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YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN POLICY RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY: CREATING POLICIES AT A GLOBAL LEVEL OF FIP + IPSF

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Policy Research and Advocacy: Creating Policies at a global level of FIP

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Introduction
FIP membership

151 member organisations & observer organisations

+ 3500 individuals from more than 100 countries + 167 schools of pharmacy
FIP membership

**Young pharmacists**

- Encouraging the young members to participate in FIP projects and activities.
- Lead individuals who can act as agents of positive change at local, national, and international levels, both in the profession and in society.

Leadership of NGPS

Steering committee of YPG
Highlights of FIP policy and advocacy work
Policy work of FIP

**Advancing pharmacy**

- FIP is active in advancing the role of the pharmacist in different areas of pharmaceutical practice, science and education

- FIP’s advocacy for pharmacists to take an active role in patient-centered care – for individual pharmacists in their practices as well as within their nationally defined scope of practice

- FIP supports its member organisations to develop specific policies and standards of practice within a national framework
NCDs included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Pharmacy aligned at every stage
Universal Health Coverage

Leave nobody behind

Primary health care is a critical foundation for universal health coverage.

Safe systems & safe practices
Prevention strategies
Affordability and access
Innovation and implementation
Polypharmacy
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FIP’s Vision
Advancing pharmacy worldwide

A world where everyone benefits from access to safe and effective medicines and pharmaceutical care
FIP’s Mission
Advancing pharmacy worldwide

Improve global health by supporting the advancement of pharmaceutical practice, sciences and education
## Sustainability challenges of health systems

**How can pharmacy contribute?**

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<td>3. Scientific and technological innovation - higher cost of care</td>
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<td>9. Physical inactivity, obesity, unhealthy diet and habits</td>
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Policy work of FIP

Advancing pharmacy

• Collecting evidence

  • FIP reference papers
    • In specific diseases (noncommunicable diseases, mental health…)
    • For particular audience (maternal health, newborn and child health, elderly patients…)

  • FIP reports:
    • On topics of relevance for development of the pharmacy profession (pharmacy workforce, education, developments in technology…)
    • On priority topics for sustainability of pharmacy services (remuneration, regulation…)
    • Collaboration with partners (joint statement e.g. on self-care…)
Policy work of FIP

Advancing pharmacy

Collecting evidence → reference documents → serve as basis for policy recommendations
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New: Collaboration with Young Pharmacists Group
Policy work of FIP

Statement of policy

• Sets out FIP’s current policy on a specific subject. Its existence indicates that the federation intends to pursue this policy with other relevant international organisations and expects its member organisations to promote the policy to national bodies, including governments.
Highlights of FIP collaboration with partners
How FIP interacts with WHO

Through:

- Technical (online) consultations and revisions of draft documents
- Advocacy activities
- Interventions at WHO Executive Board (WHO EB) meeting and World Health Assembly (WHA)
- Within alliances (World Health Professions Alliance)
- Informing pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists about relevant WHO work through FIP publications
- Joint FIP-WHO projects
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New: Collaboration with IPSF on jointly supported statements

FIP's Lead for Policy, Practice and Compliance, Zuzana Kusynová speaking at the WHO Executive Board
2019: FIRST Memorandum of Understanding between FIP and WHO to strengthen partnership around workforce, patient safety, primary health care and other areas
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New: YPG representative at this meeting
FIP policy work

*From policy to implementation*

- FIP input with expertise, evidence and examples of existing activities
- FIP interventions at WHO Executive Board meetings and World Health Assembly
- FIP reports, policy statements or staff support assist its members in interaction with their government
- Support pharmacy associations to proactively prepare a support the implementation

WHO consultation/Report

WHO resolution or treaty

Governments to develop policies

Implementation of policies (and WHO recommendations)
FIP-WHO joint publications

Guidelines, standards and policy statements
FIP-WHO joint publication

*Good Pharmacy Practice*

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Implication for pharmacists

Stop and reflect

But what does this mean for my practice?
FIP-WHO joint publication

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Pharmacists should have an educator, facilitator and immunizer role, thus contributing to the prevention of diseases through participation in vaccination programmes, by ensuring vaccination coverage and by also ensuring vaccine safety. [...]
Immunisation services adopted by national pharmacists associations:

- **FIP report** *An overview of current pharmacy impact on immunisation* - Currently, pharmacist-administered vaccination services have the potential to reach a total global population of 655 million\(^2\)
- **FIP global vaccination advocacy toolkit** – launch followed by series of events on “Vaccinology” in Q3 2020
- Pharmacists associations to implement the services and to promote pharmacists participation in community immunisation campaigns: e.g. the Philippines\(^1\), Ireland, Portugal, USA...

