



PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM OF THE AMERICAS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

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ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLIES 2019



Held on August 29th in Montevideo, Uruguay. Three Executive Committee positions for the 2019-2021 period were approved: president, director of pharmaceutical education and director of pharmaceutical practice. The “Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Costa Rica” was selected as the new headquarters for the technical secretariat (2019-2022). The action plan for 2019-2020 was approved. Two new pharmacy organizations joined the Forum. The evolution of the PFA during the last 20 years was presented. The proposals from FIP to restructure the regional forums towards ONE FIP were discussed in the extraordinary assembly, one was selected as the preferred option for our forum.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERS

- ❖ Confederación Farmacéutica Argentina
- ❖ Conselho Federal de Farmácia do Brasil
- ❖ Sociedad Boliviana de Ciencias Farmacéuticas
- ❖ Colegio Nacional de Químicos Farmacéuticos de Colombia
- ❖ Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Costa Rica
- ❖ Colegio de Químicos, Bioquímicos y Farmacéuticos de Pichincha
- ❖ Colegio Nacional de Farmacéuticos de Panamá
- ❖ Asociación de Químicos Farmacéuticos del Paraguay
- ❖ Asociación de Química y Farmacia del Uruguay
- ❖ American Pharmacists Association
- ❖ American Society of Health-System Pharmacists



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Poster presentation **“Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas (PFA): 20 years articulating efforts to improve pharmacy practice and pharmacy education in the region of the Americas”**.

Authors: Eduardo Savio and Nuria Montero

The Forum organized the symposium

“Information and communication technologies as a means of developing pharmaceutical services”.

II CONGRESO QUÍMICO FARMACÉUTICO

Simposio del Foro Farmacéutico de las Américas
 Simposio de la Sección Biología Clínica de FIP
 VI Congreso Nacional de Ciencias Farmacéuticas
 XIII Jornadas Académicas del Diploma de Especialista en Farmacia Hospitalaria

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Poster presentation of the results of the PFA sponsored project and the technical document: **“The pharmacist in the prevention, detection and control of arboviruses from the pharmacy: dengue, zika, chikungunya and yellow fever”**.

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WEBINARS Using the FIP platform, PFA's broadcasted eight webinars in Spanish:

2019 – 853 participants

- 1) "Good medication distribution practices" (Francisco Eguiguren, Ecuador, June).
- 2) "Vaccination services from the community pharmacy" (Francisco Jiménez, Puerto Rico, August).
- 3) "Regulation and registration for the commercialization of biosimilar medicines according to the World Health Organization" (Renato Murillo, Costa Rica, October).
- 4) "Antimicrobial optimization program and the essential role of the pharmacist" (José Pablo Díaz Madriz, Costa Rica, November).

2020 –663 participants

- 5) "What is the contribution of the pharmacist in the COVID-19 pandemic?" (Sofía Segura Cano, Costa Rica, April).
- 6) "Purified water for pharmaceutical use according to World Health Organization" (Francisco Eguiguren, Ecuador, April).
- 7) "Communicating about the COVID-19 from the community pharmacy. "Crisis communication" (Alejandra Fernández Jiménez, Costa Rica, April).
- 8) "Medicinal cannabis" (Marta Vázquez, Cecilia Maldonado, June)



79th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF FIP in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 22nd to 26th September).

The President and the Professional Secretary participated in the following events: council meeting, forums meeting and extraordinary general assembly celebrated on September 25th. Topics discussed included: Summary of the main events/activities related to the FFA in its 20 year of existence, overview of the status of regional pharmaceutical forums and discussion proposals made by the FIP for the restructuring of the regional pharmaceutical forums.

COLLABORATION WITH THE PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION

- PFA is represented in the working groups of pharmacy services, interprofessional education and collaborative practices; competencies and basic study plan.

- PFA has participated and contributed to the formulation and execution of the project: *Incorporation of the competencies related to pharmaceutical services in primary health care in the academic training and continuing education programs of pharmacists in the Americas, proposed by the pharmacy services working group.*



PROJECT FUNDING

- 1) Two grants -US\$ 2,500 each- were approved to partially support the following projects in the 2019-2020 period: a) Inclusive health education for pharmacists and deaf people (Costa Rica). Project execution dates were July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020. b) Good practice for dispensing high demanded antibiotics in pharmacies in the province of Córdoba (Argentina). Start date: February 1, 2020.
- 2) Approval of the final report of the report Pharmaceutical services in correctional facilities in Argentina (2018-2019). Ended on August 18th, 2019.

Ten issues of the e-newsletter were developed in this period

