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## Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

Welcome to the first issue of Info-Link for 2019.

The theme for this year's upcoming FIP Congress in Abu Dhabi is "New horizons for pharmacy - Navigating winds of change", with one stream focusing on new trends in science, practice and education (<https://abudhabi2019.congress.pharmacy/>). As we all know, technology is advancing at a rapid rate, and on a personal level, it is a challenge to keep up with new technology, be it a new mobile phone, more interactive websites, improved ways of accessing transport via Apps or the on-line processes for everyday activities from ordering food, to booking a medical appointment to accessing our own health records. From a pharmacist's perspective, there are even greater technological advancements that we need to keep abreast of, and these range from technological improvements and changes that impact the daily business-related activities of a pharmacy to patient-centred activities, including delivery of health care services.

In a recent [article](#) on trends in technology and future advancements, one of the authors has identified four key advancements to watch out for:

- Personal electronic health records
- Voice enabled technology
- Robots and robotics
- 3D printing

A number of other suggestions have been provided in the article. However, it is interesting to compare the above article with [one written about 2 years ago](#) where medication management apps and the "cloud" were identified as key trends.

As information is an important part of the Health and Medicines Information Section and its role within FIP, we are seeking input from our members on:

- What are the key technological trends in your area of practice?
- What projects are you working on that demonstrate the impact of technological advancements and trends in improving the patient-centred care delivered by

Please do write in and let us know.

Parisa Aslani  
President

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## HaMIS member honoured with prestigious award



At the Annual Celebration of Excellence in Pharmacy, hosted by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) last month, active HaMIS member Ms Veronika Seda was awarded the South Australia / Northern Territory (SA/NT) Early Career Pharmacist Development Award. The PSA National President, Dr Chris Freeman, presented the award to Veronika for “raising practice standards and providing a model of practice for her fellow Early Career Pharmacists”.

On behalf of HaMIS, please join us in congratulating Veronika on this important recognition of her contributions towards the profession and practice!!!

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## Need to further involve pharmacists in pharmacovigilance

Petra Orlic

Patient safety is a critical global public health issue and a fundamental requirement in all

medicines, providing appropriate counselling, and preventing medication errors in medication delivery and use. One of the ways in which we can contribute to achieving patient safety is through pharmacovigilance activities... [More>](#)

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## Report from the Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe Working Conference

Rian Lelie - van der Zande

Pharmaceutical care is the pharmacist's contribution to the health of individual patients. In addition to compounding and dispensing medicines, providing comprehensive pharmaceutical care has become the main activity of the profession. Pharmaceutical care is the care of the pharmacist that aims to support the patient in engaging in optimal medication use in order to improve individual health outcomes. This implies that the medication provided must fit each patient in the best possible way.

However, individual needs vary and not all patients need the most extensive form of pharmaceutical care. Consequently, simple and feasible methods are needed to target those patients that will benefit most from tailored pharmaceutical care. Both processes, targeting as well as tailoring care, require efficient organisation.

The Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE) Working Conference held in Egmond aan Zee in the Netherlands between the 6th February and 9th February 2019 focused on a number of practical questions related to this topic:... [More>](#)

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## Getting to know Bidhata Khatri, FIP YPG HaMIS Liaison 2019-2020

HaMIS recently reached out to Bidhata Khatri, who commenced her role as the newly appointed FIP YPG HaMIS Liaison for 2019-2020 earlier this year. Here's what Bidhata shared with us! [More>](#)

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## Upcoming conferences

1. 1st FIP Regional Conference for the Eastern Mediterranean

Theme: 'Envisioning the future together: Transforming pharmacy for better primary health care'

Website: <https://amman2019.congress.pharmacy>

## 2. ESCP International Workshop

Antwerp, Belgium

17-18 May 2019

Theme: 'State of the art in anticoagulation therapy: challenges and opportunities for pharmacists'

Website: <https://www.escpweb.org/Antwerp>

## 3. 9th Nordic Social Pharmacy and Health Services Research Conference 2019

Hillerød, Denmark

12-14 June 2019

Theme: 'What is patient involvement in healthcare in the 21st century?'

Website: <https://www.pharmakon.com/aps/9th-nordic-social-pharmacy-and-health-services-research-conference-nspc-2019/>

## 4. PSA19

Sydney, Australia

26-28 July 2019

Theme: 'Pharmacists in 2023: unlocking your opportunities'

Website: <https://www.psa19.com/>

## 5. 23<sup>rd</sup> ESPACOMP Conference

Porto, Portugal

21-23 November 2019

Theme: 'Digital health and patient empowerment'

Website: <http://www.espacomp.eu/>

## 6. APSA 2019 Annual Conference

Melbourne, Australia

1-4 December 2019

Website: <https://expertevents.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/apsa-2019/conference>

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FIP's Health and Medicines Information Section (HaMIS; previously known as the Pharmacy Information Section) was founded in 1951. The membership has gradually broadened to include pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists from all over the globe who are interested in information related to health and medicines across a number of different capacities.



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