wished we were back in Scotland due to the very high temperatures here in UAE. The temperature range was quite substantial - from 29 to 43 degrees Celsius, with a humidity of between 84% (early morning) and 20% (late afternoon).

This year we had 33 MEPS members, representing 18 countries: More>

Training for Medicines and Medical Devices in Emergency and Disaster

The Specialized Center for Emergency and Disaster Pharmacy in Switzerland (http://www.disaster-pharmacy.ch/) has opened the registrations for the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) “Medicines and Medical Devices in Emergency and Disaster”. Its first edition will start in February 2020 and the full program is available
The objective of this CAS is to provide a recognized interprofessional post-graduate university training in emergency and disaster pharmacy. More>

The information brochure is here>

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**Letter from ICMM Technical Commission for Pharmacy Chairman**

MEPS has received a letter from the MEPS Special Liaison Officer for ICMM, SnrCol Pharm Arne Krappitz. The letter highlights the interesting and diverse pharmaceutical program that was run at the last ICMM World Congress on Military Medicine in Basel, Switzerland. You can read more here>

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**Trend Analysis Report**

Every year, each Section/SIG must submit a Trend Analysis Report to FIP. In order for everyone to have input it was decided at the last MEPS Business Meeting in Abu Dhabi to share the report via the newsletter. So here> it is. Please read the document and have your say, whether it is to add another trend, or you believe one or more of the current trends is no longer an issue. Comments or suggestions can be emailed to meps@fip.org.

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**Requests**

**Webinars**
If you have any ideas, or would like to volunteer to give a webinar presentation, please contact MEPS webinar facilitator: Steve Shaddock on: stevesshaddock53@gmail.com or meps@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 - stevesshaddock53@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 meps@fip.org

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**Notices & upcoming events**

**Webinar on asthma and COPD**
The webinar will take place on 15 January at 16:00 CET and on 16 January at 09:00 CET. It will give an overview of the different roles that pharmacists can play in the management of asthma and COPD in terms of prevention, screening, patient referral, disease state management and treatment optimisation.

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**2020 World health dates**
Join us in promoting pharmacy. Here are some useful dates for your organisation to consider and links to FIP resources that may be useful. Click [here>](#) for more information.

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**FIP Fellowship Award**

As alluded to in the post congress report part1, our President, Sylvain Grenier was awarded an FIP Fellowship at the Congress held in Abu Dhabi in September this year. As Sylvain now works for Canadian Blood Services, an article was written about this award and can be read [here>](#). Congratulations, again, Sylvain.
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. More>

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