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Forum**



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Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country):

Name of Organisation	Country	Number of Members
Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS)	Bangladesh	3500 +
Ikatan Apoteker Indonesia(IAI)	Indonesia	11000 +
Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA)	India	15000 +
Pharmaceutical Association of Thailand(PhAT)	Thailand	8000 +
Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka(PSSL)	Sri Lanka	1000 +
The Pharmaceutical Society of Korea (DPR Korea)	North Korea	Not In Contact
Nepal Pharmaceutical Association	Nepal	500 +
Bhutan Pharmaceutical Association	Bhutan	200 +
Myanmar Pharmaceutical Association	Myanmar	Not In Contact

Main activities of the Forum between June 2022 and May 2023:

1. Participated in FIP Regional engagement meeting – South East Asia & Western Pacific on 21st June 2022 (09:00-10:30 CEST).
2. Submitted expression of interest to participate in internal round tables and discussion based meetings on 1st August 2022.
3. Participated in survey and case study of “Contribution to FIP’s pandemic preparedness program : Pharmacy’s response to COVID-19 on 5th September 2022.
4. Moderator of FIP Digital event – “How can digital health support National Pharmaceutical care delivery?”- a regional and global assessment of Priorities and challenges in the South East Asian Region on 5th September 2022 (10:00-11:30 CEST).
5. Participated in 80th FIP world congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical sciences at Seville, Spain during 18-22, September 2022.
6. Attended FIP council meeting on 17th, 18th & 22nd September 2022 at Seville, Spain.
7. Attended Forums meeting during 80th FIP Congress in room Barcelona-19 of FIBES congress centre and submitted suggestions for partnership and integration of the forums on 21st September 2022 (09:00-10:30 CEST).
8. Participated as a panelist in Lunch Symposium during FIP congress at Seville, Spain on: Enabling Life – Course immunization through pharmacy – based vaccination on 21st September 2022 (12:45- 2:00 CEST) .
9. Celebrated World Pharmacist Day in SEA region (hybrid mode) on 25 September: “Pharmacy United in action for a healthier world”.
10. Participated in FIP - GPO multinational needs assessment program “How Can Digital Health support National Pharmaceutical care delivery ? A regional and global assessment of priorities and challenges in Virtual Global round table meeting on 15th November 2022 (13:00-15:00 CST) .
11. Participated in survey of (M-NAP) project “Community Pharmacy team’s involvement and needs in supporting people’s hygiene as part of selfcare on 6th December 2022.
Participated in FIP Practice Transformation program on non-communicable diseases (NCD’s) on 20th February 2023 (13:00-14:30 CET).
13. Evaluated applications submitted for the Early career leadership development scholarships (ECLD) in March 2023.
14. Participated in Webinar meetings of FIP-WHA delegation on 16th May 2023 (12:00 - 1:00 CEST).

Highlights of events in the region between June 2022 and May 2023 where the Forum was involved:

