

**2016 Annual Report of
the Regional
Pharmaceutical
Forums to the FIP
Council**



Forum name: Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas

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Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)

Name of Organisation	Country	Number of
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			Members
1	Confederación Farmacéutica Argentina (COFA)	Argentina	20.000
2	Conselho Federal de Farmácia do Brasil (CFF)	Brazil	144.000
3	Colegio Nacional de Químicos Farmacéuticos de Colombia (CNQF)	Colombia	250
4	Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Costa Rica (COLFAR)	Costa Rica	937
5	Colegio de Químicos, Bioquímicos y Farmacéuticos de Pichincha (CQBFP)	Ecuador	240
6	Asociación de Químicos Farmacéuticos del Paraguay (AQUIMFARP)	Paraguay	80
7	Asociación de Química y Farmacia del Uruguay (AQFU)	Uruguay	789

Main activities of the Forum between January 2015 and May 2016:

- 1) Selection of postulants for FIP Travel Grants 2015 (February 2015)
- 2) First report to Normon Laboratory (Spain) about the economical support to improve pharmaceutical practice in the Americas (March 2015)
- 3) Regular meetings of the Executive Committee (28 on line meetings and 2 face meetings)
- 4) Articulation of activities with PAHO along the year.
- 5) Submission of a proposal to the FIP Foundation of Research and Education and approval of a grant to the project "2nd Virtual Course on Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Healthcare"
- 6) On-line regional "V Virtual Course of Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for Managers" in collaboration with PAHO and FIP (17th August 2015 - 15th April 2016): 96 participants from Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Uruguay.
- 7) Reformulation of the project approved from FIP: "2nd and 3rd Virtual Course on Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Healthcare"
- 8) Training of ten pharmacists as trainers through PAHO's platform on the virtual course of Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health (July - September 2015)
- 9) Participation in 75th FIP International Congress held in September -October 2015 (Düsseldorf, Germany):
 - Council meeting
 - Forums meeting
 - Leadership meeting with representatives of pharmacy professional organizations from South, Central and North America.
- 10) Co-organization and participation in the XVIII Congress of FEFAS (South American Pharmacist Organization) and 8th Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences Riopharma held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (October 2015)
- 11) Celebration of PFA Annual Assembly (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) on 14th October 2015. It was approved the incorporation of a new member organization Colegio de Químicos, Bioquímicos y Farmacéuticos de Pichincha (Ecuador)
- 12) Projects Regional Workshop: "Co-design of an action plan" (15th October 2015, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- 13) Release of the electronic publication: "Integration Final Works on Pharmaceutical Services" (October 2015, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

- 14) Edition of eight issues of the e-Newsletter
- 15) Report of PFA activities published in FEFAS's Journal (October 2015)
- 16) The incorporation of the General Council of Official Colleges of Pharmacists from Spain as an observer member of PFA was approved by the Executive Committee on January 2016
- 17) Presentation of a project to FIP Foundation of Education and Research call: Infectious diseases transmitted by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*, dengue, chikunguña and zika: a challenge for health systems. Supporting pharmacists to contribute improving public health in the Americas's population. (January 2016)
- 18) Sponsorship was approved to the proposal submitted to FIP Foundation of Education and Research (March 2016)
- 19) Selection of postulants to FIP Scholarships to Buenos Aires 2016 (February 2016)
- 20) Diffusion of on line courses offered by the College of Pharmacists from Granada (Spain) and selection of ten candidates from six countries to grants offered by this organization.
- 21) Call for projects between member organizations to be funded by PFA (February 2016)
- 22) Selection of two projects to be funded one by the PFA and the other by PAHO:
 "Pharmaceutical Professional Services to hypertensive patients in Community Pharmacies" (Argentina) and "Criteria and standards for the accreditation of pharmacies (public and private) as centres for supervised practice of pharmacy students" (Costa Rica) (March 2016)
- 23) Validation of the document prepared by the Conselho Federal de Farmácia do Brasil (CFF) titled "Services Pharmaceuticals Directly Linked to the Patient, Family and Community: Background and Conceptual Framework" (April 2016)
- 24) Virtual meeting with representatives from United States Pharmacopeia (April 2016)
- 25) Promotion of the relationship with other pharmaceutical organizations of the Americas: American Pharmacists Association (APhA), Sociedad Boliviana de Ciencias Farmacéuticas, Colegios de Químicos Farmacéuticos de Chile, Perú y Guatemala.

Highlights of events in the region between January 2015 and May 2016 where the Forum was involved:

XVIII Congress of FEFAS (South American Pharmacist Organization) and 8th Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences Riopharma held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (15th to 17th October 2015)

Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations)

- On line training activity for pharmacists on primary health care settings (180 hours, plus project elaboration, 6 months). Course in collaboration between PAHO and PFA's member organisations.
- FEFAS's joined activities held during FEFAS's Congress in Brazil.
- Projects Regional Workshop: "Co-design of an action plan" (15th October 2015, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), in collaboration with PAHO and FIP.
- Collaboration with United States Pharmacopeia has just started on April 2016.

Current projects:

-Third edition of the on line training activity "Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for Managers" in collaboration with PAHO and FIP

- Dengue, chikunguña and zika project in collaboration with PAHO, Ministries of Health of the member countries and FIP

Main challenges:

- To increase the number of members of the PFA.
- To achieve technical groups working on regular basis along the whole year, both on education and professional issues.
- To develop PAHO collaboration in new areas.
- To promote the management of the on-line training course "Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for managers", transferring from PAHO to the Forum and national member's organization.
- To develop a network of colleagues working in similar areas and collaborating in working groups of the PFA.
- To raise fund to enable PFA to support new projects in the region.