



Community Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2023

1. The Community Pharmacy Section (CPS) is the largest of the FIP Sections, with 1657 members as per December 2023, an increase of 1.35% compared to 2022 (635 members) During the Section's Steering Committee Meeting, Ms. Leticia Caligaris (Uruguay) and Mr. Jorge Schlottke (Argentina) were elected as members of the CPS ExCo. Dr Sarah Dineen-Griffin (Australia) was elected as Vice President of the Section.

2. Meetings

The ExCo held 1 meeting in 2023 (Mid-year Meeting), and 1 virtual meeting and a meeting in Brisbane.

3. Promotion

ExCo members have actively promoted CPS/FIP at different national and International congresses, virtual events and have given interviews in media/newspapers about the benefits of the membership of CPS/FIP.

A Working Group has been established within the Section to increase the number of individual members. This working group is part of the Strategic Plan with a specific focus on Membership issues.

4. Communication with members

6 issues of ZOOM were sent to our members/member organizations;

Every edition of Zoom covered different professional trends and articles, with interviews and articles from our members worldwide. The Zoom content is translated into Spanish, too.

CPS Social media accounts have been active and updated with the support of Mr Redwan Hossain (Bangladesh) On February 2024 there were 13975 followers on FB, 3971 on Twitter, 2546 followers

on LinkedIn and 630 on Instagram.

The CPS area on the FIP website was updated.

5. Congress activities and virtual events

The CPS was highly involved in the FIP World Congress in Brisbane, leading 5 accepted sessions, being involved with 11 sessions led by other FIP constituencies and having a CPS lunch session. The CPS ExCo members have furthermore been involved in webinars (speaking/chairing), invited by FIP and FIP Member Organisations, on all continents.

The CPS presented five poster awards.

6. Projects

CPS run the following projects during 2023: Vaccination in India, and the Workforce Sustainability and Supporting Positive Practice in Community Pharmacy report.

7. Observers to the CPS ExCo

In October 2023, the CPS Executive Committee (ExCo) sent out a new official call among our Member Organizations for an Observer role within the CPS ExCo.

The following persons have been offered to participate in the CPS ExCo as Observers during two Years (2023-2025).

- Mr. Jack Shen Lim (Malaysia)
- Mr Wael Ali (Egypt).

8. Policy Statements

Different ExCo members have been involved in the development of FIP policy statements (AMR, Environmentally sustainable pharmacy practice, medicines information for the benefit of patients and users of medicine, and access to medicines.

The development and the launch of the Workforce sustainability and supporting positive practice in community pharmacy, an international report by the FIP Community Pharmacy Section.

The FIP DG 21 (Sustainability in Pharmacy) calls on the profession to have policies, regulations and strategies to ensure the sustainability of pharmacy practice. Mechanisms proposed to achieve sustainability include “engaging members of the workforce from all sectors in sustainability discussions” and “through appropriate remuneration models for pharmaceutical services”. Furthermore, FIP DG 13 (Policy development) highlights the need for “policies addressing pharmaceutical workforce welfare, well-being and safety in the workplace”.

Goals in 2024:

- Goal #1: Implement the Section’s Strategic Plan via 3 WG – creating increased membership value as well as increasing the number of members to the Section and FIP
- Goal #2: Implement the Vision document 2020-2025 as part of ONE FIP, thus transforming community pharmacy
- Goal #3: Strengthen Professional Development and Advocacy, and promote policies that advance the role of community pharmacy in integrated healthcare delivery models and multidisciplinary care teams.