



PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM OF THE AMERICAS (PFA) ANNUAL REPORT 2018 -2019



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ANNUAL MEETING 2018

On the 20th September 2018, in Medellín, Colombia, the PFA held its Annual Meeting. In this meeting, the Vice-presidency and the Treasury were renovated, and the Executive Committee presented the Action Plan for 2018-2019, which was approved by the Assembly.

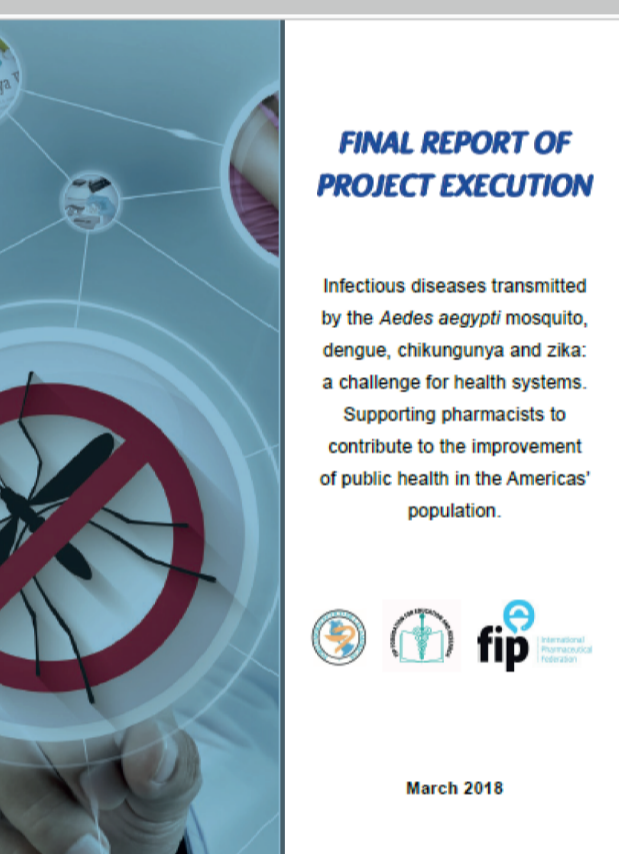
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MEMBER OF THE PFA

- Confederación Farmacéutica Argentina (CoFA)
- Conselho Federal de Farmácia (CFF, Brazil)
- Colegio Nacional de Químicos Farmacéuticos de Colombia (CNQFC)
- Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Costa Rica (COLFAR)
- Colegio de Químicos, Bioquímicos y Farmacéuticos de Pichincha (CQBFP, Ecuador)
- Asociación de Químicos Farmacéuticos del Paraguay (AQUIMFARP)
- Asociación de Química y Farmacia del Uruguay (AQFU)
- American Pharmacists Association (APhA, USA)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP, USA)



PFA'S ACTIVITY IN 78° INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF FIP IN GLASGOW

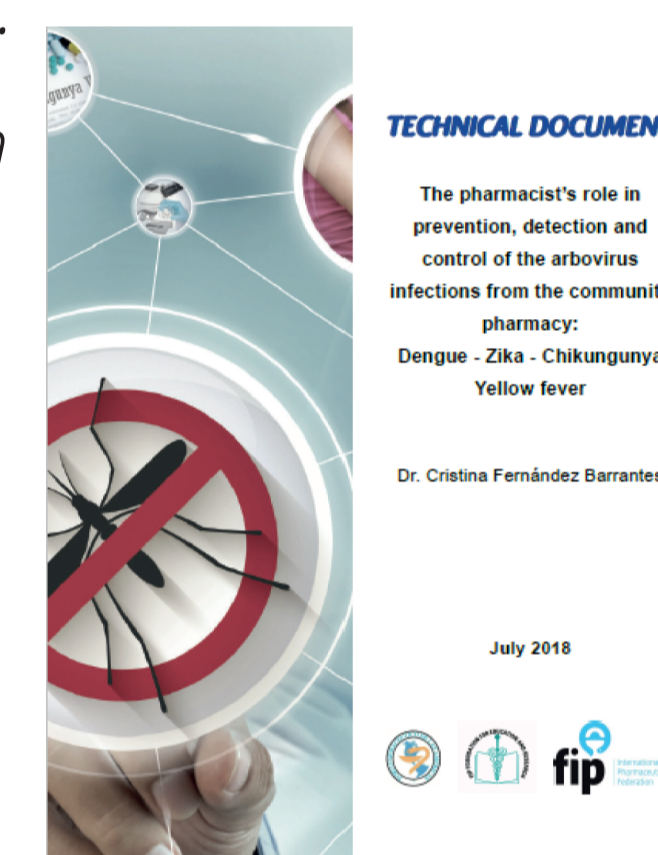
Tuesday, 4th September 2018, 9.00-11.00
 Extraordinary Meeting: single item on the agenda: Report on "Results of the projects executed with financial support from the PFA through competitive funds, periods 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and approved projects for the period 2018-2019". Perspective of Presidents/representatives of member organizations.



