



2018 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 |
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| President | Prof. Dr Eduardo Savio (up to 28 th October 2017) | Uruguay |
| | Pharm Gustavo Dodera (since 28 th October 2017) | Argentina |
| Vice-president | Pharm Laura Raccagni | Argentina |
| Treasurer | Pharm Chem Yolanda Zapata | Ecuador |
| Director of Pharmaceutical Education | Prof. Dr Zully Vera (up to 28 th October 2017) | Paraguay |
| | Dr Yajaira Quesada (since 28 th October 2017) | Costa Rica |
| Director of Professional Practice | Prof. Dr Joselia Frade (up to 28 th October 2017) | Brazil |
| | Dr Nuria Montero (since 28 th October 2017) | Costa Rica |

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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 2017 and May 2018:

- 1) Regular meetings of the Executive Committee (23 on line meetings and 2 face-to-face meetings).
- 2) Articulation of activities with PAHO along the period.
- 3) Approval of the final reports of the project which were supported by PFA and PAHO during 2016 – 2017 (July 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)
- 4) Participation of the President and the Professional Secretary in FIP Congress 2017 (Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 10th to 14th September):
 - Council meeting
 - Forums meeting
 - Extraordinary General Meeting: the agenda of this Assembly has a single point, the report on "Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care: balance, achievements and challenges. Preliminary assessment of its impact. Perspective of Presidents and/or representatives of member organizations".
 - Working group on drafting the new "FIP Strategic Plan 2030".
- 5) Participation of the Vice-president in the IX Congress of Chemical Sciences and Expochemistry and XI National Pharmaceutical Congress held from 4th to 7th October 2017 in Asuncion, Paraguay.
- 6) Virtual self-learning course “Pharmaceutical approach to diseases caused by dengue, chikungunya and zika viruses” offered from 9th October to 17th December 2017 by Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Costa Rica (COLFAR). For this course COLFAR offered 50 places for colleagues from the PFA.
- 7) Participation in the XIX Congress of the South American Pharmaceutical Federation and III

International Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry College of Peru, held in Lima, Peru, from 28th to 31st October of 2017. Organization of the Symposium "Experiences of Pharmaceutical Services in Primary Health Care" during this Congress.

8) Celebration of PFA's General Annual Meeting in Lima, Peru, on 28th October 2017:

- PFA authorities were renovated, so the Executive Committee has a new President, a new Director of Pharmaceutical Practice and a new Director of Pharmaceutical Education.

- It was approved the incorporation of a new member organization: American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) (United States of America).

9) Participation in the I Brazilian Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences held in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil, from 15th to 18th November of 2017. Organization of the Symposium "Activities of the Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas".

10) 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 2018).

11) Consultation to member organizations on relation to main areas to develop actions on industrial pharmacy.

12) Call for projects between member organizations to be funded by PFA (February 2018). For this call the bases, the presentation form and the rules for informs were reformulated.

13) Selection and nomination of a list of postulants to FIP Congress Travel Scholarship to Glasgow (28th February 2018).

14) Follow up and evaluation of the three projects funded by the PFA during 2017-2018:

- "Optimization of the provision of masters' 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).

15) Webinar "Approach to prevention of dengue. Vaccine against dengue". Speaker: Dr Victoria Hall Ramírez (Costa Rica). Spanish version broadcasted on 9th March by GoToWebinar. English version broadcasted on 16th March by GoToWebinar.

16) Evaluation of the three projects presented to the call done in February and selection of one project to be funded by the PFA during 2018-2019:

"Pharmaceutical Activity in the Penitentiary Services of Argentina, period 2018-2019: scope and limitations. Situation analysis. Observational study". (Province of Entre Ríos, Argentina).

17) Presentation to FIP of the executive summary of the final report of the implementation 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. (April 2018).

18) To join the FIP's Health and Medicines Information Section and create a new working group including both organizations.

19) Participation of the PFA's Vice-president in the VIII National Congress of Community Pharmacists - SEFAC 2018, held in Alicante, Spain, from 24th to 26th May 2018.

20) Webinar "Pharmacist role in detection, control and prevention of arboviruses". Speaker: Dr Cristina Fernández Barrantes (Costa Rica). Spanish version broadcasted on 30th May by GoToWebinar. English version broadcasted on 6th June by GoToWebinar.

21) Edition of nine issues of the e-Newsletter.

- 22) Redesign of PFA's website.
- 23) Promotion of the relationship with other pharmaceutical organizations of the Americas:
 - 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 2017 and May 2018 where the Forum was involved:

- 1) IX Congress of Chemical Sciences and Expo-chemistry and XI National Pharmaceutical Congress held from 4th to 7th October 2017 in Asuncion, Paraguay.
- 2) XIX Congress of the South American Pharmaceutical Federation and III International Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry College of Peru, held in Lima, Peru, from 28th to 31st October of 2017.
- 3) I Brazilian Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences held in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil, from 15th to 18th November of 2018.
- 4) 23° Argentinean Pharmaceutical Congress held from 30th November to 2nd December in Bariloche, Argentina.

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. To implement the formal participation of PFA in the Pan-American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education.

Two virtual meetings were held between Dr Jose Luis Castro from PAHO and the PFA's Executive Committee.

Current projects:

- Activities of the third part 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" (project with FIP support).
- "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).
- Projects supported by PFA (see points 14 and 16 of "Main Activities").

Main challenges:

- To update running strategies. To define new activity areas and new ways to implement work.
- To raise fund to enable the support of new projects in the region.
- To increase the number of members of the PFA.
- To develop PAHO's collaboration in new areas.
- To increase the participation in the "Pan-American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education".
- To participate/contribute in the process of drafting and approval of the new "FIP Strategic Plan 2030" and to define the Forums role and FIP's perspective to our organization.