Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

This is the first newsletter for 2019 and it is filled with great information for members.

John A. Pieper, our Section President reports back on the section's achievements for 2018 and the February FIPEd exco meeting in Melbourne, Australia.

The Section, Academic Institutional Members (AIM) and the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) take hands in a mentorship program. You are invited to participate as a mentor. You are also invited to register and sign up for the Pharmabridge program for academics. The Section has allocated 2,500 Euros in the form of five 500 Euro stipends for academics to participate in this initiative.

On 20 March you can attend the 1st AIM Executive Webinar on the topic "What leadership styles are suitable for academia?" On 25 and 26 April, the first ever FIP Regional Conference will take place in Amman, Jordan.

Our newsletter also features in future a leadership blog prepared by a member of AIM to provide some insight into personal and professional development as an academic. AIM is also recruiting applications from academic leaders for their Advisory Board.

Important information regarding the upcoming 2019 FIP World Congress is noted in this newsletter for your attention regarding the Section Dinner, AIM Forum, Pharmacy Technicians' Symposium, Business Meeting and Abstract Mentoring Program.

This year in Abu Dhabi there will be elections of six positions on the AcPS Executive Committee. Take note of the deadlines for submission of nominations.

Kind regards
Message from the President

Dear members

The Section had a very active year in 2018. The section conducted six webinars, with an average attendance of 130 members. Five issues of the section newsletter, The Mortar Board, were distributed and a membership survey was conducted and analysed that identified member interests and needs.
Young Pharmacists Group (YPG) Leadership Development Workshop that was held at the World Congress in Glasgow and will become an annual event at future World Congresses. Immediate Past President of the Section, Ralph Altiere, also continued to work closely with the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF).

The Section Programming Committee has been very active in finalizing speakers for the Abu Dhabi World Congress and soliciting and evaluating educational sessions for the Seville World Congress in 2020.

In addition, the Section has committed to three significant projects that were initiated in 2018. The Nanjing Statements Implementation Project which includes a self-assessment tool and user guide, aimed at pharmaceutical education providers, was initiated. The self-assessment tool has been developed and is in implementation evaluation phase in early 2019. A second major project initiated in 2018, thanks to the innovative work by Arijana Mestrovic, is Developing Capacity to Ensure Contemporary Pharmaceutical Practice: Competency Framework for Educators. This framework will identify and disseminate the competencies required for educators to effectively meet educational competencies of trainees. A third project is the FIP ATLAS initiative that will focus on outlining needs and priorities of FIP members and member organizations. The Academic Pharmacy Section will be responsible for collecting information on education needs.

The Section is also an integral participant in FIPEd, which includes the Academic Institutional Members of FIP (AIM), the Workforce Development Hub (WDH) and our Section. The FIPEd executive committee held a strategic meeting in Melbourne, Australia on 18 and 19 February, 2019. President Domenic Jordan, CEO Catherine Duggan, Professional Secretary Ema Paulino and Scientific Secretary, Giovanni Pauletti, joined the FIPEd ExCo.

Key outcomes of the meeting were a consensus that FIPEd will not be developing a new strategic plan. Instead, FIPEd will be developing an implementation plan to support the new FIP Strategy with its projects. FIPEd will reframe its priorities to support FIP to influence and improve global health through pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientist and educators. FIPEd will continue its project-focused work, aligning with overall FIP priorities and supporting the FIP staff structure.

The Section looks forward to continued work within both the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP) and FIPEd in 2019.

President John A. Pieper
The Academic Pharmacy Section (AcPS) and Academic Institutional Membership (AIM) are joining with IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Students Federation) to initiate a proof of concept mentorship program focused on assisting pharmacy students and academic leaders to utilize FIP Nanjing Statements and Pharmaceutical Workforce Development Goals (PWDGs) to advance their academic programs to meet societal needs of their communities.

Click [here](#) to view the complete call for mentors and how to apply.

Submit all requested information to the AcPS email address ([acps@fip.org](mailto:acps@fip.org)) no later than May 1, 2019 and use the subject line IPSF MENTOR PROGRAM in all uppercase letters.

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**What happened on social media**

**FIP regional conference registration is open**

Join colleagues from across the globe in Amman, Jordan, 25 & 26 April, where pharmacy’s contribution to better primary health care will be discussed and advanced.