PFA'S PROJECTS WITH FUNDS FROM FIP FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The final complete final report of the project executed with funds from FIP Foundation for Education and Research "Infectious diseases transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, dengue, chikungunya and zika: a challenge for health systems. Supporting pharmacists to contribute to the improvement of public health in the Americas population" (<http://www.forofarmacodeelasamericas.org/practica-farmacutica-2/>) was presented on March 2019 both in Spanish and in English.

As a result of this project it was published the Technical Document: "The pharmacist's role in the prevention, detection and control of the arbovirus infections from the pharmacy office: Dengue, Zika, Chikungunya and Yellow Fever", written by Dr Cristina Fernández from Costa Rica, also in Spanish and in English (<http://www.forofarmacodeelasamericas.org/practica-farmacutica-2/>)



GRANTS GIVEN BY PFA TO PROJECTS PRESENTED BY WORKING GROUPS FROM THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FORUM

Six projects were presented to the PFA's call during 2019. The projects selected were: "Good practice of dispensing antibiotics in community pharmacies in the province of Córdoba, Argentina" (from Argentina) and "Inclusive Health Education for pharmacists and deaf people" (from Costa Rica).

The project: "Pharmaceutical Activity in the Penitentiary Services of Argentina, period 2018-2019: scope and limitations. Situation analysis. Observational study" from Argentina is still under development.

WEBINARS GIVEN BY PFA

Using GoToWebinar platform given by FIP, PFA's broadcasted two webinars: "Pharmaceutical professional responsibility in the environmental impact of the final disposal of medicines" (in Spanish) presented by Dr Marisol Flores Campos (Costa Rica) on March 2019.

"Good practices for drug storages" (in Spanish) presented by Dr Francisco Javier Eguiguren (Ecuador) on May 2019.



FIP CONGRESS TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Walleri Christini Torelli Reis and Mr. Wallace Entringer Bottacin, both from Brazil, were the candidates from PFA who won the FIP Congress Travel Scholarship to Glasgow among 39 applicants. Ms. Aline de Fátima Bonetti (from Brazil) and Mr. Ramsés Alfaro Mora (from Costa Rica) won the FIP Congress Travel Scholarship to Abu Dhabi among 25 applicants from the Americas.



REGIONAL ANDEVENTS WITH PARTICIPATION OF PFA

The Director Pharmaceutical Education and the Treasury of the PFA assisted to the Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education held from 2nd to 4th October 2018 in Quito, Ecuador.

PFA's President participated in the Meeting about "Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health-Care" organized by PAHO and realized in Asunción, Paraguay from 19th to 21st March 2019.

Likewise, PFA's President participated in the first Regional Conference of FIP which was held in Amman, Jordan, on 25th and 26th April 2019 with the theme "Envisioning the future together: Transforming pharmacy better primary health care". This conference in the Eastern Mediterranean region was the first of a series of Regional Conferences.



YOU TUBE CHANNEL

PFA has launched its You Tube Channel in November 2018:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaKA0CqV9eAspJlu84UQ1aQ>
 Web site and newsletters: <http://www.forofarmacodeelasamericas.org/>

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