Editorial (English)

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

I am honored, and of course very happy, that the member organizations of the Steering Committee of the Community Pharmacy Section (CPS) have given me their confidence, and they have elected me as the new President of the Section.

Of course, it is a pleasure to put myself at the service of the member organizations and individual members of the CPS, whom I encourage to actively participate in the section. The Executive Committee, whom I am honored to chair, is open to your proposals and suggestions to make the section a more useful tool and move towards a better community pharmacy for your patients and for our health systems.

I also want to congratulate the new members of the Executive Committee of the CPS, who will contribute with their experience, enthusiasm and work to develop an even better CPS:
Estimados colegas, queridos amigos,
¡Hola!

Me siento honrado, y por supuesto muy feliz, de que las organizaciones miembro del Comité Directivo de la Sección de Farmacia Comunitaria (CPS) me hayan otorgado su confianza, y me hayan elegido como nuevo Presidente de la Sección.

Por supuesto es un placer ponerme al servicio de las organizaciones miembro y miembros individuales de la CPS, a quienes les animo a participar activamente en la sección. El Comité Ejecutivo que me honro de presidir, está abierto a sus propuestas y sugerencias para hacer de la sección una herramienta más útil y avanzar hacia una farmacia mejor para sus pacientes y sistemas de salud.

Quiero felicitar asimismo a los nuevos miembros del Comité Ejecutivo de la CPS, quienes aportarán su experiencia, entusiasmo y trabajo para hacer una CPS mejor:
· Daragh Connolly (IRL)
· Leonila Ocampo (PHL)
· Shane Jackson (AUS)
· Tshivhiwa Rabali (ZAF)
· Sari Westermarck (FIN)

¡Bienvenidos, y gracias por vuestro compromiso!

Puede leer más aquí.
New CPS ExCo Team


You can read more here.

New FIP President
Dominique Jordan from Switzerland, former CPS President and Chairperson of the Board of Pharmacy Practice (BPP) took office as FIP President on 7 September.

See [here](#) the interview published in the International Pharmacy Journal, November 2018.

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**New FIP Vice Presidents**

Three new faces have joined the FIP Bureau following elections in September. Carlos Lacava (Uruguay), Samira Shammas (Jordan) and Ashok Soni (UK) were elected as new FIP vice presidents.

Mr Lacava is the director of the public health and consumer protection laboratory of the Government of San José, Uruguay, and his expertise includes clinical biology and other less represented areas such as food science and environmental chemistry.

Ms Shammas, who heads a large wholesaler, owns a community pharmacy and sits on three pharmacy school boards, has been involved with FIP since 1978.

Professor Soni, also a community pharmacy owner, has advised the British Government on pharmacy’s role in health and social care, and is currently president of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

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**News from the Board of Pharmacy Practice**
Paul Sinclair of Australia became the new chair of FIP’s Board of Pharmaceutical Practice in September following ratification by the FIP Council. Mr Sinclair, a community pharmacist from Sydney, Australia, previously served the federation as president of the Community Pharmacy Section (CPS). Joining the board will be Ulf Janzon (Sweden), who will take up post on 1 January 2019 as president of the Industrial Pharmacy Section, Robert Moss (Netherlands), who was elected as the new president of the Hospital Pharmacy Section, and Lars-Åke Söderlund (Sweden), new CPS president.

New FIP Member Organisations

The FIP Council agreed to admit five national organisations as members at its meeting in September, extending the federation’s membership to 144. The following organisations are now part of FIP:

- The Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria
- The Cuban Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- The Kosova Chamber of Pharmacists
- The Malta Chamber of Pharmacists
- The Pharmaceutical Association of Liberia.

IPA CPD eTimes 2018

Please see below for links to read about the latest IPA CPD eTimes 2018 issues.

