

The FIP Centennial Congress Preliminary Programme Highlights

In 2012, FIP will celebrate its 100 year anniversary and as such will host the FIP Centennial Congress, taking place 3-8 October in Amsterdam, The Netherlands – the home country of FIP since it's beginning. This Congress will not only be a unique opportunity for FIP to make a significant step in the fulfillment of our Vision and Mission, as adopted by FIP Council in 2008, but will be a turning point for the profession on a global level - all present will set the stage for the future on a foundation of 100 years of progress.

The Centennial will offer all participants an invaluable venue for enriching and energising their career while at the same time participating in events and decisions that will shape the future of pharmacy and healthcare around the world.

The programme of the Centennial congress has been organised around 8 topics, each offering several session which will exemplify the FIP Centennial's goal of creating the future of pharmacy for all present.

Topic 1. The healthcare team of the future – how WE can make an impact

The key to providing comprehensive and ultimately successful healthcare in the future relies on many factors, not the least of which is the ability and opportunity to create teams of uniquely knowledgeable healthcare professionals with a unified goal of patient care and positive patient outcomes. These sessions will address these issues and discuss how pharmacists may best initiate and contribute to collaborative practice efforts, instilling themselves as invaluable members of the healthcare team.

Sessions include:

Improving Patient Outcomes through Collaborative Practice

Future directions – integrating multidisciplinary education into curriculum

Topic 2. Medicines of the future and their impact on pharmacy practice

The medicines of tomorrow and the way we use them may be substantially different to today's practice – are pharmacists adequately preparing themselves with the knowledge needed to inform patients about the newest and up and coming treatments? Given dynamic advances in areas such as biotechnology, nanotechnology and biomarkers, pharmacists must embrace the science and technology enabling these new discoveries help healthcare teams to provide patients with appropriate services with new therapeutic practices. This will also require educational reforms and the orientation of pharmaceutical sciences will change.

Sessions include:

The future of sustainable health and pharmacy care
New medicines in 20 years time and their impact on pharmacy practice
What scientific principles will drug therapy be based on in 2030?
The future of pharmacy education – the need for attention to ‘hot topics’
Pharmaceutical Sciences: Past and Future Impact of Drug development on Health Care
Breakthrough technologies and the paradigm shift in nanomedicines
Biowaiver Monographs – increasing access to the world’s affordable, quality medicines
Diagnostics – directing individualised medicine into the future
Medicines of the future: Developing complex therapeutics from natural sources in the 21st century

Topic 3. Safe medicines, safe patients – how safe is safe?

No other profession can reduce the risk of medicines use more than pharmacists – are we doing our part? Ensuring safe medicines use should be an inherent part of the pharmacy profession even though zero risk is impossible to achieve. These sessions will discuss the roles pharmacists need to take in working towards the highest possible level of safety in medicines use, from diagnostics to dispensing through monitoring the response to drug therapy.

Sessions include:

Reporting of adverse events and errors
Risk Benefits Management in Practice
Food for thought – lessons learnt from the food industry
Pharmacists – creating a future of better pharmacovigilance

Topic 4. The core of pharmacy now and in the future – ensuring responsible medicines use

Ensuring the responsible use of medicines is at the core of pharmacy practice – no other healthcare professional is better equipped to advise medicines developers, prescribers, monitors and consumers on the best methods of medicines use. How will pharmacists play this role in the future, and, more importantly, what will motivate them to do so? These sessions will present key areas of attention for pharmacists in ensuring responsible medicines use.

Sessions include:

The process of medicines use
Access to appropriate pain relief - a global challenge
The Future of Good Pharmacy Practice – be part of the creation
(Centralised) switching - challenges and opportunities
Improving responsible use of OTC medicines from labeling to counseling
Guidelines – raising the bar or creating roadblocks?
Steering better future decisions – comparative effectiveness research
Social networks – friend or foe in medicines information?
The dynamic healthcare environment – its impact on the future

Topic 5. The future medicines supply chain – strengthening the weakest link

The medicines supply chain is one fraught with increasing vulnerability. From the quality of raw materials to the susceptibility of counterfeiting to factors influencing the delivery of medicines, an ever-increasing amount of vigilance is needed to ensure that patients receive quality, safe medicines. These sessions will explore each step along the medicines supply chain and the pharmacists role in strengthening each link along the way.

Sessions include:

The regulation of pharmaceuticals has significantly increased costs without addressing the key weaknesses in the supply chain.

Are there global solutions to ensure the integrity of the global supply chain?

EMERGENCY – not enough medicines. Best case solutions in dealing with low availability.

Current developments in quality assurance of the supply chain

The future emergency drug supply chain – strengthening the weakest link

Topic 6. The future of the healthcare economy – will we shape it or will it shape us?

The issue of how, why and for what pharmacists are paid, has been a long standing issue. The advent of pharmaceutical care some 20 years ago shifted the focus from product to patient, yet most pharmacists continue to be reimbursed – and, therefore valued – based only on dispensing activity. This predicament will only serve to increase in the future - with increased numbers of medicines with increasing complexity pharmacists must devote more time to relaying knowledge, rather than just providing products to patients. How will future healthcare business models support this?

Sessions include:

Economics of healthcare: how will we afford health services

Economics of pharmacy: how will pharmacists be paid?

Forum for Innovators: integrating the professional and business demands of a successful pharmacy

Pharmacy law and Competition law: feuding laws or working in partnership?

Topic 7. Adherence – helping patients take their medicines properly

Adherence is a prime factor in the outcome of medicines use and therefore essential in achieving positive patient outcomes. Yet it is the factor that is often under the least control of the pharmacist – once the patient leaves the pharmacy, it is up to them. However, steps taken during pharmacist-patient interaction can heavily influence patients' adherence to medicines use and in turn their response to therapy. These sessions will address the actions and roles pharmacists can take on, including interaction with the pharmaceutical science community, to achieve better adherence.

Sessions include:

Medication adherence: If you don't take the medicines they won't work!

Supporting adherence in community pharmacies - do you have what it takes?

Patients Reported Outcomes

Patients as partners – advancing health together

Topic 8. Back to the future of pharmacy

Sessions include:

Pharmacy in the Netherlands

Pharmacy Practice Research – proving the value of the pharmacist now and in the future

Forum for policy makers - Trends in Community Pharmacy: debating the future of the profession

Presentation of "Pharmacy Vision 2020"

Forum for practitioners - Oral Communications: 100 pharmacists talk: my daily activities

Member Organisations - national updates

Clinical Pearls – inspiration to improve your future hospital practice

From development to marketing – short oral communications

Advancing emergency pharmacy practice into the future

Short Oral Communications of the Pharmacy Information Section

Transporters – Carrying Forward to the Future

From history, to now to the future of pharmacy: 1912-2012-2112

More information on Session timeslots, learning objectives and speakers, as well as newly added programme items are continuously available on the FIP Centennial website at www.fip.org/centennial

The FIP Centennial Congress: The future of pharmacy – be part of the creation!