



Academic Pharmacy Section Annual report 2023

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Summary of significant work

Over the 2023 calendar year, the Academic Pharmacy Section has continued to grow in membership and continue to work to advance the goals and objectives of the AcPS Strategic Plan.

Of particular note is the execution of the ongoing AcPS-led BPP special project: *Transforming community pharmacy globally: Implementation of pharmacists vaccination in a FIP region – India* (BPP project in collaboration with CPS – AcPS led by Associate Professor Carl Schneider and Ms Mansi Doshi. The project addresses DG16: Communicable diseases via workforce development and components of the wider FIP vision; access to safe, effective quality and affordable medicines and from pharmaceutical care services provided by pharmacists. The course was launched in November for online training via the FIPEx platform, followed by in person training and competency assessment in December. We proudly report that the first cohort of 45 Pharmacists were successfully trained to vaccinate and to be vaccination trainers.

Additional accomplishments in 2023 include AcPS ExCo members Dr Naoko Arakawa (now FIPED Interim Secretary) and Prof Aukje Mantel-Teeuwisse leading a successful re-launch of *the Digital health in pharmacy: FIP online course for educators and practitioners* in May 2023 [relating to DG 20]. The development of the updated course was as result of collaboration between the AcPS and the FIP Technology Advisory Group, although the project reflected the ONE FIP strategy, involving representatives from all relevant constituencies across FIP. Also, the advocacy working group has

worked hard under the leadership of Jeanine Abrons to conduct a literature review of change management and advocacy approaches for development of a change management and advocacy toolkit [DG06]. Additionally, a survey of individual perspectives related to change management and advocacy has been developed for dissemination in 2024. The AcPS continues collaboration with ECPG and AIM, providing support to the online/in-person Leadership development programme [relating to DG 6 Leadership Development]. The section keeps a good practice of close engagement with the members through AcPS online townhalls since 2021. One townhall meeting was held in 2023 to engage with members and hear their opinions on the ongoing and new activities in AcPS, especially on new goals set in the revised 2022 Strategic Plan and obtaining ideas for further actions to meet the goals [mainly covered DG 1-11]. Finally, the revision of the Nanjing Statements (co-chaired by Prof Toyin Tofade and Prof Ralph Altieri) has continued in 2023 with regular meetings of the **Nanjing Statements policy working group**. Drafting and expert review of the revised Nanjing Statements, as well as stakeholder consultation was conducted in 2023 and is on track for submission to FIP Council and launch in 2024.

Goals in 2024:

- Goal #1: Finalise and launch the revised Nanjing Statements at the 2024 FIP World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa
- Goal #2: Continue work on the joint AcPS – CPS BPP project: *Transforming community pharmacy globally: Implementation of pharmacist vaccination in a FIP region – India* to train a further cohort of pharmacist vaccination trainers and to pilot public vaccination services.