



## **Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2020**

- MEPS has held two online Meet and Greet activities and plans to do this quarterly. These are a successful way for members to see each other and catch up on news.
- 2 Online Board meetings
- 2 webinars, 3 newsletters
- Continuation on a project on researching the effects of extreme temperatures on medicines in order to produce some guidance for members.
- Working Group on developing a set of competence requirements for humanitarian pharmacists. Now collaborating with FIPed to produce the framework.
- Outreach from members presenting at other Congresses / Conferences
  - Virtual presentations: Red Cross Society of University of South California of USA, and Yeditepe University of Turkey in May about COVID-19 situation in China. Chen Zheng-Yu, China
- Great communication between members using the WhatsApp Chat Groups. This has been the significant activity for the Section during this difficult year. Members have been significantly impacted in their work by the pandemic which has impeded progress in other areas. This Chat Group though has been active in helping to highlight appropriate resources as they become available- and for resolving issues as they arise by sharing ideas and solutions. It is a great support network.

### Goals in 2021:

- Goal #1: To continue the identification of resources for the resource list for managing medicines in extreme temperatures.
- Goal #2: To actively work at maintaining connectedness amongst the Section members.
- Goal #3: To help members manage emergency situations in the coronavirus pandemic.