



## Pharmacy Education Taskforce

### FIP Education Initiatives

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#### News and Updates

Welcome to the new look of the PET newsletters, we hope you enjoy it. Happy 2012!

We would like to thank all the CoP members who have recently joined our community and also the ones who have been supporting us throughout these 4 years. From December 2011 to January 2012 the community of practice grew from 561 to 641 members. Thank you for your support! The community of practice online has a new and improved layout, where you can still go to be library, start new discussions, announcements and events, and also update your profile online. By clicking on the library, you can download and view Taskforce documents and resources. Please take a look around at in the website.

The team is working on a plan for 2012 and some of our projects have already started and/are continuing. If you would like to take part in any of them please email - [education@fip.org](mailto:education@fip.org). More information about the on going projects below.

At the end of the newsletter you will find a forwarding button, please send to your colleagues who you think might like to know more about Pharmacy Education Taskforce. To be included in our Community of Practice, please register at <http://knowledge-gateway.org/hwfet/pet>.

#### Short 'snapshots' from the team members



This year we will be broadening the tools we use to share our projects and plans, by engaging more visually with our members. To 'kick-start' this initiative, PET team leaders have put themselves in front of video cameras to share with you the work that is being undertaken. Each month a new feature will be embedded in our newsletter. This month we kick it off with our Academic Institutional Capacity domain, Professor Claire Anderson (Lead) and Zoe Lim (PhD Student) by sharing lessons learned and making an appeal. Please find the links to the short videos below:

Claire Anderson - <http://bit.ly/whEaRh>

Zoe Lim - <http://bit.ly/yBCzzO>

#### Contact

If you would like more information about the **Pharmacy Education Taskforce** and other **FIP initiatives** related to **pharmacy education** and the Community of Practice resources or have any feedback on the Taskforce Newsletter, please contact **Andreia Bruno**, at [education@fip.org](mailto:education@fip.org).

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#### Did you know

FIP is the global federation of national associations representing 2 million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists around the world.

## FIP Global Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2012 Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2012

We invite you to support the development of the FIP Global Pharmacy Workforce Report 2012 by completing the Survey on the Pharmacy Workforce or forwarding this email to relevant contacts in your country who would have access to this information.

Human resources for health and the pharmacy workforce are important assets in comprehensive healthcare systems around the world. Through the support of various stakeholders, including FIP member organisations, individuals from pharmacy professional and regulatory bodies, training institutions, Ministries of Health and the World Health Organization two FIP reports on the global pharmacy workforce were published in 2006 and in 2009. The results of this work, which focuses on human resources and pharmacy workforce issues, is that pharmacy workforce research and policy has been better informed and strengthened worldwide. See the full reports online at:

[http://www.fip.org/programmesandprojects\\_pharmacyeducationtaskforce\\_humanresources](http://www.fip.org/programmesandprojects_pharmacyeducationtaskforce_humanresources)

The data being collected in the 2012 survey includes information on the distribution of pharmacists and pharmaceutical technicians and assistants by country, gender and practice area, as well as gathers comprehensive information on pharmacy ownership systems, workforce regulation, competency and education. Our goal is to include data from 100 countries to celebrate the 100 years of FIP in 2012.

**Your participation is highly valued** to provide a better understanding of current pharmacy workforce issues, and will assist in the development of global pharmacy workforce policy recommendations.

The questionnaire is available in the attachment and online in the following languages:

1. For English: <http://fipglobalpharmacyworkforce2012.questionpro.com/>
2. For French: <http://fipressourceshumaines2012.questionpro.com/>
3. For Spanish: <http://fipprofesionfarmaceutica2012.questionpro.com/>

Kindly note that the dateline for submission is by the **30<sup>th</sup> of March 2012**.

If you experience technical problems with submitting the survey, please contact Diane Gal via email: [diane@fip.org](mailto:diane@fip.org) and a word version of the survey can be sent to you by email.

The Global Pharmacy Workforce Report Working Group:  
Ian Bates, Andreia Bruno, and Diane Gal, *FIP Education Initiatives*  
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Tana Wuliji, *University Research Co.*

Thank you to the countries\* that have already responded and completed the Global Pharmacy Workforce Survey.

*\*We thank the Member Organisations and individuals from the following countries for their feedback: Costa Rica, France, Japan, Macedonia FYR, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Singapore, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.*

## A Global Competency Framework (GbCF) for Services Provided by Pharmacy Workforce Call for participation!



The Pharmacy Education Taskforce wishes to engage with a wider constituency of practitioners in order to validate the draft framework of the



A Global Competency Framework  
Draft version August 2010  
FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce

GbCF to ensure it will meet general needs as a mapping tool. The purpose of this input is to evaluate the relevance and validity of the current draft, and to specifically capture reactions to the behavioural competencies.

The survey is available at - <http://www.codegnet.org.uk/gbcf/> and

we are inviting all pharmacists to engage with this validation survey.

All the materials you will need to respond to the survey are available online <http://www.fip.org/education>, a printed version of the draft framework as well as the operational definitions supporting the work can also be download.

Since the FIP Congress, in Lisbon 2010, 483 responses have been received for validation. The survey is now open for further engagement with the practitioner community.

A sub-community in the online Community of Practice is being prepared entitled 'Competency' to provide a platform for sharing your thoughts and opinions on the current draft version and to facilitate the discussion. If you wish to join our 'Competency' sub-community, please send an email to Andreia Bruno at [education@fip.org](mailto:education@fip.org).

Thank you for taking an interest in this unique global development project, which we anticipate will result in a valid and useful framework for the benefit of educators, regulators and practitioners in all countries.

To find out more about the project please contact Andreia Bruno at [education@fip.org](mailto:education@fip.org).

## FIP-WHO Global Survey of Pharmacy Schools Has your School responded?

As part of the Global Pharmacy Education Taskforce (PET), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the FIP are undertaking a collaborative programme of work to develop evidence-based guidance and frameworks through which to facilitate the sustainable development of higher education and a needs-based pharmacy workforce.

WHO and FIP are now implementing a global survey that aims to collect information:

- To ascertain the educational background of the pharmacy workforce and production capacity;
- To ascertain quality assurance accreditation mechanisms and processes.

The data will be used to identify gaps, shortages and cooperation opportunities, and will provide the evidence-based information needed for investment policies that will reduce existing gaps and increase pharmacy education capacity.

**The participation** of all pharmacy education institutions in this survey **is vital** to provide a better understanding of current pharmacy education issues, and will assist in the development of global pharmacy education policy recommendations.

For these reasons, FIP and WHO have sent an invitation to the Deans of all schools of pharmacy to complete the Global Survey of Pharmacy Schools. Please help us by ensuring that your Dean or School leader has completed the survey for your pharmacy school/faculty/department.

Should you wish to provide data on behalf of your school or your country please contact Diane Gal [diane@fip.org](mailto:diane@fip.org) to obtain the information to be able to complete the survey. If you have any comments or questions concerning the project please send them to [diane@fip.org](mailto:diane@fip.org).

## News about the FIP Centennial, Amsterdam 2012



We are pleased to announce that the Centennial Preliminary Programme will be on its way to you in a few weeks!

Registration for the Centennial will also open very soon – watch for more news from FIP on exact dates. If you have not already done so, do not forget to pay your FIP Individual Membership fee in order to qualify for the Member discount on Congress registration.

The FIP Centennial is now on facebook: click [here](#) to visit the event page!

On behalf of FIP, we look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam.

### Project Team Leads

Project Team Leads are responsible for overseeing and developing activities in each priority domain of work to achieve the objectives of FIP's action plans related to pharmacy education.

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