



Social and Administrative Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2020

Over the last 12 months SAPS has launched their inaugural SAPS Research Award, with our first winner, Catarina Bernardo being selected for her project *“Exploring medication adherence in breast cancer patients shifted from IV to oral forms according to the ABC taxonomy”*.

SAPS has aimed to increase member engagement, by our involvement in a number of webinars. SAPS hosted a webinar on “The regulatory climate in COVID-19”. We also contributed to a number of other webinars, with speakers from our ExCo contributing to webinars on topic ranging from HMR’s, to Responsible use of medicines, Ethics, and Evidence based practice.

SAPS also coordinated and submitted a number of session proposals for the Brisbane congress (Date TBC), many of which were not successful. We are aiming this year to convert some of those into webinars, depending on member’s interest. This will be gauged via member polls via our newsletters and also our new member forums, which will be launched in March/April 2021.

SAPS have formed several sub-committees over the last 12 months. The first subcommittee was formed to coordinate and evaluate our SAPS Research project. Our second sub-committee is still in the early formation stages. This subcommittee has been installed to organise our information dissemination to our members, and it will be the Communications Sub-Committee. They will focus on our current social media accounts, with the aim to coordinate our information distribution. We would like all our social media posts to reflect the ONE FIP theme, and coordinate with themes and topics from FIP HQ, and other health awareness weeks and days eg World Cancer day. Eventually, this Sub-committee will look to expand our social media presence, to involve more pharmacists, and hopefully bring them into the FIP membership.

Our newsletters have been kept to the minimum this last year, due to the large amount of information that has been sent out from FIP. We are acutely aware of digital fatigue, and hence, tried to keep our own communications brief and less COVID-19 related where possible.

SAPS is proud of our launch of our inaugural SAPS Research grant, which will allow all SAPS members the chance to share their unique research with a larger global audience, and help encourage more pharmacists to become actively involved with FIP and its work.

Goals in 2021:

- Goal #1: Finalise and present our final report on our BPP Special Project on Review of National Responsible Use of medicines policies: a focus on the roles and potential roles of pharmacists.

- Goal #2: To increase our social media presence and membership communication. We have set up a communications sub-committee to work on our social media accounts (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter) and to streamline and produce our newsletters. We are also looking to coordinate our social media and newsletter posts, together with FIP news and other health related news. We hope this will improve our relationships with members, and encourage new members to join FIP.
- Goal #3: Coordinate and liaise with members via online forums. Our member forums are being set up to cover each of the time zones of our member base, to allow our members to engage with ExCo members and other members globally while we are unable to have our face-to-face meetings. We hope this will continue once the annual congress resumes- at present we have the opportunity to engage with our members only via impersonal newsletters, and once a year. We hope this will encourage more people to participate and interact with our section, and ultimately become more active in FIP. We are aiming to use these initially to disseminate information, and gauge interest in our upcoming elections. This will allow our members the opportunity to ask questions and get information regarding the roles and positions within the ExCo.