

# The FIP Young Pharmacists' Group

For new graduates and young pharmacists

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## Young Pharmacists

Since young and recently qualified pharmacists have unique interests, challenges and expectations, the Young Pharmacists' Group (YPG) was established in 2001 within the structure of FIP to help serve this special sector of the profession and to encourage more young pharmacists to get involved in international pharmacy. Currently it has members in over 80 countries.

## How to Join

FIP individual members who are under 35 years of age or who graduated from pharmacy school less than five years ago automatically become members of the YPG.

An online application form and more information on FIP individual membership are available on the FIP website:

<http://www.fip.org>

FIP individual member benefits include:

- Discounted registration at the annual FIP Congress
- Subscription to the International Pharmacy Journal
- Access to the members-only domain on the FIP website and automatic inclusion in the YPG Discussion Forum

However, the YPG also offers, at no additional membership cost, a range of benefits and opportunities:

- Access to all YPG projects and activities
- Eligibility to apply for the YPG Grant for Professional Innovation and the Mike How Award
- Dynamic programmes at the annual FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences designed for young pharmacists
- Voting rights at the annual YPG Business Meeting
- Opportunities to stand for election to the YPG Steering Committee
- Access to publications, including the YPG e-newsletter, and to news emails
- Opportunities to share innovative ideas, to network internationally, and to enjoy a professional forum specifically for young pharmacists
- Facilitated incorporation into an international organisation, easing the transition from pharmacy student to professional pharmacist

By being a part of the YPG, FIP members benefit from the opportunity to get involved and make a difference early on in their careers.



## YPG Annual Congress Activities

The FIP congress is the annual meeting point for pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists worldwide. During the congress, the YPG runs sessions and workshops, either independently or in collaboration with other sections. Young pharmacists are generally invited by the YPG to present various topics.

## YPG Business Meeting

The annual YPG Business Meeting is also held during the congress. This provides all young pharmacists with an opportunity to participate and have an input into the running of the YPG. The business meeting focuses on the strategic planning for the coming years' budgets and projects.



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### YPG Social Events at the Congress

The YPG hosts special social events at the FIP congress each year to encourage interaction and networking for first-time attendees.

In collaboration with the FIP office, the YPG co-hosts a First Timers Reception. This provides an opportunity for first-time attendees to meet section and special interest group members, as well as getting an overview of the functions of FIP.



### YPG Projects and Activities

The YPG has run a number of projects over the years, in collaboration with different sections and SIGs.

Currently, the YPG has two main projects, the World Health Organisation (WHO) project and the YPG Barometer project. The WHO project is to evaluate WHO policies and governance awareness among young pharmacists and to develop an educational programme to satisfy their unmet needs. This project aims to strengthen the relationship between the WHO and pharmacists.

The YPG Barometer's "Shaping your future & Mapping the need" it aims to assess the needs of young pharmacists, develops projects and trainings to fill the gaps, and contributes to young pharmacists professionally and personally.

YPG Webinars is a project also being initiated as a trial phase, and it is to be rolled out globally over the next few years.

### YPG Grants

The YPG currently coordinates two different grants:

1. The Young Pharmacists/ Pharmaceutical Scientists Grant for Professional Innovation annually recognises a young pharmacist or pharmaceutical scientist with an innovative project. This project should identify a specific problem, describe a pharmacist-driven solution, and ultimately, contribute to improving health. The project can involve any field of professional practice or pharmaceutical science.
2. The Mike How Award, YPG collaborates with the FIP Industrial Pharmacy Section and the International Pharmacy Students' Federation (IPSF) to offer the Mike How Award to support congress attendance by a student or young professional involved in the development, manufacture or regulatory aspects of pharmaceuticals.

For more information on the grants, please email YPG at [ypg@fip.org](mailto:ypg@fip.org).

### Collaboration within FIP

The YPG has been working with the FIP sections and SIGs to encourage innovative projects, initiated and ran by young pharmacists. The YPG also collaborates with the ran sections and SIGs on sessions for the FIP congress. To date, the FIP Pharmacy Information section (PIS), FIP Academic Pharmacy Section, FIP Industrial Pharmacy Section (IPS), FIP Community Pharmacy Section (CPS), FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section (HPS), the FIP Clinical Biology Section (CBS) and FIPeD have engaged YPG members.

### Communication with YPG

The FIP YPG manages an email discussion group, which is open to members. The list allows young pharmacists to connect with other young pharmacists in over 80 countries through discussion of topical events. All FIP members who belong to the YPG belong to the discussion group.

YPG also has a group on Facebook, which can be accessed regardless of membership status. This group allows for a less formal forum to better communicate and discuss professional issues. It also allows for easy sharing of photos and journal articles. <https://www.facebook.com/YPGFIP>

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# ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL FEDERATION (FIP)

FIP is a worldwide federation of national pharmaceutical (professional and scientific) associations, with a mission to improve global health by advancing pharmacy-practice and science to enable better discovery, development access to and safe use of appropriate, cost-effective, quality medicines worldwide.

Through its member organisations, FIP connects, represents and serves more than two million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists around the world. FIP was founded in The Hague, the Netherlands, in 1912 and still has its central office in The Hague. Although FIP is a federation of associations, any pharmacist or pharmaceutical scientist can apply to become an individual member.

When you become an individual member of FIP, you automatically become a member of one of the pharmacy practice sections or become connected within the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences special interest groups.

As a young pharmacist and/or new graduate, you are automatically made a member of the FIP Young Pharmacists' Group upon becoming a FIP Member. Here you have the invaluable opportunity to connect with young pharmacists from around the world with similar interests, career goals and visions for the future.

## FIP MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

We invite you to get more involved with FIP, the Board of Pharmacy Practice and your specialty area of practice through the FIP Sections. Take the opportunity to:

- **NETWORK** with global leaders in your field of pharmacy practice
- **REPRESENT** your colleagues and peers within your specialty area
- Develop **OUTREACH** programmes to advance pharmacy practice and **EDUCATION** around the world, especially in developing countries
- **INFLUENCE** the direction and impact of pharmacy practice
- Gain **ACCESS** to the International Pharmacy Journal (IPJ) and Section newsletters, enabling you to always be informed of the latest pharmacy news and trends worldwide
- Earn **CONTINUING EDUCATION** credits at our global meetings and events
- Receive **DISCOUNTS** on the FIP Congress and other meetings' fees as a member

For more information please visit the Section part of the FIP website at [www.fip.org/young\\_pharmacists\\_group](http://www.fip.org/young_pharmacists_group) or email [yppg@fip.org](mailto:yppg@fip.org)



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