



# PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM OF THE AMERICAS ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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## ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLIES 2021

The Extraordinary Assembly was held on August 21st in virtual mode due to COVID-19 pandemic, using GotoMeeting platform. The main issues approved were: i) A report on the integration process of the regional pharmaceutical forums to the International Pharmaceutical Federation. ii) The extension of the appointment for one more year of three Executive Committee positions for the 2021-2022 period: President, Director of Pharmaceutical Education and Director of Pharmaceutical Practice. iii) The analysis of the mechanisms for identifying needs and communication between the Executive Committee and the member organizations to establish new strategies for increasing communication and collaboration. The Ordinary Assembly was held on November 20th, in virtual mode due to COVID-19 pandemic, using GotoMeeting platform. The main issues approved were: i) The action plan and the budget for the period 2021-2022. ii) A report on the ongoing process for the incorporation of the regional pharmaceutical forums into the organizational structure of the FIP.

Ten pharmacists completed the certification program as trainers for the American Pharmacists Association Pharmacy-Based Delivery of Immunizations Program. This will help train other pharmacists in the region to promote the provision of immunization services from the pharmacy.



## VIRTUAL COURSES

- The second Edition of Virtual course: Formulation and execution of pharmaceutical intervention projects (June 21th to November 7th, 2021).
- Pharmaceutical Services in Primary Health Care, was organised and promoted in coordination with the Pan American Health Organization. (April 6th to April 18th October 2022).

## 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

Participation of President, Vice-president, Director of Pharmaceutical Practice and Technical Secretary in the meetings as part of the implementation of the ONE FIP strategy and the integration of the forum's regional pharmacists to its organizational structure.

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**Creating**  
**the vision**

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



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Establishment of a cooperation agreement with **the Society of Pharmacists in Infectious Diseases of the United States**. 12 pharmacists from three countries of its member organizations (Argentina, Colombia and Costa Rica) are being trained in this important area of professional practice.

**WEBINARS** The FIP together with the Forum broadcasted five webinars in Spanish and English: **2021**

- 1) "Health and self-care professional" (Magaly Rodríguez de Bittner, United State, July).
- 2) "Understanding and managing headaches in the community: approaches and therapeutic advances in the Americas" (Eduardo Savio, Uruguay, September).
- 3) "Sustainable and equitable access to vaccines: Establishing priorities and setting policies in the Americas region" (Eduardo Savio, Uruguay, September).
- 4) "Accelerate the action of resistance to antimicrobials through antimicrobial stewardship in the region of the Americas" (Eduardo Savio, Uruguay, November).

**2022**

- 5) "Allow multiprofessional prescription and administration of vaccines to improve vaccination rates: Region of the Americas" (Eduardo Savio, Uruguay, March).



**FIP-UNESCO UNITWIN Regional Workshop for the Region of the Americas on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021).**

Participation in the FIP-UNESCO UNITWIN Regional Workshop for the Region of the Americas on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Its objective was to promote the profession pharmaceutical in all regions.

**PROJECT FUNDING**

1) Two grants -US\$ 2,500 each- were approved to partially support the following projects in the 2021-2022 period: a) Health Self-Care Schools. (Costa Rica). Project execution dates are: from June 1st, 2022 to May 31st, 2023. b) Development of pharmaceutical services in immunization against the influenza virus in community pharmacies in Uruguay (Uruguay). Project execution dates are: June 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2023.

2) An additional grant was approved in the amount of US\$ 2.500 to the Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education for their project: Support for the development of interprofessional education in schools and Pharmacy. Faculties of the Region of the Americas as a strategy for pharmacist training. Project execution dates are: June 1st, 2022 to May 31 st, 2023.

3) With the collaboration of the Latin American Industry of Responsible Self-Care (ILAR), formed a technical advisory group to evaluate and promote the participation of the pharmacists in self-care and self-medication. As part of the work of this group, an additional call for projects in the area of self-care and self-medication.

**Publication of the document Role of the pharmacists in immunization: Contributions, experiences, and implementation in the Region of the Americas on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**



- Prepared by the National Center for Drug Information of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Costa Rica, is the first publication made by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) with a forum regional pharmacist.

- Contains four chapters describing describes four chapters that address the following topics: Introductory Framework, Experiences of pharmacists' success as immunizers at the global level, Experiences of pharmacist success in vaccines at the Latin American level and Management of pharmaceutical services in the immunization chain.

Available in three official languages of the Forum: Spanish, English and Portuguese

Co-organizer of the event **III Pharmaceutical Chemical Congress of the Association of Chemistry and Pharmacy of the Uruguay** held on the following Fridays, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to August, 2021.

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