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

As we approach the end of the year, people often reflect on their achievements during the year, the ups and the downs, and the year that was. The Health and Medicines Information Section (HaMIS) has had another successful year in terms of FIP Congress sessions, input into FIP documents and policies, and the commencement of three new HaMIS Working Groups. I thank all of our membership who have been so actively involved in our Section’s activities in 2018. Our Section’s success is due to the hard work of the Executive Committee and our members.

As we think about 2019, I urge HaMIS members to share with us, through submissions to Info-Link, the new trends, technologies, innovations and services in their area of work, in their local community and/or in their country and region, which are relevant to the global pharmacy family. I also encourage you to get involved with our three working groups, which are:

- Improving Written Discharge Medication Information for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities
- Vaccines
- Digital Health

If you would like further information about the above Working Groups, please either contact me directly (parisa.aslani@sydney.edu.au) or refer to the last issue of Info-Link.

In 2019, the FIP Congress will be held in Abu Dhabi, and HaMIS has several sessions that we are leading or co-leading. I hope that many of you are considering attending the FIP Congress in Abu Dhabi, which will be later in the year, from 22 to 26 September (https://abudhabi2019.congress.pharmacy/)

HaMIS is also preparing for the 2020 FIP Congress in Seville, Spain, and we are seeking input from the membership on workshop and session ideas. The FIP 2020 Congress theme is “The Technological Revolution- Impact on Pharmacy and the Healthcare”. Please do
contact me directly (by 31st January 2019) if you have ideas about Workshops, Oral Presentations, Presenters etc. for the FIP Congress in 2020, and need assistance in submitting proposals for the Congress. The HaMIS Executive Committee can support members in developing ideas into proposals for the Congress.

We are also thinking about the theme for FIP 2021, which will be held in Brisbane, Australia. If you have any ideas about the Congress theme, please contact me also (by 31st January 2019).

Thank you to everyone who has made this year another successful year for the Health and Medicines Information Section, in particular, the Executive Committee members. On behalf of the ExCo and Editorial team, I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and wish you a happy, healthy, peaceful and productive 2019.

Best Wishes

Parisa Aslani
President

On behalf of the HAMIS Executive Committee, we wish all of our Section members a joyous festive season and a Happy New Year!

Wishing you and yours a happy and successful 2019

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Aslani awarded the 2018 APSA medal

The Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) medal is the association's "highest award to recognize excellence and lasting contribution to the pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice. The winner of the medal is selected from nominations by the APSA Council based on academic achievements and contribution to the Association. The APSA medal is presented at the Annual Conference and the APSA Medallist is invited to give the APSA medal oration."

Professor Parisa Aslani, President of HaMIS, was recently awarded the 2018 APSA Medal. Parisa's oration provided insight into the key elements of one specific aspect of her international research contributions accomplished during her career to date in the area of medicines information and health literacy.

On behalf of HaMIS, please join us in congratulating Parisa on this milestone achievement!!!

Reflections on APSA 2018 - Adelaide, South Australia

Veronika Seda

At the beginning of December, the University of South Australia hosted the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) annual conference in Adelaide, South Australia. Being a first year PhD student and a first time APSA conference attendee, I was very eager to meet experienced researchers and hear what is new in the Australasian world of pharmacy... More>
Royal Dutch Pharmacists Association (KNMP)

Froukje Harkes-Idzinga

The Dutch Medicines Information Centre is part of the Royal Dutch Pharmacists Association (KNMP). All employees at our department have pharmaceutical backgrounds, mostly PharmD. We are experts in the field of medicines and pharmacotherapy.

Our mission statement is to promote safe and effective use of medicines. We do this by providing products and services for pharmacists, other healthcare professionals, patients, and other stakeholders.

In this article, you will find a short overview of what we provide or what we contribute to... More>

Reflections on “How to write great lay summaries and empower patients”

“Only through testing by patients can we find out if lay summaries are fit-for-purpose - for example if a graph looks ‘upside down’ to them.” - Professor DK Theo Raynor

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Ethical decision making at the end of life

Lindsay McClure

In recent years, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide has been legalised in a number of countries around the world. During the 2018 Congress, an interactive session with over 75 participants explored the ethical tensions that can arise between patients and healthcare professionals at the end of life. Tensions may stem from conflicts between patients’ rights and healthcare professionals’ perceived roles and from differing religious beliefs, cultural values, and attitudes toward pain management... More>
Financial Support to Attend the 2019 World Pharmacy Congress

Each year the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Health and Medicines Information Section (HaMIS) offers a travel grant to financially support a pharmacist or pharmacy student from a low or middle income country to attend the FIP World Pharmacy Congress.

The maximum support for one recipient is 1000 Euros towards travel and accommodation costs in addition to the Congress registration fee being funded. The deadline for applying for the 2019 Stipend is the 1st April 2019.

Detailed information including the conditions and application requirements can be found on the FIP Website (http://fip.org/HaMIS-Activities). Preference is given to first-time attendees to the Congress.

The 2019 FIP World Congress will take place from the 22nd - 26th September in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

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Book: The Pharmacist Guide to Implementing Pharmaceutical Care

The book “The Pharmacist Guide to Implementing Pharmaceutical Care” was recently published. With different chapters addressing varied aspects of pharmaceutical care implementation within an international context, this book may be of particular interest to students and pharmacists around the globe. Several individuals who are presently active FIP members have also contributed substantially to this work.

For more information, please visit: https://www.springer.com/la/book/9783319925752

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Upcoming conferences

11th PCNE Working Conference 2019, 06 - 09 February 2019, Egmond aan Zee, the Netherlands
Check out the new FIP membership landing page, which has been recently redesigned!

https://join.fip.org/

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About the FIP Health and Medicines Information Section

FIP’s Health and Medicines Information Section (HaMIS; previously known as the Pharmacy Information Section) was founded in 1951. The membership has gradually broadened to include pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists from all over the globe who are interested in information related to health and medicines across a number of different capacities.