**Twitter - @FIP_AcPS**

We now have 625 followers on Twitter. Please Follow us if you have an interest in pharmacy education.

Please Retweet or Reply or Like our Tweets and or include us using the hashtag #AcPS

We share innovations in education including those relating to learning in practice, assessment & feedback, IPE, faculty development and

**Pharma 5.0 - Pharmacy education in English at University of Zagreb, Croatia**

Faculty of [Pharmacy](#) and Biochemistry [University of Zagreb](#) received EU non-refundable fundings from the [ERDF](#) for a project [Pharma5.0](#) of introducing 5 year pharmacy program in English in [Zagreb](#), [Croatia](#)

So excited we will be able to host and educate students from all over the world.
Pharmacy practice has changed dramatically over the past years that dictated crucial changes in pharmacy education. Pharmacy academic leaders are required to build and maintain momentum in their schools to keep up with these changes. Academic leaders should select, equip, train, and influence their faculty members who have diverse abilities and skills and focus them to achieve the school’s mission, vision, and objectives. Click here for more information on the five major skills for sustainable and productive leadership - Communication, creativity, motivation, delegation and trustworthy.
Call for Candidates and Host Institutions

The FIP Pharmabridge Program and the Academic Pharmacy Section (AcPS) announce a call for candidates and host institutions for 2019 placements.

The AcPS has funded five Pharmabridge positions reserved specifically for pharmacy faculty members, two from the FIP UNESCO UNITWIN program in Africa and three for academics from any other pharmacy program.

Click here to view the Call for Candidates and Host Institutions for details on the application process.

To serve as a host institution or to benefit from the 500 euro stipend, please register on the Pharmabridge website.

2019 FIP World Congress - Abu Dhabi

With registrations already open, excitement is building up for the annual dose of international pharmacy. Please note the following changes and important information:

1. Changes in Section Dinner date
The section dinners will take place this year on Monday 23 September 2019, and not on the
The Congress closing dinner will still be on the last evening of the Congress (Thursday 26 September 2019) and tickets for the dinner can also be secured during the registration process at 95 Euros per ticket.

2. Changes in AIM Forum and Pharmacy Technicians' Symposium
The 10th AIM Global Academic Leaders Forum, organised by FIPEd, will now take place during the FIP Congress from **Monday 23 September at 13h30 until Tuesday 24 September at 17h30**. This event requires additional registration and is not included in the regular Congress registration.

The 8th Global Pharmacy Technicians' Symposium, also organised by FIPEd, will also take place during the FIP Congress from **Wednesday 25 September at 13h30 until Thursday 26 September at 17h00**. This event also requires additional registration and is not included in the regular Congress registration.

3. AcPS Annual Business Meeting
Please note that the annual Section Business Meeting will take place on **Monday 23 September 2019 at 12h00**, directly following the Plenary Session. The venue will be confirmed.

4. Make use of FIP’s Abstract Mentoring Program
Do you have limited or no experience in submitting abstracts for scientific congresses? Or is English not your first language? FIP’s Abstract Mentoring Programme will help you prepare for the formal abstract review process.

Send in your abstract before 1 April and get feedback on grammar, spelling, structure and general content from experienced mentors. Find everything you need to know about the programme here: [https://bit.ly/2XgMg6U](https://bit.ly/2XgMg6U)

5. Join AIM Advisory Committee - Call for applications
Would you like to join FIP’s AIM Advisory Committee to (1) drive FIP’s strategy on academic leadership, (2) develop global projects on institutional and professional development, (3) provide leadership and strategic advice to implement major global health policies - e.g. WHO, UN and (4) represent your region in the only global network of academic leaders in the world?

FIP Academic Institutional Membership (AIM) is calling for applications for its new AIM Advisory Committee Members! If you are an academic leader from an AIM member school, send your CV, motivation letter and a recent photography to [aim@fip.org](mailto:aim@fip.org), by July 1st, 2019.

