



FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce

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News and Updates

Project Leads Ian Bates and Mike Rouse and Communications Liaison Sarah Whitmarsh have taken part in a podcast featuring the Taskforce's work. Tune in to the 15-minute programme at <http://bit.ly/cbQiD9>. Thanks to the London International Development Centre and Bloomsbury Media Cloud for hosting us!

The Taskforce now has a **Facebook Group** – look us up for updates and news. And don't forget we're on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/phrmcyeducation>.

The **2009-2010 Annual Report** for FIP is now available online at www.fip.org/annualreport09-10.

The Pharmacy Education Taskforce recently published a new article "**Global Perspectives of Pharmacy Education and Practice**" in *World Medical & Health Policy*. You can download the full text at no charge from the journal's website. The website is <http://www.psocommons.org/wmhp/vol2/iss1/art2>.

FIP Congress 2010 Events Calendar

As I'm sure you're aware, the Taskforce has planned several events for FIP Congress 2010, which are briefly described below. For more information, see last month's special Pre-Congress newsletter or contact education@fip.org. Information about Congress registration is available at www.fip.org/lisbon2010.

R1: How to Develop Academic Capacity to Ensure Seamless Education

Saturday, 28th August, 09:00 – 17:00

The **FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce** and **FIP Academic Section** are organizing a full-day satellite session **R1**. The session will feature case studies, group discussions, debates and an interactive "**ideas showcase**" poster and short oral presentations derived from abstract submissions. The cost for the session is **55 Euro**.

R5: Learning to Teach Workshop, Sunday, 29th August, 09:00 – 12:00

The Taskforce and the **FIP Young Pharmacists' Group** are also co-organising the second **Learning to Teach Workshop** to be held at the Lisbon Congress. This session will offer attendees a half day of interactive, thought-provoking small group discussions, case studies and panel discussion on concrete action plans to use within their teaching and learning environments. The unique aspect of this session is the rich diversity of faculty from around the world, with various backgrounds of experiences, and many novel tools to share. **R5: Learning to Teach Workshop** will be held **Sunday, 29th August 2010 from 09:00 – 12:00**. The cost for the session is **35 Euro**.

E4: 5th Annual Global Pharmacy Education Consultation, Tuesday, 31st August, 09:00 – 12:00

An important education event for all to attend at the congress this year is the **5th Annual Global Pharmacy Education Consultation**. The Taskforce invites all to participate and to celebrate the

achievements made over the past two years of implementing the **2008-2010 Pharmacy Education Action Plan**. During the session, the Taskforce will report on progress for the past year. All participants will be able to provide input into the future focus on and development of Pharmacy Education in FIP. Anyone registered for the Congress can attend.

QA Project Team Meeting, Wednesday, September 1st, 12:30-13:30

The International Forum for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education will host a meeting on **Wednesday Sept. 1st* from 12.30 to 13.30 in Room 5B**. Project Lead for QA, Mike Rouse, will chair the event: "The Updated Global Framework for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education." The meeting is open to anyone interested in quality assurance of pharmacy education. ***Please note this has been changed from the 30th.**

Global Deans Forum, Tuesday, 29th and Monday, 30th August

Join the Deans Forum at the FIP Congress – as a feature of the newly launched **FIP Academic Institutional Membership**, FIP is inviting all Deans of Schools/Faculties of Pharmacy to participate in the Deans Forum at the FIP Congress in Lisbon. The Forum is a two-day event during which Deans and Leaders of Academic [Pharmacy] Institutions will meet to discuss issues and topics relevant to the functioning of Academic Institutions and what decision-making processes are put to work to realize the best strategy for Faculties and Schools of Pharmacy. More detailed information can be found on the AIM website at http://academic_institutional_membership.fip.org.

Resources

New **Family Planning/Reproductive Health Toolkits** have been added onto Knowledge for Health website at <http://www.k4health.org/toolkits>.

The **International Journal for Quality in Health Care** has published an article, "**Using Quality Improvement to Strengthen Health Systems in Developing Countries**" that offers insights and ideas aimed at catalyzing the adoption of quality improvement methods to improve health care quality in resource-poor settings. The recommendations come from a meeting of health care leaders and improvement experts representing 15 countries. The full article can be downloaded for free at <http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/mzq028v1>.

The **WHO regional office for Europe** has released a new report, "**How Can the Migration of Health Service Professionals Be Managed so as to Reduce Any Negative Effects on Supply?**" by James Buchanan. This brief considers the policy implications in Europe of the international migration of health workers and addresses the question of how the migration of health service professionals can be managed in ways that reduce any negative effects on supply. The brief can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/cuep06>.

A new report from **Management Sciences for Health's AIDSTAR-Two project**, ***Challenges Encountered in Capacity Building: Review of Literature and Selected Tools*** provides a comprehensive view of the current state of organizational capacity-building, particularly in the context of HIV and AIDS. It highlights challenges faced in current capacity-building efforts and presents practical recommendations to improve and advance the discipline. The report is available at <http://www.msh.org/resource-center/publications/challenges-encountered-in-capacity-building.cfm> in English and also in French: <http://www.msh.org/resource-center/publications/les-defis-rencontres-dans-le-developpement-des-capacites.cfm> and Spanish: <http://www.msh.org/resource-center/publications/retos-encontrados-en-el-desarrollo-de-la-capacidad.cfm>.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Report for 2010 has been published and is available online at <http://bit.ly/bmwAhK>.

WHO Human Resources for Health Observer's "***Models and tools for health workforce planning and projections***" evaluates available methods and tools for health workforce planning and projections, and describes the processes and resources needed to undertake such an exercise. The report is available at <http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/observer3/en/index.html>.

Events

The **9th International Conference in Life Long Learning in Pharmacy** will be held in Rotorua, New Zealand 29 June - 2nd July 2011. More information is available at www.lllpharm.com.

The **Sixth Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF6)** will take place on **24- 28 November 2010** at Le-Meridien, Cochin Resort & Convention Centre (Kochi, Kerala) India. The theme of PCF6 is **Access and Success in Learning: Global Development Perspectives**. PCF6 is an international conference which will explore the contribution of open and distance learning to international development goals by opening up access to learning at every level. The Forum brings together practitioners, researchers, planners and policy makers in the fields of open and distance learning and development from over 70 countries. More information is available at <http://www.pcf6.net/index.html>.

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 January 2011. Visit <http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/forum/2011/en/index.html> for more information.

The Essential Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policies Unit of WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) is hosting the **3rd International Conference on Improving the Use of Medicines (ICIUM)** from 10-14 April 2011 in Egypt. The flyer about the event can be downloaded from the WHO/EMRO website at <http://www.emro.who.int/emp/media/pdf/icium.pdf>.

Community of Practice

If you are replying to a discussion posting, please note that clicking "Reply" will send your email to the entire COP; this option should only be used if your email contributes further to the general discussion and information exchange. If, however, your response only needs to be sent to the author of the posting, we request that you copy and paste the individual's email address into a new message or click the "Reply to sender" link at the very end of the email.

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.

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