

The FIP Board of Pharmaceutical Practice

Advancing the
2020 Vision



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MISSIONS & TASKS

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice, as a component group in FIP, is responsible for advancing the overall Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan of the FIP – the ‘2020 Vision’.

The Mission of FIP is ‘to improve global health by advancing pharmacy practice and science enable better discovery, development, access to and safe use of appropriate, cost-effective, quality medicines worldwide’.

> In order to achieve this, FIP has set **3 strategic objectives:**

- Advance pharmacy practice in all settings
- Advance the pharmaceutical sciences
- Increase FIP’s role in reforming pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences education

> The 2020 Vision document also lists **4 tactical approaches:**

- Build constructive partnerships
- Increase the visibility of FIP in the global environment
- Increase revenues for FIP to accomplish its global mission
- Increase effective communications

Specifically, the Mission and Tasks of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice have been outlined in general terms as follows:

- The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice represents the interests of all aspects of the practice of the profession of pharmacy throughout the whole world, regardless of any national or local issues.
- The development and advancement of the profession in all its many facets is encouraged.
- Good communication between pharmaceutical practitioners, pharmaceutical scientists and other healthcare providers is strongly promoted. The ultimate objective is to unify the profession and, as a result, bring about an increase in the standards of healthcare and its systems of delivery for the benefit of the patient.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice, with these ends in mind, will thus endeavour to:

- Raise professional standards
- Deliberate and recommend policy relating to the safe and effective use of medicines, for adoption by the Council
- Develop and expand continuing education
- Encourage research into all fields of pharmaceutical practice

- Recognise and reward excellence in pharmaceutical practice
- Expand the influence and role of the pharmacist
- Increase, strengthen and expand the functions of the various Sections of FIP
- Increase the membership, and thereby influence the activities of FIP on a world wide basis

Tasks

With the role and responsibility of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice being to handle all professional aspects of FIP’s activities, the Board’s main tasks are to:

- Prepare the professional programmes of the Congress and, where applicable, other conferences of FIP which are professional in nature
- Maintain contact with the relevant interested parties and assist in the co-ordination of professional activities of the Sections
- Co-ordinate the professional activities of FIP in relation with other professional organisations
- Formulate policy recommendations and establish strategic directions and priorities within the stated mission of the Board
- Set up working groups where the subject matter is outside the responsibility of any one of the Sections or covers the interest of more than one Section.

THE STRATEGIC EMPHASES 2010-2014

Pharmacists are distinguished from other healthcare professionals by their grounding in and reliance on the pharmaceutical sciences in their day-to-day practice.

Any separation, therefore, between ‘practice’ and ‘science’ will always be somewhat artificial, and reflect organisational history and habit more than anything concrete or enduring.

Equally, both ‘science’ and ‘practice’ rely on and interact continually with pharmaceutical education. Many pharmaceutical practitioners and pharmaceutical scientists are also pharmaceutical educators, whether as faculty or as preceptors of pharmacy students.

In African idiom, the image of the three-legged cooking pot is often invoked as a symbol of stability – however uneven the ground, a three-legged pot will always stand firm.

In addressing the 2020 Vision, FIP as a whole needs to maximise the effectiveness of all three ‘legs’ – practice, science and education. The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice will therefore actively seek opportunities for joint action with the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences in advancing pharmacy practice globally, in every setting and in every health system. It will also, together with the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences, contribute meaningfully to the FIP Education (FIPEd) activities.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice has therefore identified the following strategic emphases, which will guide its actions over the period 2010-2014:

- 1 | Celebrating the diversity of practice in pharmacy and ensuring that every pharmacist in practice is served by a Section and/or Special Interest Group that meets her/his professional development needs, and that engages meaningfully with the issues/he feels are important at every stage of her/his career.
- 2 | Improving the quality of pharmacy practice in every setting, informed specifically by the need for improved access, quality and safety in the use of medicines.
- 3 | Advancing evidence-based best practices in all aspects of pharmaceutical practice, in every practice setting.
- 4 | Identifying and dealing with the educational barriers and accountabilities (e.g. quality, scope, curriculum, access)

that prevent pharmacists from delivering an improved quality of practice.
5 | Identifying appropriate economic models that will enable improved quality of pharmacy practice in every setting.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice will encourage more pharmacists globally to become individual members of FIP, and will facilitate easier access to both multiple Sections of the BPP as well as to the Special Interest Groups of the BPS. In this way, individual members will gain most from the diversity of opportunities with FIP, but also be able to contribute across the entire spectrum of their interests and competencies. The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice will explore opportunities to break down the real and perceived divisions between Sections and between the BPP and BPS. At a minimum, this will be done through joint working groups and joint conference programming. In time, however, structural changes to the FIP will be considered (e.g. a universal set of by-laws that govern all sections), where warranted.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice will identify opportunities for improving the quality of pharmacy practice in every setting, across the continuum of the medication use process. It will encourage research and develop policies that improve access, quality and safety in the use of medicines. In particular, it will work to identify appropriate economic models that will enable improved quality of pharmacy practice in every setting. Furthermore, the Board will foster personal and collective accountability for practice in order to meet the needs of societies and nations.

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