1. Participated in South East Asian and Western Pacific Regional Pharmaceutical Forum regional engagement meeting on 23rd June 2022 (09:00-10:30 CEST). All MOs, PSMOs, OOs, and Bureau Liaison Officers participated in the regional engagement meeting. The meeting provided high-level updates on relevant FIP activities and facilitated discussion on selected topics, sharing success stories, experiences, and achievements aligned with relevant themes.
2. Participated in a Webinar as part of FIP events and as Moderator for FIP Digital Event : How Can Digital Health Support National Pharmaceutical Care Delivery? The activity was organised in SEA Region on 5th September 2022 (10:00 – 11:30 CST) focusing Regional and Global assessment of priorities and challenges in the South East Asian Region. Dr TV Narayana is moderator and 3 speakers Dr Kelum Jayasuriya from Sri Lanka, Dr Rao Vadlamudi from India and Dr Hilwan Yuda Teruma from Indonesia addressed Theme 1: Digital Health: to support medication adherence . Dr Chinta Abhayawardane from Sri Lanka, Dr Rao Vadlamudi from India and Dr Hilwan Yuda Teruma from Indonesia addressed on Theme 2: Digital Health - to fight substandard and falsified medicines. Nearly 148 attendees participated in the digital event.
3. Submitted the SEAR Pharm Forum Report and Poster of 2022 to showcase in 80th FIP World congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences held at Seville, Spain during 18-22, September 2022.
4. Participated in FIP Practice Transformation Programme on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) that aims to provide tools and strategic support to FIP member organisations and to develop and implement pharmacy services that can have a sustained positive impact in the prevention, screening, management and treatment optimization of NCDs for improved patient outcomes. The MO's were provided with information on resources available and how FIP would support its member organisations in implementing the programme at country level. Paul Sinclair, FIP President-elect (2022-23), is the Moderator of the session and resource persons were, Daragh Connolly, Gonçalo Sousa Pinto, Dr Ines Nunes da Cunha, Dr Dalia Bajis, Ron Guse briefed on FIP Practice Transformation Programme on NCD's, global imperatives aligned with the FIP Development Goals, FIP practice-support handbook and knowledge and skills guides on NCDs, Self-assessment and development tool for transforming pharmacy practice, Dr Catherine Duggan, FIP Chief Executive Officer, highlighted on Domains of practice transformation and menu of FIP support measures.
5. Participated as Chair of the Evaluation committee of the FIP Foundation Early Career Leadership Development (ECLD) Scholarship and evaluated the applications.
6. SEAR Pharm Forum organized webinars and student competitions on World Pharmacists Day with support from IPA-Education Division and IPA-Student Forum in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (PSSL) and the Ikatan Apoteker Indonesia (IAI).
7. In the meeting of Regional Pharmaceutical Forums with FIP Bureau, SEAR Pharm Forum expressed that it would like to be a part of FIP in line with "One FIP" strategy and represent FIP in the region to achieve FIP goals for the region and in organising FIP regional conference
8. FIP President, Mr. Dominique Jordan was invited to attend the 72nd Indian Pharmaceutical Congress held at Nagpur, India on 20 - 22 January 2023 by the IPA and SEAR Pharm Forum. Mr. Jordan attended the congress and spoke on FIP developmental Goals on 20th January in a symposium entitled "Transforming Pharmacy Profession: FIP Developmental Goals. The session was chaired by SEAR Pharm Forum President Dr. T.V. Narayana and the other speakers were Manjiri Gharat, VP, FIP and Rao Vadlamudi. He also attended a special session of IPA Students Forum on 21st January on the topic "career opportunities after Pharmacy & goal setting". Mr. Dominique Jordan was also the guest of honour in the All India Chemists and Druggists Conclave held during the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress on 22nd January. Mr Jordan addressed a large audience of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Owners and emphasized that in future pharmacists should become healthcare providers, rather than remaining as medicine sellers.

Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations):

1. Vaccination training programme in SEA region with support of regulators and government bodies. In this connection SEAR Pharm Forum collaborated with the Indian Pharmaceutical Association in submitting a letter written by the FIP President addressed to the Health Minister of India recommending the involvement of Pharmacists in the national immunization program as vaccinators
2. Work force Survey and data collection: The proposal, which is being developed and a work in progress is to gather Pharmacy intelligence data regarding the actual deployment of registered pharmacists in India and surrounding countries. This project is underway with a collaboration between SEAR Pharm Forum, the education division and the students forum of IPA.

Current Projects:

Vaccination training programme and Work force Survey and data collection: To start with India and followed by SEA Region.

The forum is trying to attract and involve all countries of the region with various collaborative activities and participating in their events to network and work collaboratively on projects, sharing information, learning from each other's experiences and to work on projects of mutual interest that are aligned with the FIP Developmental Goals prioritized for SEA region. SPF is keen to communicate with other FIP Member Organizations within the region to increase the participation of MO's in the Forum.

Main challenges:

1. Communication with MO's at an organizational and individual level to build strong relationship - This remains to be a challenge and a regional conference of FIP could help establish the much required communication link
2. Inadequate funds to support multi-layered, multi-disciplinary, and multi-country projects and its oversight by the secretariat through the MOs
3. Identification and development of second and third line of leadership (this is challenging as lack of communication with MO's is the main deterrent)
4. Identification of dedicated resources for project implementation in MOs