



Maria Virginia Giolito

FIP YPG Secretary 2021

Hello everyone! Hola a todos! My name is Maria Virginia Giolito and I am currently doing my PhD in France studying the role of thyroid hormones in the cancer stem cell biology in colon cancer and also the implication of thyroid hormones and its nuclear receptors in the resistance to chemotherapy. I was born and grew up in Rosario, Argentina. There, I completed my pharmacy degree and also a biotechnology degree. I moved to Lyon, France in 2019 for my PhD.

My mom is a community pharmacist, so I can say I was almost born in the Pharmacy. She has always been my role model in life and especially in the profession because of her passion and involvement in trying to make patients life's better every day and also always trying to defend our profession. This has marked me for life and even if now I am far from the patients my thoughts are still the same.

Growing up in South America has just given me a vision that pharmacists are not so well valued, the role of the pharmacist is underestimated and this also translates into poorer healthcare for patients and that always made me sad and I had the feeling that I had to do something to change it for good. In 2016, I had the amazing opportunity of working as congress staff in the FIP World Congress in Buenos Aires and it was there that I found inspiration and support to start to share our situation and start to change it. I have got involved as FIP and YPG member since then which has been an incredible journey so far. From 2019 to 2020, I served as the YPG Personalised and Precision Medicines Liaison and in 2020 I served as the YPG Congress Liaison.

I am passionate to contribute to the growth of the next generation of pharmacist and pharmaceutical scientists all over the world and I hope particularly in those countries where the pharmaceutical work needs to be supported.

I am excited and humbled to have been chosen as the Secretary for the 2021 YPG Steering Committee. I am eager to continue the legacy and work of the previous Steering Committee members in growing YPG, ONE FIP and to serve fellow young pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists around the world in the advancement of pharmacy, science and education.

Long live pharmacy! Long live FIP YPG!