



FIP Lifetime Achievement in Pharmaceutical Practice 2009

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The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has awarded the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award for Pharmaceutical Practice to Dr Jaldo de Souza Santos from Brazil. The FIP Lifetime Achievement Award is given to individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to the advancement and improvement of Pharmaceutical Practice worldwide.

Dr Souza Santos received his pharmacy degree from the University of Goias and his law degree from the Catholic University in 1979. He was a founding member and director of the Regional Council of Pharmacy of Goias and for the past 53 years he has owned a community pharmacy in Goiania.

Dr Souza Santos was first elected as a member of the Executive Board of the Federal Council of Pharmacy of Brazil (CFF) in 1972. Since then he has been elected by the council assembly to serve as Director and in 1998 as President, holding the latter position for six consecutive terms.

While involved with CFF, Dr. Souza Santos has been a strong supporter of the use of generic medicines in Brazil's healthcare system. In an effort to have these medicines incorporated, he supplied scientific evidence to the Ministry of Health, the Parliament and Senate and other political establishments. This endeavor led to the advancement of pharmacy practice in Brazil with the formation of ANVISA (The National Health Regulatory Agency), the National Medicines Policy, the Generic Medicines Policy and the Popular Pharmacies Programme, which partners with private pharmacies to deliver free medicines to Brazilian citizens.

An advocate of continually improving the education and training standards of pharmacists, Dr Souza Santos has endeavored to ensure the growth of his profession throughout Brazil. During his career with the CFF, the organisation has implemented guidelines for pharmacy curricula and defined different areas of practice within pharmacy in order to determine required competencies in each sector.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Souza Santos has steadfastly influenced pharmacy practice in Brazil and abroad. His efforts have resulted in the establishment of notable relationships with organisations such as FIP, the Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas, the South American Pharmaceutical Federation and the World Health Organization. This influence led to FIP selecting Brazil as their host country for the 2006 World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

His dedication to the improvement of pharmaceutical care and expansion of pharmacists' roles in Brazil make him well deserved of this honour. FIP would like to extend sincere congratulations to Dr Souza Santos and thank him for his continued efforts on behalf of Brazilian and International pharmacists.

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