



FIP Distinguished Practice Award 2009

Istanbul, Turkey, 4 September 2009

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has awarded the 2009 Distinguished Practice Award to Mr Colin Hitchings. Mr Hitchings is currently working in London as a consultant pharmacist, continuing to contribute to the pharmacy profession as he has throughout his distinguished career.

Mr Hitchings received his Bachelor's of Pharmacy Degree from Nottingham University in 1963 and went on to earn a Master's of Science degree from London University, eventually becoming a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. As well as playing a prominent role on the hospital pharmacy stage, he has had a significant impact on many sectors of pharmacy, including international practice and academia.

Considered a knowledgeable and trusted source by his colleagues, Mr Hitchings' advice is sought after and highly valued by his peers. He is a frequent lecturer on a world-wide scale and has published numerous papers concerning the practice, management and profession of pharmacy.

Mr Hitchings has played an active role in advancing hospital pharmacy in Great Britain serving as president of both the Royal Pharmaceutical Society from 1983-1984 and the Guild of Hospital Pharmacists from 1978-1980. He has been a member of the Committee on Review of Medicines, the Standing Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee, and a Member and Deputy Chairman of the Joint Formulary Committee for the British National Formulary. Within academia, Mr Hitchings was as a Member of the Council of the School of Pharmacy at the University of London.

Mr Hitchings' commitment to his profession and international pharmacy is commendable. A few of his many contributions include serving as Pharmaceutical Advisor to the World Health Organization and Vice President of the Pan Pacific Foundation. He was elected an honorary Member of the Australian and American Societies of Hospital Pharmacists, and received the Evans Gold Medal in 1984 and the Francke Medal in 2005 for his service to international pharmacy. He has played a marked and significant role within FIP as well, most notably within the Hospital Section, throughout terms as Secretary, Vice President and President.

Mr. Hitchings' energy and zeal for pharmacy are easily recognisable at both national and International levels. With his experience and guidance, he has helped the profession of pharmacy grow and develop to meet the ever-changing expectations of the healthcare system. This continued service makes him an exceptional recipient of the Distinguished Practice Award. FIP would like to congratulate Mr Hitchings on this most deserved honour.

The FIP Distinguished Practice Award has been presented to Mr. Colin Hitchings during the Opening Ceremony of the FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul, Turkey.

Join us next year in Lisbon!