Health and Medicines Information Section
Annual Report 2019

Stipend 2019 and 2020
Each year the Health and Medicines Information Section offers one or two stipends (1000 Euros for one person or 500 Euros for two people) to financially support pharmacy students, pharmacists or pharmaceutical scientists from developing countries to attend the FIP World Pharmacy Congress.

In 2019 we had a record 165 applications from 36 countries for the stipend. Shepard Mhlaba was the recipient of the 2019 FIP Health and Medicines Information Section (HaMIS) travel stipend, as well as the recipient of the 2019 Young Pharmacists Group Professional Innovation Research Grant!

This year’s deadline is 1st April 2020.

FIP 2019
The Section worked collaboratively with a number of other Sections and SIGs to submit several proposals for the 2019 Congress. We were involved with six sessions, and are were well attended. Session C4 in particular was very well attended, with numbers exceeding the available space.

- C4 - One approach doesn’t fit all: Need for country specific interventions to promote appropriate use of antibiotics
- B1 - Empowering women as agents of better health
- D17 - What’s new in practice? Part 1
- D18 - What’s new in practice? Part 2
- A4 - Internet pharmacy – Risks versus benefits
- A8 - Integrating science and professional practice in pharmacy degrees

Info-Link
The Section continues with its Newsletter and published four issues last year; and will be mailing out its first issue this year.

Working Groups
The Section currently has three Working Groups:

- Vaccines – led by Victoria Ramirez-Hall
- Digital Health – led by Ardi Mirzaei. A survey will be sent to member organisation soon.
- Improving Written Discharge Medication Information for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities – led by Parisa Aslani. We have developed the written discharge medication information in 4 languages: English, Vietnamese, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional

Involvement with FIP Activities
Members of FIP have been involved with various FIP initiatives:

- FIP Patient Safety Reference Document
- FIP Patient Safety Policy Statement
- Feedback on WHO Documents
- Delivering webinar on HaMIS (with YPG)
- FIP Technology Forum
- Policy Committee on FIP’s Role in Medicine Shortages

Goals for 2020:
- Goal #1: Continuation of the Working Groups activities
- Goal #2: Election of a new Executive Committee at FIP 2020