Please see [here](#) the July-August issue.
Please see (here) the September-October issue.
What Happened on Social Media

Manjiri Gharat received award from the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations (FAPA)
Ms Manjiri Gharat, CPS ExCo Member, has been selected by FAPA 2015 - 2018 Awards Committee as the recipient of the prestigious Ishidate Award for Community Pharmacy, in recognition of her exemplary performance and outstanding contributions towards the upliftment of the profession and improvement of society in line with the mission of FAPA in Asia.

See more (here).

Congress Glasgow, Scotland

Sessions

Plenary Sessions

FIP Talks; Changing Science, practice and education outcomes for the better
In some parts of the world, healthcare systems have improved dramatically over the years. Cancer and cardiac outcomes are better; waiting periods are shorter; patient satisfaction much higher, yet World Health Organization statistics still report uncontrolled health issues, such as neglected tropical diseases, immunization needs and increasing mental illnesses. Almost 6 million children each year die under the age of five years, even though life expectancy worldwide is over 71 years.

Due to differences in financial background, legal frameworks and standards of practice quality, quality of care can be variable. Therefore, preventable illnesses are still widespread, and some health inequalities remain deep-rooted. Patients’ needs are changing, pharmaceutical science is opening new possibilities and new treatment options are emerging. Alongside the implementation of these new treatment options, we may face particular challenges in many areas of health. Our health systems need to adapt to take advantage of the opportunities that science and technology offer to patients, carers and those who serve them. Lifestyle issues also affect the outcomes of therapy, and the financial burden on our health systems.
How to Better Support Carers

Monday 3 September 2018; 12:30-14h

Chairs

Jaime Acosta Gómez (FIP Community Pharmacy Section, Spain) and Felicity Smith (Practice & Policy, UCL School of Pharmacy, UK)

Presentation from a carer

Tommy Whitelaw (The Alliance, Scotland)

Many people, mainly women, are now balancing work, childcare and caring for their loved ones. Increasing numbers of older people often care for their partner while providing childcare for grandchildren, and parents of children with complex health needs know that they will be “lifetime” carers. Furthermore, in our changing societies most people are living longer and many are developing long-term clinical conditions. The positive shift to independent living and care at home, away from institutionalisation, while allowing people in need to maintain maximum independence and control over their own lives will continue to require a greater contribution from carers.

Carers provide an extremely valuable service to the people whom they look after and thus, to society. Their knowledge can be extremely useful to health and social care professionals in planning patient care, and also in identifying problems that may require intervention such as scheduling and maintaining supplies and liaising with health professionals, especially when systems can be difficult to navigate or to access. Helping with the administration of medicines might also be challenging, especially when there may be different products and formulations (such as eye drops, nebulisers, patches etc.) that have to be scheduled at different times. Carers often have concerns about medicines — they notice side effects and may decide not to give something, they may worry that a medicine is not working, or they may have problems encouraging someone to take a medicine. On the other hand, they might not be informed about medicines, or they may, themselves, have sight problems which create difficulty with packaging or reading labels. Carers should be considered as crucial partners in achieving the responsible use of medicines and they are at the heart of 21st-century families and communities. More>
Luís Lourenço (CPS) and Tara Herir (SAPS) chaired this session.

It is routine for physicians and pharmacists to consider factors such as age, body mass, renal function and drug interactions in an attempt to avoid unintentional drug consequences. Nonetheless, genetic factors alone can account for anywhere between 20 to 95% of the variability in drug response, yet these often go unrecognized. In recent years, clinical PGx research has made significant progress in defining which genetic variations are important for influencing inter-patient variability in drug response.

Pharmacogenomics is about determining the right dose of the right drug for the right patient, and this science has the potential to be a real game changer for the healthcare system and the role of the community pharmacist, furthering the growth of their patient care role and personalized relationship with patients.

Preparing and Utilizing Community Pharmacists to Improve Outcomes for Patients with Hepatitis C
Chairs: Julie Akers, Manjiri Gharat

Organised by: Academic Pharmacy Section and Community Pharmacy Section

Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) affects approximately 150 million people globally and is a recognized problem across the globe, however many are unaware of the infection as acute HCV infection is usually asymptomatic. This results in the unintentional spread of hepatitis as well as unnecessary progression of the disease leading to negative patient outcomes and higher healthcare costs.

