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Editorial (English)



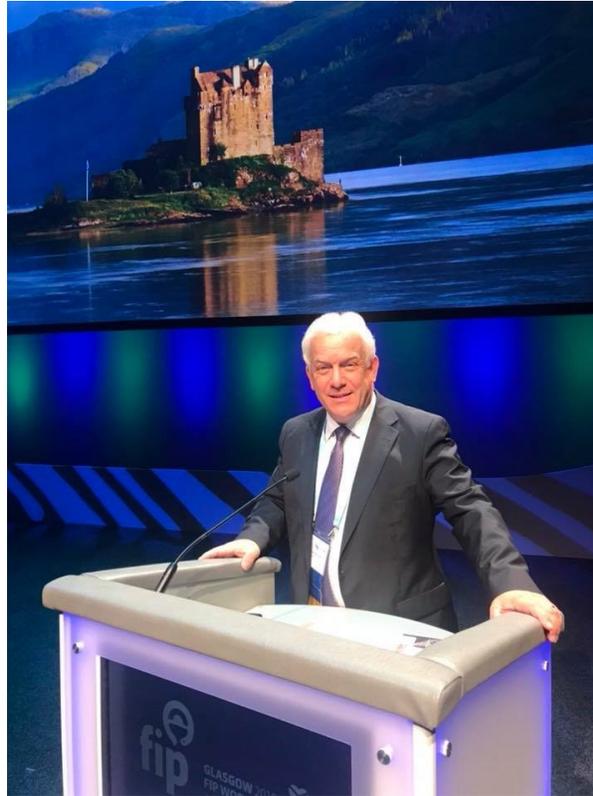
It's fantastic how we perceive that time flies. We are almost at the end of the year, and a new year is to start. Looking ahead, it is clear already that 2019 will be another year of change and challenges for community pharmacists across the world. Unfortunately, despite signs of economic revival in many countries, healthcare finances remain under pressure from ageing populations with growing health needs. We know that health systems across the Globe are under severe financial pressures and facing rising demand from ageing populations. Pharmacies are not immune to these pressures either.

However, we do face the only true constant of today - change. Community pharmacies have an important role at the heart of healthcare systems, and their support for medicines, advice and services is valued by patients. But the world is always changing, and we and our community pharmacies must change and adapt in order to secure our future. My personal belief is that change always - and continually - brings a lot of

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Editorial (Spanish)



Estimados compañeros

¡El tiempo pasa volando! Estamos casi a fin de año, y uno nuevo se acerca. Si miramos hacia el futuro, está claro que 2019 será otro año de cambios y retos para las farmacias comunitarias a nivel mundial. Por desgracia, pese a las señales de recuperación económica en muchos países, el presupuesto de sanidad continúa bajo presión, ante el envejecimiento de una población que cada vez precisa de más cuidados médicos. Las farmacias tampoco son inmunes a estas presiones.

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Message from FIP President Dominique Jordan

Challenges and opportunities for community pharmacists



Dear Colleagues,

In our changing world, the pharmacists have to adapt to meet the coming challenges. I have to admit that change is uncomfortable. It is associated with fear and uncertainty, but it must not necessarily be negative. Each change is also coupled with chances and new opportunities. As a community pharmacist, working in a totally liberalized environment, I know the meaning of adaptation and experience it constantly. The community pharmacist has to change his mindset and understand that the only way to reinvent his profession is to move from being product-focused to being patient-centered. Now is the time for him to prove his added value. To deliver high quality medicines to the public is not enough anymore as other providers do this better. The pharmacist, who only delivers medicines, has no future.

It is time for the community pharmacists to move away from being a retailer to being a medical professional, providing services to the population and being an integrated partner of the health system. In 2012, the community pharmacy section of FIP published a document about the vision 2020 for community pharmacists. I invite you to read it. It contains a lot of information and describes some ways of how to meet the challenges in order to be successful.

You can read more [here](#).

Meet the ExCo - Sari Westermarck



I am Dr. Sari Westermarck, Ph.D.(Pharmacy) from Finland.

Community pharmacy and its professional role is really close to my heart. I am very enthusiastic about developing community pharmacies and their professional role.

I have worked as a proprietary pharmacist and pharmacy owner in Tammela Pharmacy since 2014. Tammela pharmacy offers dose dispensing service and some health measurements and is located on the countryside of Finland. Before this I have worked in pharmacy sector as staff pharmacist for more than 4 years.

In Finland I have had many confidential posts at the Association of the Finnish Pharmacies (AFP). From the beginning of 2017, I started acting as a member of the board of the association and, furthermore, one year ago I was elected as the 2. vice president of the board. Before that I was member of the pharmaceutical committee of the association for two years in 2015 and 2016.

You can read more [here](#).

