

# ***Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum***

## **2022 - 2023 Annual Report of the Forum to the FIP Council**

### **Executive committee members:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>President</b>	Mr John Jackson	Australia
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<b>Member</b>	Dr Nobuo Yamamoto	Japan
<b>Member</b>	Ms Leonie Ocampo	Philippines
<b>Member</b>	Prof Jaw-Jou Kang	China Taiwan
<b>Member</b>	Dr Sang Hoon Joo	Korea
<b>Member</b>	Ms Zuzaan Zulzaga	Mongolia
<b>General Secretary</b>	Mr Reynaldo Umali	Philippines
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Dr Suzanne Caliph	Australia
<b>Observer</b>	Prof Hiroshi Suzuki	FIP Vice President
<b>Observer</b>	Dr Lina Bader	FIP Account Manager

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### **Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)**

Japan Pharmaceutical Association	<b>Japan</b>
Korean Pharmaceutical Association	Korea
Pharmaceutical Society of China Taiwan	China Taiwan
Philippines Pharmacists Association	Philippines
Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore	Singapore
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia	Australia
Pharmaceutical Society of Fiji	Fiji
Pharmaceutical Society of Papua New Guinea	PNG
Association of Pharmacy Professional Mongolia	Mongolia

### **Main activities of the Forum between June 2022 and May 2023:**

The WPPF President spoke at the FIP Council meeting in Seville in 2022 giving in-principle support of the integration of WPPF with FIP, and identified the issues facing the WPPF to make integration possible (membership structure and fees, role, responsibilities and revenue, engagement with national organisations not FIP MOs, and the desire for permanent status).

A subsequent resolution passed by the FIP Council in Seville in Sept 2022, supported integration of the regional forums. At its AGM in November 2022, WPPF resolved to seek a memorandum of understanding with FIP under which the integration of WPPF into FIP is to be negotiated. The integration criteria on which WPPF seeks to negotiate agreement with FIP are:

- a. common statutes for integrated forums with the capacity for some Region-specific articles;
- b. a model that enables all FIP MOs of the region to participate in the integrated forum;
- c. the size, composition and election process for the ExCo of the integrated forum;
- d. financial support for the forum from FIP;
- e. security of WPPF's existing financial reserves;
- f. communication with and within the forum, including in major regional languages;
- g. responsibility for relations with the WHO Regional office;
- h. establishment of links with other parts of FIP, notably BPP, BPS and FIPed;
- i. the long-term security by reference to the forum within the FIP statutes;
- j. a transition to integration.

FIP and WPPF signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in January 2023 to address the integration criteria. The WPPF ExCo has resolved its position on most criteria and will continue negotiation with FIP.

WPPF is collaborating with the Centre for Medication Use and Safety, Monash University, on an investigation of recommendations for management of medications in clinical practice guidelines for patients with diabetes. The researchers are seeking WPPF's assistance in the identification of relevant practice guidelines in countries and territories of the WPR.

FIP received 5 applications for Early Career Leadership Development Scholarships from the WPR (1 from Vietnam, 1 from Philippines, 3 from Malaysia) to attend the FIP Congress in Brisbane in September. Following assessment by the WPPF ExCo members the successful applicant is Sheron Sir Loon Goh from Malaysia.

WPPF submitted a proposal for a workshop at the FIP Congress in Brisbane titled: *Pharmaceutical Funding and Pharmacists' Practice: the impact of pharmaceutical insurance programs on the evolution of pharmacists' practice*. As countries of the WPPF provide an increasing level of insurance for prescription medicines, the insurers have an ability to adversely affect dispensing viability and pharmacists need to establish revenue sources to support delivery and expansion of professional services.

A manuscript on the WPPF study of medication management in the Western Pacific Region was published in the Int. J Pharmacy Practice. ([doi.org/10.1093/ijpp/riac068](https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpp/riac068))

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

WPPF would like to thank Parisa Aslani for serving as the FIP Bureau Liaison person and Lina Bader as the FIP account manager for much of the 2022-23 period.

The WPPF President has established connection with the new WHO WPR Director of Health Technologies Dr Geraldine Hill and Vanchinsuren Lkhagvadorjv.

The WPPF President attended remotely the WHO WPR Regional Ministers meeting held in Manila, Philippines in October 2022.

**Main challenges:**

Resolution of the outstanding issues relating to the potential integration of the WPPF with FIP is a high priority.