

## Industrial Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2015

IPS continues to work with APS (Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences) to provide a one day “Industrial Insights” seminar to interest pharmacy graduates in a career within the pharmaceutical industry. This year Industrial Insights was held on October 1 during the Düsseldorf congress in the Johnson & Johnson Facility in Neuss. Thanks to FIP the registration process has been positively simplified we received great interest and the maximum of 50 participants.

The future of Laboratory Proficiency Testing (PTP) offered through the section continues to be under discussion with the WHO. A new development is that EDQM has joined FIP as an observer which opens up new interesting opportunities for collaboration. This is an important topic for many laboratories in developing countries and IPS works hard to find a positive solution that secures continued access to PTP.

IPS has offered quarterly webinars on topics important to the industrial pharmacist. The trend with an increasing number of registrations continues. Furthermore, all IPS webinars are recorded and made available at no charge on the member’s only area of the FIP website, [www.fip.org/webinars](http://www.fip.org/webinars).

IPS has also presented several one-week seminars and workshops on GMP related topics:

- In cooperation with Pharmabridge – “GMPs for Medical Devices” in Sri Lanka (February 2015)
- In cooperation with ANVISA Brazil and Sinduspharma – workshops on BioSimilar (March 2015)
- In cooperation with Cuban Ministry of Health and BioCen, Cuba – GMP workshops (April 2015)

IPS continues to offer its members the opportunity to visit a local manufacturer during the FIP Congresses and in Dusseldorf a visit to Bayer Research & Development Center and Supply Center in Wuppertal was arranged. Thanks to FIP the registration process has been positively simplified and through the generosity of Bayer the EUR 15 each participant paid for the visit was donated to the FIP Foundation. The maximum of 60 participants was accommodated.

During 2015 IPS celebrated its 60-year anniversary. Highlights from the IPS history were shared during the IPS/EFPIA reception on 30 September. A special anniversary logo was developed with the FIP Secretariat which was used throughout the year



### Awards

The Mike How Travel Award winner for 2015 is Forum Jalundhwala, India.  
The IPS Medal Award winner in 2015 is Dr. Tom Sam, The Netherlands.

### **Publications**

Four IPS Newsletters have been distributed to IPS members. IPS also provides its members with a no charge copy of "Industrial Pharmacy", a quarterly industrial pharmacy journal. The latter is however under consideration due to the high cost for the journal.

### **Review of WHO guidance documents**

IPS has continued to participate in the review of draft WHO Guidelines and has provided timely feedback to the FIP Secretariat. During 2015 IPS provided comments on 11 WHO guidelines.

IPS quarterly webinars make state of the art lectures on important topics available to a broad audience across the globe at no charge (typically about 250 registrations). This helps advance pharmaceutical practice, especially in less developed countries.

### **Section goals for the 2016 calendar year**

- Goal #1: To secure a long term solution that provides continued access to Laboratory Proficiency Testing.
- Goal #2: To work with IPSF to find a way to promote industrial pharmacy posters at the IPSF Congresses and to encourage participation in the FIP Congresses.
- Goal #3: To renew the Strategic Direction of IPS based on a survey of current membership.