



Community Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2020

1. Information about the Section

The Community Pharmacy Section (CPS) is the largest of the FIP Sections, with **1632** members as per 31st December 2020, an increase with 8% compared to 2019.

During the FIP Virtual Event and the Sections Steering Committee Meeting Mr. Sherif Guorgui (Canada) and Dr. Tracey Thornley (UK) were elected as members of the CPS ExCo.

Mr. Daragh Connolly (Ireland) was elected Vice President of the Section.

Mrs. Manjiri Gharat (India) and Mr. Martin Astbury (UK) finished their terms as members of the ExCo, as well as the Immediate Past President Mr. Paul Sinclair (Australia) – all were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.

2. Meetings

The ExCo held 1 live meeting in 2020 (Mid-year Meeting in Dublin) and 4 virtual meetings.

The CPS ExCo was represented by Lars-Åke Söderlund (President), Manjiri Gharat (Vice President) and Luís Miguel Lourenço (Professional Secretary) at the virtual BPP mid-year meeting that took place in April 2020.

3. Promotion

ExCo members have actively promoted CPS/FIP at different national and International congresses, virtual events and have given interviews in media/newspapers about the benefits of the membership of CPS/FIP.

A Working Group has been established within the Section with the aim to increase the number of individual members. This working group is part of the Strategic Plan with a specific focus on Membership issues.

4. Communication with members

Six issues of ZOOM were sent to our members/member organizations; February, April, Summer, 'Pre-Congress', 'Post-Congress' and Christmas/Holiday edition.

Every edition of Zoom covered the ongoing pandemic, with interviews and articles from our members worldwide, as well as referral to the FIP Pandemic Hub.

CPS Social media accounts have been active and updated. On Dec 31rd 2020 there were **12863** followers on FB, **3652** on Twitter, **216** followers on LinkedIn and **188** on Instagram (31 Dec 2020). The CPS area on the FIP website was updated.

5. Communication with member organizations

A meeting has been performed with PharmaDanmark (Denmark) regarding the future value of CPS/FIP membership for Member Organizations. Lots of new ideas how to increase the value for Member Organizations have been forwarded to FIP HQ.

6. Congress activities

FIP Virtual Event 2020

The CPS was highly involved in the FIP Virtual Event 2020, chairing and speaking at a large number of sessions. The CPS ExCo members have furthermore been involved in webinars (speaking/chairing), invited by FIP Member Organisations, on all continents.

7. Projects

CPS run the following projects during 2020: CPS Vision, CPS Strategy (BPP funded), Internet pharmacies (BPP supported) and Travel medicine.

CPS area on the FIP website was updated.

8. National Champions Grant

The CPS wished to identify potential champions for change, help them to identify and expose potential weaknesses of the pharmacy system in their home countries, and communicate the way they would address those weaknesses: their why, what, and how. Evaluation criteria: Specific issues identified, a practical and realistic approach to overcome the issue, impact of provided solutions, easiness of implementation (cost/time), a proposal well-structured and defined.

An electronic survey tool was used to collect answers, which will be evaluated by international pharmacy leaders, experienced with change and dedicated to advancing community pharmacy. 38 (80% in English, 20% in Spanish) answers were received from 18 countries, where the top scoring proposals came from Australia, the Philippines, Qatar and Sweden.

The winner was offered the chance to communicate his/her vision for change through a 1h long webinar hosted and supported by the CPS, 250 Euros and a two-year membership of FIP. The winner – Dr. Sarah Dineen-Griffin from Australia was recognised with a personalised certificate by the CPS at the Steering Committee Meeting in September, and she gave her presentation at a webinar in October 2020.

9. Observers to the CPS ExCo

At the beginning of December 2020, the CPS Executive Committee (ExCo) sent out an official call among our Member Organizations for an Observer role within the CPS ExCo.

We received seventeen highly qualified nominations from our Member Organizations, which fulfilled the established criteria. All nominations did present highly qualified and very experienced community pharmacists.

The members of the CPS ExCo reviewed and evaluated all nominations, and the following persons have been offered to participate in the CPS ExCo as Observers during two years, from February 1st 2021-2022.

- **Mr. Raj Vaidya, nominated by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association**
- **Mr. Rajatheran (Sham) Moodley, nominated by the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa.**

Time for the Observer position: 2 fiscal years starting in February 1st 2021.

Goals in 2021:

- **Goal #1:** Implement the Vision document 2020-20205 as part of ONE FIP, thus transforming community pharmacy
- **Goal #2:** Implement the Section's Strategic Plan via 3 WG – creating increased membership value as well increasing the number of members to the Section and FIP
- **Goal #3:** Finalize the Internet pharmacies report, and communicate it to members, and discuss the impact of technology/digitalisation on community pharmacy