If your school is not an AIM member yet, please contact [aim@fip.org](mailto:aim@fip.org) to become a member!
AcPS ExCo meeting in Den Hague

Members of the executive committee of the AcPS of FIP will meet in Den Hague in March at the FIP Headquarters for a mid-term face-to-face meeting to discuss and draft updates to the Section’s Strategic Plan and Priorities and further develop section. More details on the ExCO’s work will be shared in the future and at the Section’s Business meeting in Abu Dhabi.

AIM Executive Webinar 1
Register for the upcoming webinar titled “What leadership styles are suitable for academia?” to be held March 20, 2019 at 1pm CET.

Register for the webinar here.

If you are interested in developing and contributing to FIP AIM projects, please register your interest here.

YPG Leadership Development Workshop
Are you interested in taking up leadership training, working with like-minded individuals from around the world?

FIP, YPG and the AcPS are taking applications for our second Leadership Development Workshop held this September 2019 in Abu Dhabi!

More information here.

AcPS Executive Committee Elections
Call for Nominations for the Academic Pharmacy Section Elections 2019

Elections for Academic Pharmacy Section Executive Committee positions will be held during the AcPS Business Meeting at the 2019 FIP World Congress in September in Abu Dhabi.

Nominations for these positions are now open; please see a brief description of responsibilities below.
Please send nominations by email to the AcPS email address (acps@fip.org). Use the subject title (ALL UPPER CASE):

ACPS NOMINATION 2019

Position | Term of office
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Vice President | 4 years
Secretary | 4 years
Executive Committee member (3 positions) | 4 Years
Executive Committee member (1 position) | 2 years

Candidates may self-nominate or may be nominated by another AcPS member and accept that nomination.

- All candidates must meet the criteria for holding office in the Academic Pharmacy Section as stated in the section statutes, including being a member of the section and a paid-in-full member of FIP.
- Candidates must provide a recent photograph and a brief, one page (minimum font size of 10) Curriculum Vitae suitable for publication in the Section Newsletter and circulation to members. Use the following sections:
  - Name, country, current position title(s) and institution(s), and email address
  - Qualifications (degrees and institutions, past academic/professional positions; statement that you meet criteria for AcPS office)
  - Background (include past and current occupation descriptions)
  - Statement on your vision for a leadership role in AcPS
  - FIP experience (if applicable)
  - Awards/recognitions (if applicable)
- Acceptance of Nominations prior to the Congress will conclude 15 August 2019 to allow publication of the list of candidates, their photographs and the one-page Curriculum Vitae in the AcPS Congress Booklet.
- Nominations may be accepted from the floor at the Section Business Meeting, providing the nominee meets the membership criteria and provides nomination materials as described above.
- Candidates will not be given an opportunity to speak at the business meeting.
- Candidates unsuccessful for one position may remain on the ballot for subsequent positions at the same election if they so desire.

Duties of the Office

**Vice President**

- Provides support and advice to president on all section matters
- Provides oversight and leadership for section committees and working groups
- Monitors progress on the section strategic plan
- Serves as third representative of section at BPP meetings when provided for by FIP based on membership numbers
- Represents the section in the absence of the president

**Secretary**

- Assists president in conducting section business and serves on behalf of the president when needed
- Prepares and submits section annual and midyear reports jointly with the president
- Attends BPP meetings as one of section representatives
- Develops agenda for Executive Committee (ExCo) meetings jointly with the president
- Arranges all ExCo meetings (in person or technology based); prepares and disseminates minutes from section ExCo and business meetings; manages communications, including section documents, between section officers, ExCo, members and FIP
- Prepares annual AcPS Congress Booklet in collaboration with the president and other section officers and ExCo members

**Duties of All Members of the Executive Committee**
- Provide leadership for the section as an officer and ExCo member
- Participate in ExCo conference calls – currently six or more per year
- Attend and Report on Activities During the Section’s Business Meeting at the Congress
- Attend to additional duties as assigned by the president such as leadership of AcPS committees, working groups (WGs), task forces and similar duties
- Engage of membership in AcPS activities
- Recruitment of new members to AcPS
- Adhere to policy statement for absences or non-participation by ExCo members

About the Academic Pharmacy Section

FIP’s Academic Pharmacy Section was founded in 1972. Our mission is to serve as an international source for networking, collaboration and inspiration for educators to transform pharmacy education for the purpose of advancing practice and science to meet present and future health needs in communities around the world.