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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

A Letter from the outgoing FIP YPG Chairperson of Public Relations

What a year 2020 has been. We have all had to overcome numerous challenges and cope with the new reality that has come with the pandemic. It has not been easy, to say the least. And even if the year hasn't gone according to plan, you should give yourself kudos for being resilient through it all. I would like to believe that we have been through the worst and 2021 can only be better.



This will be the last newsletter for 2020 and I cannot but feel a little sad as the 2020 Steering Committee tenure comes to an end on the 31st of December. Despite all that has happened globally, 2020 has been a remarkable year for FIP YPG and you can read all about it in our various **reports**. The publications team has also compiled some of the **important articles** published by young pharmacists this year and I encourage you to take your time to read through them.

I would like to use this opportunity to appreciate all members of the Public Relations Subcommittee, including those who for one reason or the other could not end with us, for their great efforts in the background and invaluable support under my leadership: the Publications Team (Teresa Bandiola, Leah Osa, Etashe Okpola, Barbrakaryne Fobi, Chidinma Omereji) for providing intriguing content for our newsletters; the Media Team (Joel Anaman, Princy John, Nana Eyiah, Han-Fang Hsiao) for keeping us engaged via social media; and the Members Relations Working Group (Lucas Ercolin, Raquel Oliveira, Onyeka Obidiegwu, Isaac Anang, Christopher Chua) for orchestrating our engagement with other early-career pharmacy organizations. You all have been more than I could have hoped for.

While this may spell the end of tenure for the 2020 Steering Committee and Subcommittee, I am excited about what the 2021 Steering Committee will bring to FIP YPG as they take up leadership and infuse FIP YPG with new energy and fresh ideas and I hope you are too. Please continue to support FIP YPG as you have so consistently done. It is your support and feedback that has kept us going through it all.

Thank you and bye for now. Please remember to stay safe. I wish you a happy and zoom-free holiday!

Funmbi Okoya
Outgoing FIP YPG Chairperson of Public Relations

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STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES

New Chairperson of Public Relations 2021

Following the re-opening of nominations, the 2020 and 2021 Steering Committee are happy to announce Lucas Ercolin as the newly appointed 2021 Chairperson of Public Relations. He will be joining Renly Lin (President), Louisa Sullivan (President-elect), Maria Virginia Giolito (Secretary), and Ikwaibom Aniefiok Umoyiyo (Chairperson of Projects) in the Steering Committee. We wish him the very best as he assumes this role in 2021.



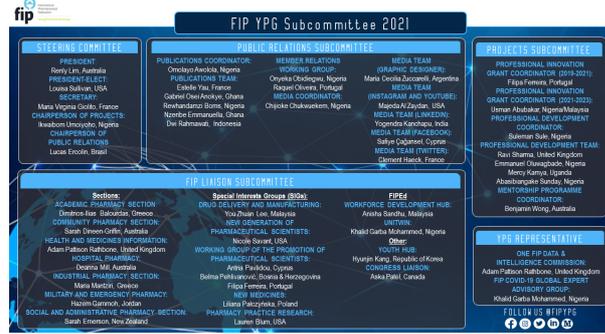
Thank You 2020 FIP YPG Subcommittee!

The 2020 Steering Committee would like to deeply appreciate each and every member of the 2020 Subcommittee for their unwavering commitment and remarkable efforts all-year-round. Your commitment despite the pandemic was inspiring and there can be no success story without you. We cherish the opportunity to have worked closely with you and hope that you will stay engaged through other roles in FIP and YPG.

FIP YPG Subcommittee 2020				
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We are happy to announce the 2021 subcommittee appointed to further the objectives of FIP and YPG. The committees appointed for service in 2021 broadly include;

1. Public Relations Subcommittee
2. Projects Subcommittee
3. FIP Liaison Subcommittee



The 2021 Steering Committee tenure will begin on the 1st of January 2021. Congratulations to all appointed!

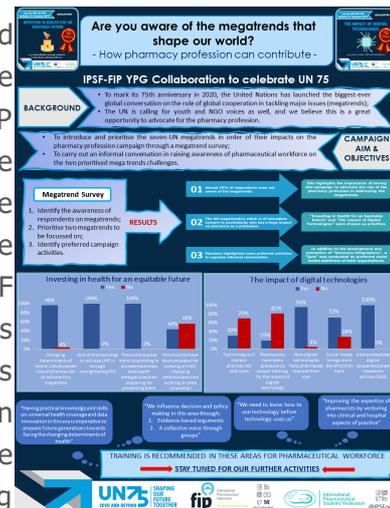
YPG Representative on the One FIP Data and Intelligence Commission

The Steering Committee is happy to announce that YPG will be represented on the One FIP Data and Intelligence Commission by Adam Rathbone. The One FIP Data and Intelligence Commission was launched on the 23rd of September during FIP Virtual 2020 and will provide strategic advice on the development of the Global Pharmaceutical Observatory (GPO). Click here to [learn more](#) about the Global Pharmaceutical Observatory (GPO).



The UN75 Report

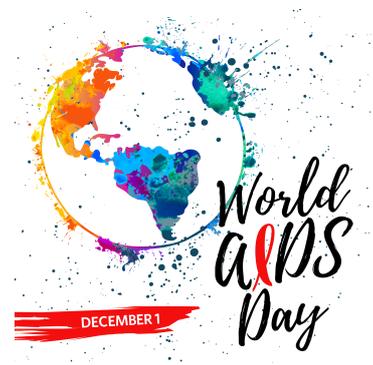
In light of its 75th anniversary, the United Nations launched a global dialogue initiative to tackle megatrends which are the major pressing issues at the moment. @IPSF and @FIP YPG joined this anniversary to raise awareness of the pharmaceutical workforce role as an important wing of the health bird in tackling global challenges. Are you passionate to know the result of this campaign? @FIP YPG and @IPSF invite you to take a look at the final infographic of this campaign which contains the results of the megatrends survey and quizzes. In conclusion, pharmacists play an integral role in the emergence and outcomes of these megatrends. Our campaign revealed that young pharmacists are willing to acquire knowledge and training on these global trends.