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2. [www.fip.org/publications](http://www.fip.org/publications)
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

**FIP’s contribution to WHO Global Action Plan on AMR**

- **2008 FIP policy statement on AMR**
- **2015 WHO Global action plan (GAP) on AMR**
- Implementation of GAP -> FIP presented at 1st WHO meeting on healthcare professionals’ role in AMR in March 2016
- Countries to develop national AMR policy by 2017

- Requests from FIP member organisations to collect the evidence into a reference document
- FIP AMR statement

- **2020 Launch of FIP Forum on AMR**
Advocacy for the pharmacy profession

**Antimicrobial resistance**

Combating antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through education of health professionals

**WHO zero draft of the prototype AMR curriculum**

- Next step following the competency framework on antimicrobial resistance development
  - Implementation – through interested universities within FIP network in 2020
Implication for pharmacists

Stop and reflect

But how can I contribute to improved awareness and reduction of antimicrobial resistance?
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

WHO-FIP Campaign

• Campaign “Antibiotics: Handle with care”
  • Celebration of Antimicrobial Awareness Week - November 2020
  • Information sheets for pharmacists, posters, online quiz, pictures, videos

Join FIP-WHO campaign!
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Patient safety

• FIP contributed to the development of several WHO tools:
  • WHO 5 Moments for Medication Safety
  • WHO patient empowerment material for improved patient safety: Before you take it… KNOW. CHECK. ASK

• FIP also reviewed the WHO Patient Safety Research: A guide for developing training programmes

• BPP working group to prepare a reference document with evidence and examples of activities from around the world chaired by Marja Airaksinen (Finland) and Parisa Aslani (Australia)
Advocacy for the pharmacy profession

Global Ministerial Summit on patient safety

- 4th Global Ministerial Summit, Saudi Arabia
  - FIP highlighted pharmacists’ key role in ensuring patient safety
  - Presented best practices from around the world

- Demonstrating how pharmacists improve patient safety

- FIP endorsed the Jeddah Declaration on Patient Safety
Implication for pharmacists

Stop and reflect

But why is the advocacy important for improved patient and medication safety?
Advocacy for the pharmacy profession

Global Ministerial Summit on patient safety

• Thanks to FIP’s advocacy, the declaration specifically refers to promotion of medication safety in community pharmacies and strengthening the efforts of patient empowerment and community engagement.
FIP policy work on COVID-19
FIP Covid-19 Information Hub

https://www.fip.org/coronavirus
FIP policy work on COVID-19

Call to action

• FIP call to action to support pharmacists and pharmacy workers on the coronavirus/COVID-19 frontline
  • Recognising pharmacists and pharmacy staff as key workers
  • Fully including them in emergency protocols
  • Affording them freedom of movement during lockdowns
  • Ensuring access to appropriate protective equipment
  • In coordination with supply chain stakeholders, allowing early prescription refills, supply of larger quantities of medicines and emergency supplies without a prescription, especially for patients with chronic non-communicable diseases
  • Identifying medicines that are at risk of shortage and working to put in place mitigation plans (e.g. authorising pharmacists to conduct therapeutic substitution without prescriber authorization)
FIP policy work on COVID-19
Collaboration with partners

World Health Professions Alliance

• Call for immediate G20 action to secure personal protective equipment for health personnel (April 2020)
  • Coordinated action to ensure the security of the supply chain of personal protective equipment (PPE) for all health professionals and healthcare workers on the frontline against COVID-19 and in all countries alike
  • Ensure the supply chains for PPE with speed and consistency, through manufacturing, customs, procurement, and delivery
  • A cooperative and consistent approach, put geopolitics aside
  • Help for low-income countries that may be dependent on high-income countries

Open letter to G20 Heads of States and Governments

WHPA calls on immediate G20 action to secure personal protective equipment for health personnel

Geneva, 7 April 2020

We are writing to you as the Presidents of the World Health Professions Alliance which represents more than 31 million health professionals worldwide, assembling essential knowledge and experience from the key health professions in more than 130 countries.

We are calling on you, the G20 leaders, to take coordinated action to ensure the security of the supply chain of personal protective equipment (PPE) for all health professionals and healthcare workers on the frontline against COVID-19 and in all countries alike. Only by acting in cooperation, across borders, will we be able to ensure that PPE reaches those who are literally putting their lives on the line to save our people from coronavirus. And there is no room for destructive competition between countries.

Make no mistake, if the G20 does not act now to secure the PPE supply chain more nurses, doctors, pharmacists, physiotherapists, dentists and other frontline caregivers will die, as we are seeing increasing infection rates of the virus amongst these vital staff.

Healthcare staff are understandably frightened both for themselves and their families and despite their courage and commitment, some may seek to leave the profession or take
Implication for pharmacists

Stop and reflect

But how can I learn more about COVID-19?
FIP Guidance on COVID-19

For pharmacists
Conclusions
Conclusions

- FIP ensures pharmacists’ and pharmaceutical scientists’ voice being heard on global health agenda;
- FIP articulates involvement of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists in evidence-based policy options;
- FIP provides leadership on matters critical to its members – work on specific topics;
- FIP engages in partnerships with WHO, WHPA, IPSF and other stakeholders where joint action is needed.
Opportunities for young pharmacists

Get involved!
FIP VIRTUAL 2020

Living and learning through the COVID-19 pandemic – Global reflections

For more information and registration: virtual2020.fip.org

“One FIP” means trust, solidarity and action!
Thank you for your attention!

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