This session covered several aspects of HCV and how pharmacists can be utilised for HCV control. More>

What Matters To Me - The Model of Improvement

A Short review of the Session C08 Wednesday 5th of September. The Model of Improvement - how can your practice benefit?

The session was chaired by Lotte Fonnesbæk, Denmark.

As medication- and patient safety has been an integrated part of the healthcare system for many years in Scotland, the session opened with a video interview with Professor Jason Leitch, Clinical Director of The Quality Unit, Scottish Government. In the interview, he shares his thoughts about Quality Improvement in the Scottish Health Care System. More>

A Success Story for Combatting CVD & Diabetes Through Innovation in Pharmacy
Chronic diseases constitute the largest burden of disease in our health systems. This implicates the need to look at measures to improve prevention and management of chronic disease in primary care. However, to meet the chronic disease challenge successfully, pharmacy can effectively contribute to tackle one of its largest — and most costly — components: cardiovascular disease (CVD) and diabetes. CVD is the number one cause of mortality in most OECD countries and accounts for around a third of all deaths. Many more patients suffer considerable loss in their quality of life due to CVD, particularly through stroke and congestive heart failure. Rising levels of obesity, high cholesterol and blood pressure have led to more people being diagnosed with metabolic syndrome, which in turn is a key risk factor for CVD and diabetes. More>

The Renaissance of Community Pharmacy
In almost all parts of the world pharmacists are looking forward to, and work for, the expansion of their professional role, for example, by optimizing the use of medicines. Healthcare systems are also realizing, more and more, that pharmacy and pharmacists actually can contribute to better outcomes, and a sustainable healthcare model. A number of clinical and evidence-based services have been developed by community pharmacy in order to help patients to acquire a life in health.

Is the core role of the pharmacy of the future to dispense medicines? And is an evolution of pharmacy practice the way to go forward, or is a revolution needed? And what kind of revolution is needed?

In a panel debate about the future of community pharmacy, dr. Darrin Baines from Bournemouth University, UK argued that pharmacists need to evolve and define their role in 21st century healthcare before someone else defines it for them. He furthermore argued that in order to keep its place in the healthcare system, community pharmacy needs to be the “go-to place for health technology” and should give up dispensing.  

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The session, the only approved breakfast session at FIP Congress, garnered ~ 100 interested attendees to hear Marwan Ghazi El Akel (School of Pharmacy, Lebanese International University, Lebanon) speak on his personal experiences “Migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) — Support by pharmacists”, and Petra Straight (Save the Children, UK) speak on her experiences with “Experience as a Save the Children responder”. Both speakers spoke to the “role of pharmacists in humanitarian causes and natural disasters, a continuing evolution as organisers and policymakers understand the value that pharmacists bring to those various events. In some cases, pharmacists volunteer from a purely selfless internal motive to help; in other cases, there is an organised political requirement for pharmacy to be included in the medical team assigned to provide relief and support to some event. This session showcases how pharmacists have gone beyond their daily activities to offer humanitarian support.”

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Short Oral Presentations

Whether in the audience or like this year chairing the session the short Oral presentations continue to be my favourite session at the congress.

This year once again we had outstanding speakers presenting both research and new Innovations in practice. The format only allows for short sharp focused presentations but each of our presenters used their time well to bring to life the work they were doing. We have time for a few questions and then it’s on to the next exciting topic. Subjects ranged antibiotic stewardship to effective sustainable commissioned services in community pharmacies.

Martin Astbury
CPS ExCo

Poster Awards
See (here) the winners of this year’s poster-prizes!!

Steering Committee Meeting
See (here) for some pics of the meeting.

Section Dinner
See (here) the pics of the CPS dinner!

Others

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