In line with our commitment to supporting and empowering young pharmacists globally, stay tuned for our further activities and contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. Learn more about the UN75 by reading the report [here](#).

World AIDS Day 2020

This year, the HIV crisis faces additional challenges during the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic (WHO, 2020). COVID-19 pandemic has strained health systems and exposed gaps in public health (The Lancet, 2020), thereby threatening the progress made by the world against HIV in the past 20 years (UNAIDS, 2020b). COVID-19 pandemic like the HIV epidemic has demonstrated once again how health is interlinked with other critical issues such as human rights, inequalities and economic growth (UNAIDS, 2020c). As young pharmacists, it is our place to work within our communities to inspire shared responsibilities with each other in the fight against the colliding epidemics of HIV and COVID-19....([read more](#))



MEDICATION SAFETY SECTION

Vaccine-Related Errors: An Overview



Vaccine-related errors occur at all stages of the vaccination process, including prescribing, transcribing, dispensing and administration. Vaccine related errors can undermine the protection provided by immunization and leave patients vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination does not only protect the individual taking the vaccine but also those around them. Currently, vaccines are available to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases thereby preventing 2–3 million deaths yearly (WHO, n.d). Yet, many people around the world do not have access to vaccines and...([read more](#))

2020 IN A NUTSHELL

Reports from key events in 2020

To mark the end of 2020, the following are reports from key events within the year:

1. How young pharmacists celebrated the International **Day of Women and Girls in Science** (#FIPWiSE).

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4. 2020 **World Drug Day Campaign** Report.
5. Recap of the **FIP Virtual 2020** Event.
6. Report on the **World Pharmacists Day** Campaign.
7. **2020 FIP YPG Steering Committee Report**
8. **Career Development Toolkit Launch**

Reading List

Highlighting important articles published by young Pharmacists and the YPG Publications team in 2020.

Series A: Collective Insights by Young Pharmacists

- Celebrating World Cancer Day: **Interview with Young Pharmacists** Who Survived Cancer.
- Findings from YPG's **Needs Assessment Survey**.
- IPJ Exclusive: **Methotrexate's** safety profile
- Virtual Roundtable: FIP YPG on **The Pharmacist**.

Series B: Medication Safety

- Medication Safety: **The Basics**.
- Reports of serious eye injury due to errors in administration of **Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHX)**.
- Preventing Accidental Exposure to **Fentanyl Patches**.
- **Tranexamic Acid** Administration Errors

Complement these readings with the article titled Vaccine-related errors: an overview, published above under the Medication Safety Section.

Series C: Additional Reading

- Nutrition and **Non-Communicable Diseases**
- Beyond the Numbers: **Achieving Gender Equity** in the Global Pharmaceutical Workforce
- Pharmaceuticals in a **Globalized Environment**
- Falling off a cliff: An Opportunity for **Pharmacists to Excel in the Transition of Autistic Patients** to Adulthood
- Addressing the **Mental Health of Young Pharmacists**

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80th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Due to the situation with the COVID-19, FIP and its co-host, the General Pharmaceutical Council of Spain, rescheduled the FIP's 80th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Spain's 22nd National Pharmaceutical Congress. The new dates for the 80th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the 22nd National Pharmaceutical Congress will be 12 – 16 September 2021, and 14-16 September 2021, respectively. [Click here](#) for more information.



Pharmacy Practice Research International Summer Meeting

The international summer meeting, by the FIP Pharmacy Research SIG, is scheduled to hold from 05-07 July 2021. The meeting aims to increase the quality and quantity of pharmacy practice research by exchanging and disseminating information at an international level. PhD students and their supervisors are invited to this unique international meeting to present their work and to start building new global pharmacy networks. Researchers, academics, professional organisations and practitioners involved in research are also invited. For more information about the summer meeting, view the official announcement [here](#).



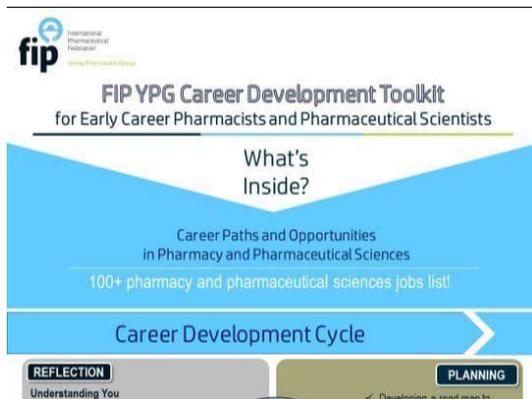
12th PCNE Working Conference 2021, Basel, Switzerland

The Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE) Working Symposium 2021 will be held in Basel, Switzerland, and reunite international pharmacists under the title 'Partnering for better patient outcomes - challenges & opportunities'.

Due to the current pandemic situation, the symposium will be organized as a hybrid event: it will be possible to participate on-site as well as online. As the situation in February is unpredictable, the PCNE symposium 2021 can be held completely online, if necessary. The final decision on the format will be taken in January 2021.

Online registration ends on 15th January 2021. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

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About YPG

The Young Pharmacists Group (YPG) was officially established as a network of FIP in 2001, but young pharmacists have been a part of FIP for many years. The aim of the YPG is to encourage young pharmacists to get actively involved in international pharmacy and within the sections and organisation of FIP.



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