



WESTERN PACIFIC PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM

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2016 Annual Report of the Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum

This report of the Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum [WPPF] for the period January 2015 to May 2016 has been prepared for the Council of the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

The WPPF is the regional Forum based on WHO's Western Pacific Region which has its headquarters in Manila, Philippines. The Region includes 37 countries and territories that are home to approximately one-fourth of the world's population. It stretches from China in the north and west, to New Zealand in the south, and French Polynesia in the east. The WPPF has an Executive Committee of six members who are appointed for two year terms.

Executive Committee Members

Position	Name	Country
President	Mr John Jackson	Australia
Vice President	Dr Tony Tarn	China Taiwan
Member	Prof Wai Keung Chui	Singapore
Member	Ms Leonie Ocampo	Philippines
Member & FIP Liaison	Mr Nobuo Yamamoto	Japan
Member to 12/2015	Mrs Kyung-Shin Baek	Korea
Member from 12/2015	Dr Sanh Hoon Joo	Korea
General Secretary	Mr Reynaldo Umali	Philippines
Executive Secretary	Dr Suzanne Caliph	Australia

The WPPF Executive Committee is supported by an appointed General Secretary based in Manila and an appointed Executive Secretary based in Melbourne.

Secretariat

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Membership

Many of the 37 countries and territories in the Western Pacific Region are small island states that do not have national pharmacy organisations. Of the 16 countries with pharmacy organisations, 10 are members of the WPPF with two members from Australia. Papua New Guinea joined the WPPF during the report period.

Member organisations

	Name of Organisation	Country
1	Japan Pharmaceutical Association	Japan
2	Korean Pharmaceutical Association	Korea
3	Pharmaceutical Society of China Taiwan	China Taiwan
4	Philippines Pharmacists Association	Philippines
5	Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore	Singapore
6	Pharmaceutical Society of Australia	Australia
7	Pharmacy Guild of Australia	Australia
8	Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand	New Zealand
9	Pharmaceutical Society of Fiji	Fiji
10	Vietnam Pharmacists Association	Vietnam
11	Pharmaceutical Society of Papua New Guinea	PNG

Main activities of the Forum between January 2015 and May 2016

The Executive Committee met on five occasions during the report period, two occasions face to face [Manila and Singapore] and three occasions using the web based GoTo meeting facility provided by FIP.

The WPPF 2015 AGM was held during the FIP Congress in Dusseldorf, Germany with twenty two delegates from member countries in attendance. The meeting was followed by an open forum which was held to provide the opportunity for the Executive to received feedback from member countries as to how it may work with local organisations, the FIP, the WHO Regional Office and other stakeholders to assist pharmacist of the Region. Topics addressed at the forum included Good Pharmacy Practice, pharmacists' education and WHO programs such as AMR, UHC and access to medicines.

During the report period the Executive sought to contact all past FIP Congress scholarship winners and obtain their responses to a short questionnaire aimed at assess the perceived benefit of having been awarded the scholarships and to determine career achievements which could potentially be attributed to their scholarships. A total of 23 scholarships have been awarded to pharmacists of the Region since the program was instigated. WPPF received responses from 16 past

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recipients and has compiled a report for publication on the perceived benefits. All respondents agreed to act as an ad hoc advisory group for the WPPF.

With the support of the Pharmabridge program and in association with WPPF, two pharmacists from the Philippines were hosted at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University for one month in October - November 2015. Ms Ferlien Baula and Ms Cherrie Muana from the Pharmacy Faculty of the University of the Immaculate Conception received training and exposure to antimicrobial stewardship and clinical teaching.

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

The WPPF President was a keynote speaker at two major conference in the Region. In January 2016, Mr Jackson was invited to speak on the topic of *WPPF Regional Perspectives on Alignment of Education with Good Pharmacy Practice* at the inaugural International Conference on Pharmacy Education and Practice hosted by XX in Penang, Malaysia. In May 2016, Mr Jackson was invited to speak on the topic of *Reducing the Global Burden of Disease – Optimising the Pharmacists' Contribution* at the 2016 Philippine Pharmacists Association Convention in Cebu City, Philippines.

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

The WPPF was represented by the President at the WHO Bi-Regional [WPR & SEAR] Consultation on Good Governance for Improved Access to Medicines, held in Manila, Philippines from 9th-11th November 2015.

The objectives of the meeting were:

1. To advocate for recognition of the importance of effective national medicines policies and their implementation under good governance.
2. To facilitate the exchange of information and collaboration among Member States on governance best practice.
3. To share experience with good governance programmes, transparency initiatives and other programmes such as the approach of situation analyses of medicines in health care delivery.

Mr Jackson was invited to speak to the meeting on the subject of *Implementing codes of conduct for pharmacists*

Current projects

The WPPF has been awarded funding by the FIP Foundation to stage a Regional Summit during 2016. This two day Regional Summit will be an invitation based intensive workshop of pharmacy leaders aimed at identifying pharmacy practice

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issues common to the countries of the region and developing a strategy and generic work-plan to address the issue of agreed highest priority. The Summit will be conducted in Manila on 25th and 26th September to coincide with World Pharmacists' Day.

Main challenges

The Region is geographically diverse with great distances between countries that range from massive land masses to extremely isolated islands, with national populations that range from a few thousands to over a billion and with pharmacy systems and services that range from well-developed and of global best-practice to having no domestic pharmacist education and acutely under resourced.

In this environment, the major challenge facing the Forum is to maintain engagement and support of the existing member associations and generating adequate membership income to enable activities aimed at promoting Good Pharmacy Practice to be undertaken in developing countries and territories where practice issues are of greatest concern and local associations struggle or are non-existent.

WPPF would like to recognise the support provided by FIP and the contribution to the Forum of Goncalo Sousa Pinto, Manager Professional Development Support.

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