



# ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014



## Executive Committee

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## Annual Assembly - Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas (PFA)

- During the celebration of the South American Congress of Pharmacy in October 2013, in Salta, Argentina, PFA Executive Committee had a working-face session.
- During the Assembly, the Executive Committee presented its proposed Action Plan for 2014, and an amendment to the bylaws of the PFA. Both proposals were approved by the Assembly.



## Symposium organized by PFA

- The PFA organized the Symposium on Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care and Good Pharmacy Practices in October 2013 in Salta, Argentina.
- This symposium addressed issues such as: Framework, Implementation Strategies, Experiences of some countries of the region and Change Management in Pharmaceutical Services.



## Collaboration Agreement

- On April, 2014, Normon Laboratories (Spain) and the PFA signed a collaboration agreement for the financing of projects for the improvement of the professional practice of pharmacy in the Region of the Americas.



## Pan-American Conference on Pharmacy Education

- The 9th Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education was held from June 2 to 4, 2014, in the University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA; with the support of PAHO. The PFA was represented by its President, Dr. Eduardo Savio and the Director of Education, Prof. Dra. Zully Vera. Two important documents were approved:
  - Accreditation of Pharmacy Careers in Latin America
  - Basic Plan for Pharmaceutical Education and Competencies for Professional Practice

## “Methodological development for the implementation of Good Pharmacy Practice in Pharmacy Services”



## Documents under development

- During this year the Technical Workgroup on Pharmaceutical Services of the PFA, composed of experts from member countries under the coordination of Dr. Jacqueline Poselli, former Director of Professional Development, and technical advisor of the PFA; worked in the second stage of this document which implied the development of indicators for Good Pharmacy Practice.
- The final draft will be presented on October 2014 at South American Congress of Pharmacy, to be held on Quito, Ecuador.



## Course of Pharmaceutical Services in Primary Health Care (PHC) for Managers

- This initiative is co-organized by PFA with PAHO, with the financial support of Normon Laboratories.
- The course is aimed at professionals involved with management, administrative and technical activities in pharmaceutical services, academic activities in public health careers and health sciences related to pharmacy, and professionals in PHC at Ministries of Health, Social Security, universities or research centers working with the issue of pharmaceutical services. Pharmacists from Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay (member countries) will participate as tutors and students, as well as pharmacist from Ecuador and Chile will also be receiving this course.