

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 7.2 – Antimicrobial resistance
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Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), the global organisation representing over three million pharmacists worldwide.

As mentioned under point 8 of the report by the Secretariat (EB140/11), antimicrobial stewardship is of the utmost importance in the responsible use of existing antimicrobials in order to prevent the development of resistance and improve patient outcomes.

Successful stewardship programmes in community and hospital settings imply collaboration between physicians and pharmacists, such as that achieved through the “Doctors-Pharmacists Quality Circles for Prescribing”¹ in Switzerland. Under this programme, pharmacists and medical doctors review scientific, clinical, therapeutic and economic data on a regular basis to ensure optimal care for individuals. They compare these with their current prescribing patterns, and discuss any deviation from evidence-based practice. Such models have demonstrated the impact in terms of rational prescribing of antibiotics, and illustrate the powerful synergy of inter-professional activities.

We believe that the work currently undertaken by the WHO Essential Medicines List Committee around appropriate use of antibiotics will be of great assistance for stewardship programmes.

In its last report² on the role and contributions of pharmacists in the fight against AMR, FIP highlighted the many different approaches against AMR developed in both hospital and community settings by national associations of pharmacists, highlighting the commitment of pharmacists in this fight.

FIP supported and engaged its members during the WHO 2nd AMR awareness week, through an active social media campaign, reaching 14,100 people.

FIP is keen to continue supporting the WHO in the development and implementation of tools reinforcing the fight against AMR.

Thank you for your attention.

¹ <http://bit.ly/2hXFA80>

² www.fip.org/publications