



## 2019 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

**Forum name:** Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas (PFA)

**Executive committee members (position, name, country):**

Position	Name	Country
<b>President</b>	<b>Pharm Gustavo Dodera</b>	<b>Argentina</b>
<b>Vice-president</b>	<b>Pharm Laura Raccagni</b> (up to 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018)	<b>Argentina</b>
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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	43.000

## Main activities of the Forum between June 2018 and May 2019:

- 1) Regular meetings of the Executive Committee (21 virtual meetings and 1 face-to-face meeting in Medellin, Colombia).
- 2) Approval of the final reports of the project which were supported by PFA 2017 – 2018:
  - *“Optimization of the provision of the pharmaceutical compounding at the National Hospital Professor Alejandro Posadas, Province of Buenos Aires”* (Argentina)
  - *“Promotion of good pharmacy practices in community pharmacies.”* (Costa Rica)
  - *“Building practices for the safe use of medication in the First Level Care Network of the Metropolitan Area of the State Health Services Administration”* (Uruguay)
- 3) Participation of the President and the Professional Secretary in FIP Congress 2018 (Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>h</sup> September):
  - Council meeting
  - Forums meeting
  - Extraordinary General Meeting: the agenda of this Assembly has three points:
    - a) Report on the execution of the third stage of the arbovirus project (activities carried out in 2018).
    - b) Report on the results of the projects executed with financial support from the FFA through competitive funds, periods 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and approved projects for the period 2018-2019.
    - c) Perspective of the presidents / representatives of the member organizations.
- 4) Celebration of PFA’s General Annual Meeting in Medellin, Colombia, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018:
  - PFA authorities were renovated, so the Executive Committee has a new Vice-president, a re-elected Treasurer.
  - It was approved the action plan 2018 - 2019.
- 5) Diffusion of virtual courses offered by the College of Pharmacists from Granada (Spain) with special discount for professional members of national pharmaceutical organizations included in PFA (January 2019).

- 6) Call for projects between member organizations to be funded by PFA (deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019). For this call the bases, the presentation form and the rules for informs were reformulated.
- 7) Selection and nomination of a list of postulants to FIP Congress Travel Scholarship to Abu Dhabi (28<sup>th</sup> February 2019).
- 8) Follow up and evaluation of the project funded by the PFA during 2018-2019:
  - "Pharmaceutical Activity in the Penitentiary Services of Argentina. Scope and limitations. Situation analysis. Observational study" (Argentina)
- 9) Webinar "*Pharmacist role in detection, control and prevention of arboviruses*" (in English) presented by Dr Cristina Fernández Barrantes (Costa Rica). Broadcasted on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 by GoToWebinar.
- 10) Webinar "*Yellow fever: Pharmacist's actions in its detection, control and prevention*" (in Spanish) presented by Dr Catalina Lizano Barrantes. Broadcasted on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 by GoToWebinar.
- 11) Webinar "*Pharmaceutical professional responsibility in the environmental impact of the final disposal of medicines*" (in Spanish) presented by Dr Marisol Flores Campos (Costa Rica). Broadcasted on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 by GoToWebinar.
- 12) Webinar "*Good practices for drug storages*" (in Spanish) presented by Dr Francisco Javier Eguiguren (Ecuador). Broadcasted on 22<sup>th</sup> May 2019 by GoToWebinar.
- 13) Evaluation of the six projects presented to the call done in March and selection of two project to be funded by the PFA during 2019-2020:
  - "*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).
- 14) Presentation to FIP of the final report of the execution 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 improving public health in the population of the Americas" approved by FIP in 2016. (both in Spanish and in English, March 2019).
- 15) Presentation to FIP of the 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, published as a result of this project mentioned in 17. (both in Spanish and in English, May 2019).
- 16) PFA's President participated in the first Regional Conference of FIP which was held in Amman, Jordan, on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with the theme "Envisioning the future together: Transforming pharmacy better primary health care". This conference was realized in cooperation between FIP and the Pharmaceutical Forum of the Eastern Mediterranean.
- 17) PFA's President and Professional Secretary participated in the virtual Meeting of the Regional Forums held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 by GoToMeeting.
- 18) Edition of ten issues of the e-Newsletter.
- 19) Launch of the redesigned PFA's website: <http://www.forofarmacodeelasamericas.org/>.
- 20) Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Foro-Farmac%C3%A9utico-de-las-Am%C3%A9ricas-128231457332611/>) has 6435 followers.
- 21) PFA has launched its You Tube Channel in November 2018:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaKA0CqV9eAspJlu84UQ1aQ>

**Highlights of events in the region between June 2018 and May 2019 where the Forum was involved:**

- 1) PFA's President participated in the *Course of Pharmaceutical Services in PHC Chile*. Organized by South American Pharmaceutical Federation, PFA and Colegio de Químico Farmacéuticos y Bioquímicos de Chile, held in Santiago, Chile from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- 2) XX Congress of the South American Pharmaceutical Federation and Farmacosmética 2018, XV Colombian Symposium of Cosmetic Science and Technology, XI Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences, held in Medellin, Colombia, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> September of 2018. Organization of the Symposium "Experiences of Pharmaceutical Services in Primary Health Care" during this Congress. The General Annual Meeting was held during this event.
- 3) The Director Pharmaceutical Education and the Treasurer of the PFA assisted to the Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Quito, Ecuador.
- 4) PFA's President participated in the *Meeting of experts for the formulation of competencies and standards for pharmaceutical services in the Region of the Americas* organized by PAHO and realized in Asunción, Paraguay from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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

Collaboration with PAHO in developing Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health-Care. Formal integration of PFA to the Pan-American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education.

**Current projects:**

- Collaboration in the organisation of the first PFA Congress with the Uruguayan Association of Chemistry and Pharmacy to be held in Montevideo from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. The Forum is going to present the Symposium about Information and Communication Technologies (ICT's) applied to Pharmaceutical Services.
- Projects supported by PFA (see points 8 and 13 of "Main Activities").

**Main challenges:**

- Implementing various projects and achieve strategic plan. To define new activity areas and new ways to implement work.
- Establishing strategic alliances with other pharmaceutical organizations in the region to develop activities of mutual interest.
- Raising fund to enable the support of new projects in the region.
- Increase the number of national organizations who are members of the PFA.
- Development of collaboration with PAHO in new areas.
- To participate/contribute in the process of drafting and approval of the new "FIP Strategic Plan 2030" and to define the Regional Forums role and FIP's perspective to our organization.