



WHO UNESCO FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce

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News and Updates

CONGRESS 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The website for the upcoming **FIP Congress in Lisbon, Portugal, 28 August to 2 September 2010**, is live at <http://www.fip.org/lisbon2010/>. Remember to register before **1st May** to get the Early Bird Fees.

The Taskforce is organising a pre-conference satellite symposium for FIP Congress 2010 in Lisbon entitled **"How to develop academic capacity to ensure seamless education."** Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, 28th August 2010**. More details to follow.

The Taskforce and the FIP Young Pharmacists' Group are co-organising the second **Learning to Teach Workshop** to be held at the Lisbon Congress. It will take place **Sunday, 29th August 2010 from 0900 to 1200**. This session features a unique opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges of teaching, from the perspectives of young and senior faculty in an interactive format. More information will be sent out soon.

The **Project Team for Quality Assurance** will hold a session during FIP Congress 2010 in Lisbon. Mark your calendars for Monday 30 Aug from 12.30-13.30. Project Lead for QA Mike Rouse will chair the event, entitled **"The Updated Global Framework for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education."**

Applications for the **2010 Mike How Award** are now open. The deadline is **1st April 2010**. The Award is granted to young pharmacists or pharmacy students who have shown keen interest and passion for industrial pharmacy. For more information, http://www.fip.org/www/?page=yppg_yaao_mikehow.

IPJ 2010 Vol 1 – CALL FOR ARTICLES NOW OPEN

FIP is calling for article submissions to the **International Pharmaceutical Journal 2010**. The theme for the issue is **"The Value of Innovation"** and relating it to the theme of the upcoming Congress in Lisbon, Portugal **"From Molecule to Medicine to Maximising Patient Outcomes: the Pharmacy's Exploratory Journey."** Articles should focus on the Value of Innovation as a reflection of a number of critical issues challenging the pharmaceutical industry, health professionals and global public health in this new decade. The deadline for submission is 16th April 2010. Please direct any and all questions to Myriah Lesko, Editor International Pharmacy Journal at myriah@fip.org. More information at http://www.fip.org/www/?page=menu_fippublications.

Resources

The FIP Young Pharmacists Group (YPG) is now calling for applications for its **Grant for Professional Innovation 2010**. The Grant consists of **€ 1,000** for the implementation of a project by a young pharmacist/pharmaceutical scientist. Projects can stem from any field of pharmacy (pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical science and/or pharmacy education) but should directly or indirectly benefit or improve health of communities and demonstrate the value-add of pharmacy on health. Pending the acceptance of a project report, the Grant recipient may additionally be awarded a fully-paid trip to attend the **71st FIP Congress in Hyderabad, India in September 2011**. For more information about criteria and eligibility, view the FIP-YPG website http://www.fip.org/www/?page=menu_ypg or contact the YPG Steering Committee at ypg@fip.org. The deadline is **1st April 2010**.

IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation) Development Fund is calling for applications for the **Student Exchange Programme Grant for 2009-2010**. Through the Student Exchange Programme, more than 600 students worldwide receive opportunities to work in community, hospital, industrial, administrative or academic pharmacy sectors in other countries in order to learn about pharmacy education, research and practice outside their home nations. The deadline for submission is **15th March 2010**. Applications can be requested from **Jenna Carmichael, Development Fund Coordinator, at df@ipsf.org**.

Hands Up for Health Workers is an advocacy petition led by the non-profit organisation **Merlin (Medical Emergency Relief International)**. The petition asks for people to raise their hands for health workers in an effort to make investment in health workers a global priority. By supporting a health worker, your name will automatically be added to a petition that Merlin will take to world leaders in September 2010. Pharmacists are one of the categories of health workers profiled. You can see the interactive map and raise your hand for a health worker at <http://www.handsupforhealthworkers.org/>.

Following its e-discussion last month on Interprofessional Collaboration and Practice, the World Health Organization (WHO), WHO/Patient Safety and the Health Professionals Global Network (HPGN) will be sponsoring a **Patient Safety Virtual Global Discussion Forum from 1 - 12 March, 2010**. Contribution to this discussion will lead to the revision and use of the WHO Multi-Professional Patient Safety Curriculum Guide. You can join this discussion by registering at <http://hpgn.org/HPGN/patientsafety>.

Global Health Workforce Economics Network (GHWEN) is announcing a first training course in labour market economics, from **9 to 13 August 2010**. GHWEN promotes research and training in the field of healthcare workforce economics. It is housed within the Global Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy Research, which is a WHO Collaborating Center and is affiliated with the World Bank. This course is targeting managers, planners, analysts, and others who work with the human resources for health in organizations such as Ministries of Health, health care facilities, aid organizations, and academic institutions. The deadline for admission is by **April 15, 2010**. Application can be found at <http://ghwen.org/training/hrh/register>.

The **International Network for the Rational Use of Drugs (INRUD)** has posted its latest news on its website at http://www.inrud.org/documents/upload/INRUD_News_Vol20_No1_Jan2010.pdf.

Events

The **International Conference on Research in Human Resources for Health** will be held in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 9-11 June 2010**. It is hosted by the Social Medicine Institute, University of the State of Rio de Janeiro and jointly organised by WHO Department of Human Resources for Health. To register, please RSVP to conferenciarhs@ims.uerj.br.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and partners are pleased to announce the **First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR) - Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage** to be held **16-19**

November 2010 in Montreux, Switzerland. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of low and middle-income countries. The Symposium is structured around two main streams: state of the art research and state of the art research methods. The deadline for abstract submission is **30th April 2010**. More information is available at <http://www.hsr-symposium.org/>.

The Global Health Workforce Alliance, the Prince Mahidol Award (PMA) Conference and the World Health Organization are jointly convening the second **Global Forum on Human Resources for Health** in Bangkok, Thailand in the first quarter of 2011.

<http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/forum/2011/en/index.html>.

Pharmacy in the News

Pharmacists dispense pills, counsel patients, screen for illness, give vaccines

By Sandra G. Boodma, The Washington Post

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

When Charley John tells people he's a pharmacist, he knows what many of them think: that he spends his workdays sequestered behind a counter doling out pills, dropping them into little plastic vials and handing them to customers. That may have been an accurate job description for a retail druggist circa 1978 -- the year John was born -- but it bears little resemblance to the multi-tasking the job requires these days.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/11/AR2010011103349.html?hpid=sec-health)

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Patients miss out on treatment as drugs sold abroad

By Jane Hughes, Health correspondent, BBC News

Drug wholesalers selling stock abroad to maximise profit means UK patients are missing out on essential medicines, experts say.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8516080.stm>

The **BBC World News** documentary series "Kill or Cure" broadcasted a new documentary in January featuring struggles of health workers in both developed and developing countries. The documentary is now available to view on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ghwvideos>.

Contact

If you would like more information about the Pharmacy Education Taskforce or have any feedback on the Taskforce Newsletter, please contact Sarah Whitmarsh, Communications Liaison, at education@fip.org. If you have any information you would like to include in this newsletter, please also send it to her by the 15th of each month.

Project Team Leads

Project Team Leads are responsible for overseeing and developing activities in each priority domain of work to achieve the Action Plan's objectives.

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