



Special Interest Group (SIG)
New Generation of Pharmaceutical Scientists (NGPS)
Annual Report 2020

Throughout the year SIG NGPS has worked to develop its internal organisation and establish a presence within FIP. After internal discussion within the SIG, the leadership team acknowledged that for the continued growth and expansion of the SIGs work, a new internal structure was needed to aid the chair and vice chairs. Thus, three new roles were introduced and will be implemented during 2021: Social Media Liaison, Project Coordinator, Webinar Coordinator.

Through participation in the YPG webinar series introducing the FIP SIGs and Sections, NGPS was able to promote the SIG and inform about the goals, aims, and activities in the SIG. This was further achieved by a report of the webinar presented in the BPS newsletter in collaboration with SIG New Medicines. In addition, through participation in the virtual PSWC2020 and YSC2020 the SIG was able to promote our activities to current and prospective members. The SIGs LinkedIn group has since PSWC/YSC grown with almost 100 members.

To meet our prospective members where they are and aid in continued work, a Twitter account was created in autumn of 2020: @FIP_NGPS. We hope to use this channel more during 2021 and engage with members and prospective members.

The SIG on NGPS has deepened our collaboration with YPG and has launched a survey in collaboration with YPG aiming at mapping soft skills among pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. The survey consisting of 16 questions was put together by the project team. The survey was launched in September and distributed through the YPG and NGPS social media accounts and email lists, as well as the PSMOs liaisons at FIP centrally for future distribution. The project group are working on analyzing the results and a paper is being prepared for submission in Q1 of 2021. This aligns well with the BPS strategic plan to support the reform of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences education.

SIG NGPS participated in the celebration of BPS 50 years on social media, both through video messaging and the competition to win access to virtual PSWC. Furthermore, in collaboration with YPG we also published a short editorial celebrating 50 years of BPS and the BPS support of YPG. This was a collaboration between NGPS, our YPG liaison and the FIP-YPG Working Group for the Promotion of Pharmaceutical Sciences (<https://fipygp.medium.com/celebrating-the-bps-at-50-e42bc2d15116>).

Goals in 2021:

- Goal #1: Launching the SIG NGPS first webinar series on career development aimed at young pharmaceutical scientists or pharmacists. The webinar series will run with one session in January, one in February, and the final one in March.
- Goal #2: Publication of the YPG-NGPS soft skill mapping survey results, projected to finalize during Q1 2021.
- Goal #3: Establishing a stronger social media presence through more active work using our social media channels.