New Project Officer Within the Community Pharmacy Section



Our new Project Officer within the Community Pharmacy Section - Jaime Acosta Gomez, Madrid, Spain is presenting himself.

“As a child of parents who were both community pharmacists, my personal and professional vocation has always been clear. Surrounded by pill bottles and prescriptions as I grew up, I have always had profound empathy for patients and a desire to meet their needs and set their concerns and problems to rest. I did not take long to make a firm commitment to become a pharmacist.

I earned my Licentiate in Pharmacy at the Complutense University of Madrid (1998), followed by a Master’s degree in Pharmaceutical Care at the University of Granada (1999), awarded ‘with Distinction’, and a program in Pharmaceutical Care for International Pharmacists at the University of Minnesota (1999).

Following my studies, I went on to manage my own pharmacy, which I have been doing now for the last 18 years. Along the way, I have become fervently committed to unity within the profession—to a spirit of collegiality in the face of the troubling competition and isolation that I have observed among pharmacists. Spurred by this concern, a group of colleagues and I organized the Pharmayoung Congress, a congress that brought together young pharmacists from throughout Spain at meetings held in 2008 and 2010.

You can read more [here](#).

Webinars 2018

“Working towards better pain management” and “Better pharmacists, better adherence”.



During 2018 the CPS has delivered four free of charge webinars focused on improving worldwide pharmacists knowledge and attitudes about pain management and adherence.

Webinars were offered in Spanish and English, each webinar was one hour long (45 minutes presentation and 15 minutes for Q&A) and broadcasted live via GoToWebinar.

The webinars were open to any pharmacist or pharmacy student - and each webinar was recorded and available afterwards for FIP members.

Participants received a personalised certificate for attending the webinar. The webinars were sponsored by Pfizer. Almost 2600 pharmacists attended the webinars.

Top five countries of registrants for “Working towards better pain management” were Nigeria (334), Ghana (135), Kenya (79), Portugal (76), Malaysia (76).

Top five countries for “Better pharmacists, better adherence” were Nigeria (572), India (186), Ghana (128), Philippines (118), Kenya (108).

Management of patients with erectile dysfunction in the Gulf Countries.



During the autumn 2018 two webinars have been developed regarding “Management of patients with erectile dysfunction in the Gulf Countries” - where the second webinar is scheduled for the 8th of January 2019.

Let's Meet in Abu Dhabi



Do you want to be inspired to take on new roles and be prepared for success in a world of change? Wherever you practice, FIP can help you stay ahead of the game so that you can provide the best care for patients. New technologies, new roles, new opportunities for pharmacy.

With Glasgow behind us, we are looking forward to Abu Dhabi. The 79th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will take place from 22 to 26 September 2019 in Abu Dhabi. The main congress theme is *New horizons for pharmacy - Navigating the winds of change*.

The CPS Programming Team has been very busy putting together another superb list of speakers and topics for your extended learning and enjoyment.

The CPS President has also been working with colleagues to put together a fun-filled social calendar.

You can read more [here](#).

Let's Prepare Seville 2020

Congress Planning for 2020 is in progress and the CPS Executive Committee would like to invite all Section members to submit session proposal(s) for the FIP World Pharmacy Congress to be held in Seville, Spain, in 2020. The conference theme is “**The technological revolution - impact on pharmacy and healthcare**”.

There are four main topics for the 2020 FIP Congress:

Topic A: Enabling change - is your country ready?

Change in developing countries and developed countries, education, workforce, advocacy, regulation, cost of doing this - expertise from outside of pharmacy.

Topic B: Passion for pharmacy innovation, explore the global and start personal
Scientific and technological innovation, enabled by regulation

Topic C: From children's health to healthy ageing - Ensuring a good health span for all.

From treatment to prevention, own responsibility for the health, self care, digital tracking of the well-being.

Topic D: Miscellaneous

If you have an idea for a session, please get in touch with our Working Group for session proposals; Shane Jackson, Manjiri Gharat or Leonila OCampos at

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Draft session proposals would be greatly appreciated by **the 2nd of January 2019**.

As part of your proposal, please outline:

- The title for the session
- Your contact details
- Which of the above topics (A-D) the session falls under
- A short description of the session (max 150 words), including the rationale for the session, aims of the session, and potential learning outcomes
- Session format (e.g. short presentations, interactive workshops etc.), and
- Potential presentation and speaker names (if known), but please, no contact with speakers

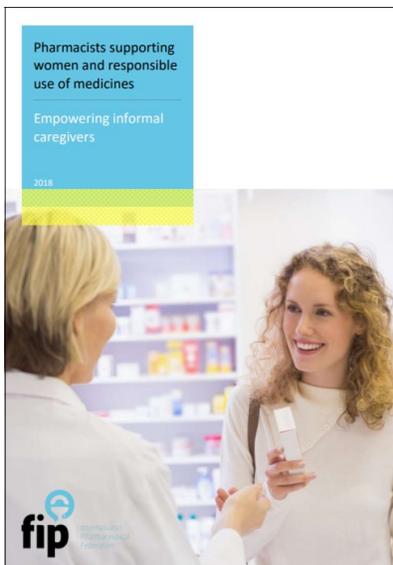
Three New FIP Reports

Pharmacy workforce predicted to grow year on year in new FIP report



A report by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) shows that the number of pharmacists worldwide has increased since 2006, but low-income countries saw the slowest growth. The report predicts the global pharmacy workforce will expand by up to 40% between 2016 and 2030. The study authors also estimate that by 2030, 72% of the total global pharmacy workforce will be women.

