



2016 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

Forum name: EMRO Pharm forum

Executive committee members (position, name, country):

The EMROPharm Forum was initially founded in 2002 following a preparatory meeting at the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office in Cairo, in August 2001, and a foundational conference on 22-23 April 2002.

The Forum was inactive for several years until October 2015 when a meeting was held for some of FIP member organization in EMRO area in Düsseldorf with the purpose of re-launching EMRO Pharm forum.

Since we could not track any related information and not even draft documents for the internal Regulations/Statutes for EMROPHARM or re-trace details on EMROPharm: Executive Committee...

As such, there is currently no executive committee nor a secretariat. Discussion on projects is currently done with FIP member organizations who attended Düsseldorf meeting.

Position	Name	Country

Secretariat (person in charge and contact details):

Postion:	
Name:	
Address:	
Country:	
Telephone numbers:	
Email address:	
Website:	



Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)

The following are not the current members but the organizations in the EMRO Area eligible to be contacted to join EMRO Pharm forum.

	Name of Organisation	Country	Number of Members
1	Afghanistan Nationwide Pharmacists Association	Afghanistan	
2	Bahrain Pharmacists Society	Bahrain	
3	Not available	Djibouti	
4	Egyptian Pharmacists Syndicate	Egypt	
5	Iranian Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists	Iran (Islamic republic of)	18,500
6	Syndicate of Iraqi Pharmacists	Iraq	11,500
7	Jordan Pharmacists Association	Jordan	
8	Kuwait Pharmaceutical Association	Kuwait	
9	Ordre des Pharmaciens du Liban	Lebanon	7,500
10	Lybian Pharmacists' Association	Libya	
11	Conseil Régional des Pharmaciens d'Officine du Nord	Morocco	
12	Oman Pharmaceutical Society	Oman	
13	Pakistan Pharmacists Association	Pakistan	
14	Not available	Qatar	
15	Saudi Pharmaceutical Society	Saudi Arabia	
16	Somali Pharmacists Association	Somalia	
17	Sudanese Pharmacists Union	Sudan	13,056
18	Syrian Pharmacists Syndicate	Syria	
19	Conseil national de l'Ordre des pharmaciens de Tunisie	Tunisia	
20	Emirates Pharmacy Society	UAE	5,600
21	Not available	Yemen	



Main activities of the Forum between January 2015 and May 2016:

- 1- 2nd of **October 2015**: Meeting of the FIP member organization in EMRO area, Düsseldorf; Purpose of the meeting: Re-launch EMRO Pharm forum
- 2- **January 2016**: Sending letter to FIP member organisations in the EMRO Region which attended Düsseldorf meeting to invite them to be active and join the forum stressing on what they agreed on:
 - a) Promoting Good Pharmacy practice
 - b) Management of waste and expired medicines
 - c) Access to medicines (Availability and affordability)
 - d) Promoting Continuing Education and Continuing Professional Development system
- 3- **March 2016**: Nominated two candidates from EMRO Pharm Forum as scholarship winners to attend Buenos Aires Congress.
- 4- **March - May 2016**: IPS local/regional programming outside of the FIP Congress: collecting all data from total regions about their needs and agreeing on proceeding as workshops and webinars.
- 5- **Pharmabridge activity**: invite members to set a plan to exchange help, training and support to pharmacists and pharmaceutical organizations in all EMRO Forum countries.
- 6- **April 2016**: starting educational series of presentation to 5th year Pharmacy students in Lebanon to educate them about FIP and EMRO Pharm Forum.
- 7- **April 2016**: logo and website creation for EMRO Pharm Forum under finalization, waiting for FIP member organization who attended Düsseldorf meeting to comment/confirm.
- 8- **May 2016**: Pharmacy Practice Research activity: preparing a study to better understand the Lebanese National Community Pharmacy Practice: the final report will be ready by the end of 2016. The project – as soon as in place – to be extended to other countries members.
- 9- **June 2016**: Nominating a regional ambassador for the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)/Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Global Pharmacy Workforce Observatory Project's (GPWOP). The intention is for the Regional Ambassadors, to communicate, advise and establish expectations and a method of cooperation that directly contribute towards achieving the goals of the GPWOP – particularly the collection and validation of pharmacy workforce data within their region.



Highlights of events in the region between January 2015 and May 2016 where the Forum was involved:

Not applicable

Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations)

Not applicable

Current projects:

- 1- Industrial pharmaceutical workshop.
- 2- Working on the Regulations/Statutes for the EMRO Forum and register it officially in Lebanon
- 3- Pharmabridge activity.
- 4- Setting of the action plan to implement the four objectives agreed on Düsseldorf meeting.
- 5- Prepare professional objectives and action plan.
- 6- Communication with the WHO to endorse the Forum and assign a representative.
- 7- Finalize the vision and mission.
- 8- Finalize the logo and website.
- 9- Recruit as much as EMRO countries in EMRO Pharm forum

Main challenges:

- 1- Ensure Cooperation and active follow-up and interaction of all members
- 2- Limited Resources and data collection. Need to update data in hand
- 3- Alignment of Pharmacy practice in the region to the continuous evolution of the profession on the international scene.