



2017 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

Forum name: Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas

Executive committee members (position, name, country):

Position	Name	Country
President	Prof. Dr. Eduardo Savio	Uruguay
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Treasurer (since 30 th August 2016)	Pharm. Chem. Yolanda Zapata	Ecuador
Director of Pharmaceutical Education	Prof. Dr. Zully Vera	Paraguay
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Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)

	Name of Organisation	Country	Number of 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	600
7	Asociación de Química y Farmacia del Uruguay	Uruguay	789
8	American Pharmacists Association (APhA)	USA	63.000
9	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)	USA	

Main activities of the Forum between June 2016 and May 2017:

- 1) Regular meetings of the Executive Committee (25 on line meetings and 1 face to face meeting).
- 2) Articulation of activities with PAHO along the period.
- 3) On-line regional “VI Virtual Course of Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for Managers”, in collaboration with PAHO and FIP (1st June – 30th November 2016): 94 participants from Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.
- 4) On-line regional course to train the trainers: Curso Virtual “Tutores para el Aprendizaje en Red” (2016), organized by PAHO. 6 pharmacist were selected by the PFA, their nomination was supported and completed the course (June 2016 – November 2016).
- 5) FIP Congress 2016 (Buenos Aires, Argentina):
 - Council meeting
 - Forums meeting
 - Launch of the project “Infectious diseases transmitted by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*, dengue, chikungunya and zika: a challenge for health systems. Supporting pharmacists to contribute to improve public health in the Americas’ population”, that was sponsored by FIP (stand in the exhibition area).
- 6) Participation in the XXII Pharmaceutical Argentinean Congress held in Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 2016): organization of the symposium: “Inserting Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care in the health services of the Americas”
- 7) Celebration of PFA Annual Assembly (Buenos Aires, Argentina) on 30th August 2016:
 - PFA authorities were renovated, so the ExCo has a new Vice-president and a new Treasurer.
 - It was approved the incorporation of a new member organization: American Pharmacists Association (APhA) (United States of America).
- 8) Release of the electronic publication: “Integration Final Works on Pharmaceutical Services, V Course” (August 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- 9) Self learning on line regional course organized by PAHO: *Curso Virtual de Autoaprendizaje “Servicios Farmacéuticos basados en Atención Primaria de Salud para Gestores, sin y con*

proyecto de intervención" (August – November 2016). A selected group carried out a *"Poyecto de Intervención"* (from February to April 2017). These will be published by the Forum.

10) Edition of seven issues of the e-Newsletter.

11) Diffusion of on line courses offered by the College of Pharmacists from Granada (Spain) with special discount for professional members of national pharmaceutical organizations included in PFA (January 2017).

12) Approval of request to become member of the Forum by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) by the Executive Board (January 2017). Ratification by APhA on March 2017. Final ratification by the Annual Assembly is required (October 2017).

13) Call for projects between member organizations to be funded by PFA (February 2017).

14) Presentation of a project to FIP Foundation of Education and Research call: *"Evaluation of the methodology and the impact of the PFA/PAHO training in pharmaceutical services based on primary healthcare in the Americas region"* (15th February 2017).

15) Selection and nomination of a list of postulants to FIP Congress Travel Scholarship to Seoul (28th February 2017).

16) Sponsorship was approved to the proposal submitted to FIP Foundation of Education and Research (April 2017)

17) Selection of three projects to be funded by the PFA during 2017-2018 (March 2016):

- *"Optimization of the provision of master's preparations in Hospital"* (Argentina)

- *"Promotion of good pharmacy practices in community pharmacies"* (Costa Rica)

- *"Building practices for safe use of medicaments in the Metropolitan Primary Care Network of the State Health Services Administration"* (Uruguay)

18) Release of the third electronic publication: *"Integration Final Works on Pharmaceutical Services, VI Course on Professional Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Healthcare"* (May 2017)

19) Presentation to FIP of the final report of the implementation of the Project *"Second and third Virtual Course on Professional Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Healthcare"* which was approved by FIP in 2015 (May 2017)

20) Reception of the final reports of the project which were supported by PFA and PAHO during 2016 – 2017 (May 2017):

- *"Pharmaceutical Professional Services to hypertensive patients in Community Pharmacies"* (Argentina)

- *"Criteria and standards for the accreditation of pharmacies (public and private) as centres for supervised practice of pharmacy students"* (Costa Rica)

21) Promotion of the relationship with other pharmaceutical organizations of the Americas:

- Sociedad Boliviana de Ciencias Farmacéuticas

- Colegio de Químicos Farmacéuticos y Bioquímico de Chile

- Colegio Químico Farmacéutico del Perú

- Colegio Nacional de Farmacéuticos de Panamá

Highlights of events in the region between June 2016 and May 2017 where the Forum was involved:

- Workshop *"Building a wished future for the Pharmaceutical Education and Practice in Argentina"* (24th - 25th August, Córdoba, Argentina, 2016 (*"Creando un futuro deseado para la*

Educación Farmacéutica y la Práctica Profesional en la Argentina”), organizad by Facultad de Ciencias Químicas de la Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina.

- XXII Pharmaceutical Argentine Congress and 76th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences of FIP (28th August – 1st September 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

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.

- Collaboration with United States Pharmacopeia: different on line meetings were organized to identify cooperation areas, as well as a face to face meeting during FIP Congress in Bs.As

Current projects

- “Infectious diseases transmitted by the mosquito Aedes aegypti, dengue, chikungunya and zika: a challenge for health systems. Supporting pharmacists to contribute to improve public health in the Americas's population” in collaboration with PAHO, Ministries of Health of the member countries and FIP

- “Evaluation of the methodology and the impact of the PFA/PAHO training in pharmaceutical services based on primary healthcare in the Americas region” (project with FIP support)

Main challenges

- To achieve a technical working group on pharmaceutical education issues working on regular basis along the whole year.

- To develop PAHO's collaboration in new areas.

- To increase the participation in the “Pan-American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education”

- To create a working group on Industrial Pharmacy.

- 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 with the working groups of the PFA.

- To raise fund to enable the support of new projects in the region.

- To increase the number of members of the PFA.