



Academic Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2024

Brief summary of accomplishments in 2024

The Academic Pharmacy Section remains the second largest section of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice, with membership growing to over 1000 members in 2024, representing over 100 countries. Our dynamic executive committee (ExCo) has been highly active in engaging with our members and meeting the needs of our community. Efforts include regular publishing of our newsletter, *The Mortar Board* and maintaining an active online social media profile across all major platforms. Once again our membership has been an enthusiastic and active presence at FIP Congress with 6 oral presentations and 114 posters.

We conducted several digital events in collaboration with other FIP entities, including:

- **Ethics of Sustainable Healthcare** (7 February 2024)
- **Mastering Writing Productivity: Tips and Tricks from Pharmacy Faculty** (13 February 2024)
- **Cultural and Linguistic Considerations in the Development of Collaborative Services in Pharmacy** (28 March 2024)
- **Learnings from Policy Leaders in Pharmacy around the World: Eastern Mediterranean Region/Middle East** (21 May 2024)

We hosted a Town Hall meeting in two different time zones to accommodate as many members as possible, inviting thoughts and ideas on our new goal of Advocacy-Policy and Global Influence. The Advocacy working group, led by Jeanine Abrons delivered regional digital events to engage stakeholders and leaders in education policy and advocacy.

We continue to support our academics by sponsoring Early Career Leadership initiatives. The membership working group completed a Section membership needs survey in January 2024, and the Educator Development working group developed a Pharmacist Educator Development Needs Assessment Survey in collaboration with AIM and the Early Career Pharmaceutical Group, launched in Q2 2024. The membership working group also developed a process to seek and consider member views for nominations for awards and FIP fellowship, successfully run for the first time in Q1 2024.

Together with the Community Pharmacy Section, AcPS has undertaken a second phase of Transforming Patient Choice and Access in Population Health; Empowering Pharmacists to Vaccinate their Communities, a BPP special project in collaboration with the Indian Pharmaceutical Association. Carl Schneider (Secretary) and Mansi Doshi (ExCo member) from AcPS worked with

Raj Vaidaya (project lead) and Majiri Gharat, participated in a week of Pharmacist vaccinator train the trainers in Mumbai at Bombay College of Pharmacy in December, 2024 with a further 40 pharmacists trained. We are currently in the process of identifying pilot sites for implementation of training and service provision.

One of our most notable achievements this year is the comprehensive update of the Nanjing Statements on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education. Originally developed in 2016, the Nanjing Statements provide a global framework for pharmacy education, guiding institutions in developing curricula that meet international standards and local needs. The Nanjing statements policy working group led by Toyin Tofade (President) and Ralph Altieri (FIPed past Chair), ably supported by Ozge Ozger and Dalia Bajis, have completed their work and was successfully launched internationally via a digital event in November 2024.

Relevance to FIP Mission and Vision

The update of the Nanjing Statements aligns closely with FIP's mission to support global health by advancing pharmaceutical practice, sciences, and education. By refining these statements, we ensure that pharmacy education remains relevant and responsive to the evolving healthcare landscape. This effort supports FIP's vision of a world where everyone benefits from access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable medicines and health technologies, as well as from pharmaceutical care services provided by pharmacists.

Connection to FIP Development Goals

The updated Nanjing Statements directly contribute to several FIP Development Goals:

1. **Academic Capacity (DG1):** By providing a clear framework for educational institutions, the Nanjing Statements help build academic capacity, ensuring that pharmacy schools can produce competent graduates ready to meet global health needs.
2. **Early Career Training Strategy (DG2):** The emphasis on foundational education and professional competencies supports early career training, preparing new pharmacists for the challenges of modern healthcare.
3. **Quality Assurance (DG3):** The updated statements include guidelines for quality assurance and assessment, promoting high standards in pharmacy education and practice.
4. **Continuing Professional Development (DG9):** By addressing lifelong learning and continuous education, the Nanjing Statements encourage ongoing professional development, ensuring that pharmacists remain up-to-date with the latest advancements in the field.

Section goals for the 2025 calendar year

- Goal #1: Development of a change management and advocacy toolkit and resource for Pharmacy Educators.
- Goal #2: Continue work on the joint AcPS – CPS BPP project: *Transforming community pharmacy globally: Implementation of pharmacist vaccination in a FIP region – India* to pilot pharmacist vaccination services.
- Goal #3: To establish and develop collaboration partnerships with the FIP regional pharmaceutical fora, FIP UNESCO-UNITWIN Centres for Excellence and regional pharmacy educational associations and federations