

Academic Pharmacy Section

Annual Report 2018

The Academic Pharmacy Section (AcPS) had approximately 750 members representing 102 countries and is led by a dynamic executive committee (ExCo) that met six times in 2018, twice in person and four times in GoToMeeting format. The section conducted six webinars in 2018, with an average attendance of 130 members.

The section has ten Working Groups that are focused around strategic goals and objectives contained in the Section's Strategic Plan. Five issues of the section newsletter, *The Mortar Board*, were distributed and a membership survey was conducted and analysed that identified member interests and needs. Section leadership, represented by President John Pieper and Secretary Toyin Tofade, co-developed the *Inaugural Young Pharmacists Group (YPG) Leadership Development Workshop* that was held at the World Congress in Glasgow and will become an annual event at future World Congresses. Immediate Past President of the Section, Ralph Altieri, also continued to work closely with the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF). The Section Programming Committee has been very active in finalizing speakers for the Abu Dhabi World Congress and soliciting and evaluating educational sessions for the Seville World Congress in 2020.

The Section has committed to three significant projects that were initiated in 2018. *The Nanjing Statements Implementation Project* which includes a self-assessment tool and user guide, aimed at pharmaceutical education providers, was initiated. The self-assessment tool has been developed and is in implementation evaluation phase in early 2019. This project was developed under the leadership of Section Secretary Toyin Tofade and Miranda Law from Howard University (USA). A second major project initiated in 2018, thanks to the innovative work by Arijana Mestrovic, is *Developing Capacity to Ensure Contemporary Pharmaceutical Practice: Competency Framework for Educators*. This framework will identify and disseminate the competencies required for educators to effectively meet educational competencies of trainees. A third project that is *the FIP ATLAS Phase 1* initiative that will focus on expertise mapping within academic members that will be conducted in collaboration with the Academic Institutional Membership (AIM) group, the Workforce Development Hub and UNITWIN.

The Section has been represented by ExCo members who were invited speakers at faculty of pharmacy annual meetings in Europe, Asia, India and the United States, the Dubai International Pharmaceutical and Technology Conference (DUPHAT), the All-Russian Scientific Conference in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation and the Life Long Learning in Pharmacy Conference in Brisbane, Australia. The Section finalized plans for a strategic planning conference of the ExCo to be held in The Hague in March 2019, in conjunction with the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice meetings.

Goals for 2019:

- Goal #1: Complete the Nanjing Statements Self-Assessment Tool and Users Guide and disseminate the tool and guide to FIP Member Organizations, educational institutions and other relevant parties.
- Goal #2: Revise the Section Strategic Plan to align with FIP, BPP and FIPed plans
- Goal #3: Conduct elections for Section Vice President, Secretary and 4 ExCo members in Abu Dhabi.