

Social and Administrative Pharmacy Section

Annual Report 2018

SAPS has had a busy 12 months. At the SAPS Business meeting in Glasgow, ExCo elections were conducted and ExCo members successfully elected for ExCo positions, secretary, vice president and president. SAPS is proud of the gender, age and geographic diversity of ExCo members.

SAPS has continued with a webinar series in 2018, including webinars conducted for Japanese and Portuguese speaking participants. A webinar series for 2019 is being planned – in part this will be informed by SAPS session proposals submitted but not accepted for annual congresses, representing specific areas of SAPS interest and expertise. Webinars are seen as an important, nuanced value-add for members, beyond the annual congress.

SAPS has developed a near final transparent process for offering “special (research) projects”. Whilst not specifically targeted at early career members or specific geographic regions, it is anticipated that these special projects will provide practical support and networking opportunities for innovative SAPS projects, which might not ordinarily receive financial support.

SAPS has continued to publish regular newsletters, collaborate with other sections and SIGS and submit peer-reviewed and ranked proposals for the annual congress. SAPS continues to manage and lead the peer-review, selection and operation of the short oral sessions at the annual congress. The SAPS ExCo continue to recruit and retain new members, based on a broad-based value proposition for those interested in SAPS. SAPS ExCo have promoted FIP at conferences and meetings external to FIP.

SAPS continues to be proud of its global outreach in espousing the value of pharmacists in the health care system be it via analysis of the value-add of pharmacists in providing pharmaceutical services, implementation and evaluation of interdisciplinary and collaborative models of care or via new platforms (e-health, m-health) for the delivery of care.

Goals for 2019:

- Goal #1: Implement a SAPS “special (research) project” scheme in 2019
- Goal #2: Conduct a SAPS webinar series in 2019