

Tips for IPSF collaboration with Pharmabridge

Book drive basics:

- 1) Visit http://www.fip.org/www/?page=menu_pharmabridge. Thoroughly read the book guidelines sheet.
- 2) Plan the book drive. Advertise and explain book donation requirements. Promote the book drive with one key caveat: you are asking for only current editions or the immediately prior editions. It will be easier to avoid hauling around ancient worthless science textbooks books in the first place. If you do acquire outdated resources donated, you may be able to find a local donation site. For example, World Care in Tucson (520-514-1588) accepts older materials. They may know similar sites/organizations in the US.
- 3) Collect books that meet guidelines. Books may trickle in following the end of the advertised book drive period.
- 4) Organize book title, edition, authors and ISBN number into list of acceptable books for Dr. Agathe Wehrli. Email this information to Dr. Wehrli. Note that the 'book conduit form' is for parties receiving books. It is not necessary for sending parties to fill this out.
- 5) Wait for response of which various international parties want books.
- 6) Finally package and mail books with appropriate customs forms.
 - Tips on shipping from the US:
For small packages (under 50lbs), USPS flat rate shipping options are most affordable among USPS, UPS and FedEx shipping choices.
Shipping the first time can be challenging because there are multiple custom forms. Be sure to fill out the correct custom form (for packages **NOT letters**) at the post office. There are multiple customs forms. The one likely needed is the larger white carbon copy form not the smaller blue carbon copy form.
Schedule an afternoon to package, label, and carry the books to your local post office for shipping. It may be easiest to bring the books loose and ask for the two flat rate box options and determine based on the books, which fit the books at hand best. Mark box "educational books for donation" The USPS flat rate boxes are \$40 to any country. The boxes fit 3-4 textbooks. There is also a large flat rate envelope for \$11 to any country. The envelope can be stuffed with 4-5 journals.

Alternative ways to be involved: Beyond the book drive

- 1) Purchase needed alternative educational materials. Audiovisual material is always appreciated. Sponsorship for certification exams and prep material is sometimes requested.

The amazing, thoughtful response that you may get from receiving parties makes any book drive efforts or unexpected difficulties worth it. But if an alternative or supplemental outreach option is desired, the pharmabridge program has other outreach options available as different needs are identified. Alternative projects that arise include purchasing specific books or educational programs for an individual with a specific need. Dr. Wehrli can likely provide an individual project upon request.

An example of such a project is the satisfying of an Egyptian pharmacist's request for CE sponsorship by the University of Arizona with Dr. Wehrli's guidance. We planned a large bake sale to fundraise and raised over \$400. Faculty generously donated the additional funds needed when they saw the numerous bake sale advertisements and notices regarding what our fundraising was for. The specific sponsorship we participated in was purchasing an oncology program through the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). The program included CD-ROM and Print Book with Continuing Education Credit for BCOP (Board Certified Oncology Pharmacists) Recertification. The cost was \$520 plus shipping and ACCP provided no discounting or support after polite requests and proposals. I would still recommend graciously explaining future sponsorships to all vendors to see if they may be more charitable.

2) Purchase a requested or in high demand book that has not been collected in book drives. Some constantly needed books are those on clinical pharmacy and pharmacotherapeutics, such as Koda-Kimbel. Buying used textbooks on the internet usually is the easiest and cheapest method.

3) Supplement travel or meeting costs for pharmacist from developing countries coming to the US for practice exposure.

See http://www.fip.org/www/?page=pharmabridge_furtherinfo.

4) Proposed Projects: 'Adopt a pharmacist program'

Another possible pharmabridge project may be sponsoring attendance of workshops in African countries for pharmacists working in NGOs in Africa.

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