



Special Interest Group (SIG) New Generation of Pharmaceutical Scientists (NGPS) Annual Report 2021

Throughout 2021, SIG NGPS has continued to expand our presence within FIP by arranging and participating in several webinars:

- SIG NGPS contributed with an exciting and well-attended webinar to the FIP COVID-19 webinar series focusing on the drugs investigated and used in the ongoing pandemic. The webinar “Drugs to tackle a pandemic – something old and something new” presented remdesivir and the new mRNA vaccines, focusing on the scientific background and their (then) status as tools to target COVID-19. This webinar aligned particularly well with the FIP goal of promoting pharmaceutical sciences and was the only webinar in the COVID-19 series from BPS highlighting the scientific efforts taking place during the pandemic.
- SIG NGPS successfully launched our first three-part webinar series on career development. In this well-attended series running from January to March 2021, we invited pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists to share their experiences from working in a government body (“The role of the pharmaceutical scientist in a government body”), industry (“What a career at a pharmaceutical company might look like), and academia (“Navigating an academic career in the field of pharmaceutical sciences”). The emphasis of these webinars was on how the invited speakers had navigated to the position they are now in, and their best advice for what young pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientist considering a similar career.
- SIG chair Rebecka Isaksson and SIG co-chair Brian Cicali also participated in two webinars in the YPG webinar series following the publication of the YPG Career Development Toolkit (SIG NGPS contributed to the report in 2020). These webinars aligned well with the previous series on career development by SIG NGPS: “Effectively developing transferable skills and the positive impact of training and certification in career progression”, and “Strategies for a successful career change”.

- SIG NGPS contributed to the FIP webinar series “Setting goals for the decade ahead”, in which the recently launched Development Goals were discussed. SIG chair Rebecka Isaksson participated in the webinar discussing development goal 9: “Continuing professional development strategies”.

Through active engagement and promotion, SIG NGPS has grown their social media presence significantly in 2021. Our Twitter account has reached more than 300 followers, and our LinkedIn group over 650 members. This forms a good foundation for our continued work.

SIG NGPS has also developed a briefing for BPS on a longer webinar or podcast series focusing on pharmacy and pharmaceutical science education, aimed at highlighting differences between and within geographical regions, and how this may impact global mobility for young pharmacist and pharmaceutical scientists.

Goals in 2022:

- Goal #1: Submission of five proposals to PSWC2023 in collaboration with other FIP SIGs and Sections.
- Goal #2: Arrange a social event for young pharmacist and pharmaceutical scientists at the FIP Congress in Seville in September 2022.
- Goal #3: Publication of the YPG-NGPS soft skill mapping survey results, projected to finalize during 2022.