The past 12 months has been a busy and productive period for SAPS. Over this time SAPS has:

1. Successfully introduced a transparent protocol and assessment rubric for reviewing and selecting abstracts for oral presentations at the annual congress. This assessment rubric was used by all sections in the review and selection of abstracts. It is recommended that the assessment rubric be made available to all authors of abstracts, so that they are aware of the process for abstract review.

2. Participated in a BPP special project on social media in collaboration with HaMIS. This project is being led by A/Prof Parisa Aslani (Australia) and Arcelio Benetoli (Brazil, doctoral candidate), in collaborations with SAPS.

3. Developed (and commenced implementation) of a webinar series open to all FIP members. To date, the first two webinars have been planned: Evidence-based practice for pharmacists (Tim Chen, February 2016) and Principles of Pharmacoeconomics (Ola Ghaleb, May 2016). Two or three webinars are planned for each year in February, May and November. The topics for these webinars will be based on expertise of SAPS members and relevance to pharmacy practice. These webinars are designed to add value to SAPS and FIP membership by providing opportunities for engagement with peers outside of the annual congress. It is hope that the webinars will encourage individuals to retain their FIP and SAPS membership as well as potentially attract new members, in the context of static or declining membership numbers. SAPS is grateful for the subscription to GoTo Webinar.

4. Participated in FIP focus groups and Special Interest Groups such as Ethics (Betty Chaar) and Pharmacy Practice Research (Tim Chen) respectively.

5. Conducted regular ExCo meetings (GoTo Meetings supplemented by Skype) for Buenos Aires 2016 and Seoul 2017 section planning. Planned a series of meetings to brainstorm future SAPS activities designed to encourage individuals to retain their FIP and SAPS membership as well as potentially attract new members.

SAPS is proud of all of its activities but is especially pleased to be able to offer a contemporary and relevant series of webinars for all FIP members throughout the year (February, May, November). The topics for these webinars will be based on expertise of SAPS members and relevance to pharmacy practice. These webinars are designed to add value to SAPS and FIP membership by providing opportunities for engagement with peers outside of the annual congress. It is hope that the webinars will encourage individuals to retain their FIP and SAPS membership as well as potentially attract new members, in the context of static or declining membership numbers. The webinars will provide a platform to communicate more regularly with members, beyond the traditional newsletter and annual congress. These regular webinars will hopefully remind members throughout the year of the important advocacy work undertaken by FIP in general, rather than only engaging with FIP during the annual congress. Importantly, these webinars have the potential to provide members with knowledge and skills which may foster improved practice in their own practice settings.

Section goals for the 2016 calendar year

- Goal #1:
Develop a strategic plan for SAPS which will map to the BPP Vision statement (A Gray 2011) and the Working Group on Pharmacy Vision (D Jordan, 2016).

- **Goal #2:**

  Deliver a high quality educational webinar programme (February, May, November) for all FIP members based on the expertise of SAPS members, with the goal of adding value to FIP and SAPS members and with the potential to advance pharmacy practice.

- **Goal #3:**

  Identify and develop networks with relevant professional organisations and advocacy groups with a view to strengthening the profile of FIP and SAPS members.