Pharmacists urged to explore services that empower women, in new FIP report



The potential for pharmacists to support women in their often overlooked role as informal caregivers is the focus of a new report published by FIP. The report has been developed by FIP's Working Group on Women and the Responsible Use of Medicines. Health systems rely heavily on unpaid and informal work that disproportionately falls to women, and because of the multifaceted role that these informal caregivers play, they need a range of support services to improve their caregiving skills, the working group concluded.

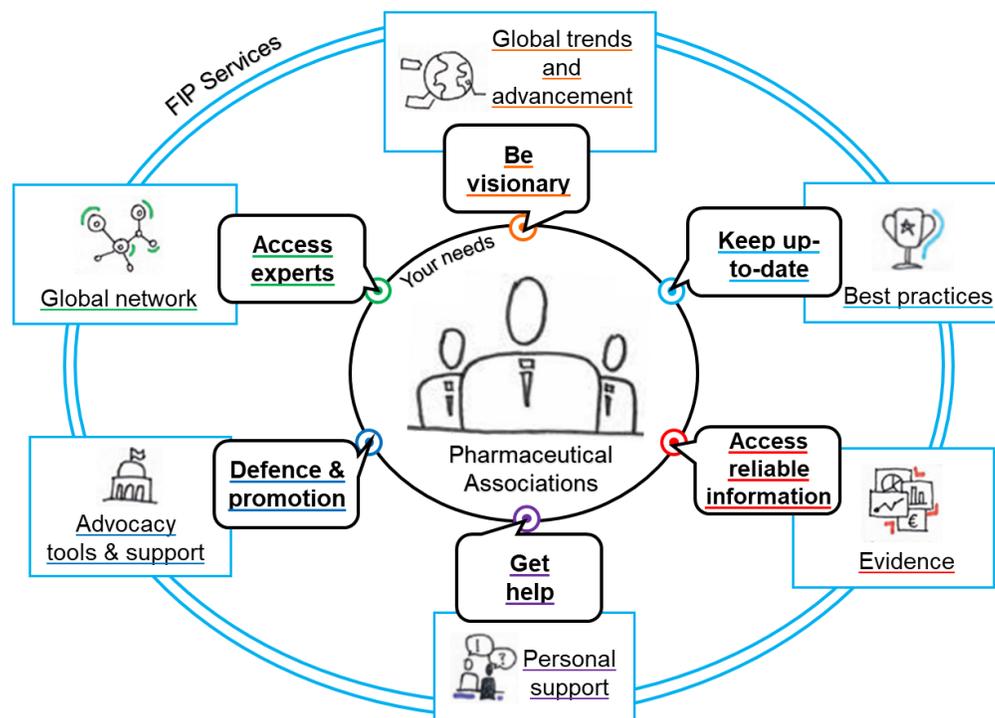
Use of medicines by the elderly - the role of pharmacy promoting adherence



New medicines services, more counselling when a medicine is supplied again, dosage administration aids and reminder systems are among a list of pharmacy interventions with evidence of improving adherence to medication in elderly patients with chronic conditions, according to new a report from the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).

You can read more [here](#).

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The Alma Ata Declaration

Forty years after the milestone Alma-Ata Declaration, country representatives have again gathered in Kazakhstan, this time in Astana at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care. They have endorsed the Declaration of Astana, which renews political focus on strengthening primary health care from governments, non-governmental organisations, professional organisations, academia and others.



The declaration, to which FIP contributed, will be used to inform the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on universal health care in 2019. It makes four key pledges: (1) make bold political choices for health across all sectors; (2) build sustainable primary health care; (3) empower individuals & communities; and (4) align stakeholder support to national policies, strategies & plans. It also states that the success of primary healthcare will be driven by knowledge and capacity building, human resources for health, technology and financing.

Primary health care is usually the first point of contact people have with the health care system and, specifically, that point of first contact is very often community pharmacists. FIP was at the conference advocating the role of pharmacists in this field, and contributed to a session on who needs to be in the modern primary care team to achieve universal health coverage. Examples such as pharmaceutical triage and pharmacy services for people with long-term conditions were some of the many examples presented.

/Ema Paulino, Professional Secretary FIP



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