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News and Updates

The Pharmacy Education Taskforce's **Competency** domain team has published an editorial in this month's **American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education**. Congratulations Andreia, Ian, Tina and Claire! In the Viewpoint, the authors discuss the need for a global competency framework for pharmacists as well as the challenges and barriers to the acceptance of it. The authors conclude that: "Although there are often differences in education systems and teaching methods, we all share the same common goal as practitioners – the improvement of patient health. In order to achieve such a goal we need to be competent in our everyday job, regardless of the practice setting, country, or culture." To read the entire article, go to <http://www.ajpe.org/view.asp?art=aj740356&pdf=yes>.

CONGRESS 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The **WHO UNESCO FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce** and **FIP Academic Section** are organizing a full-day satellite session on Education to be held before **FIP Congress 2010 in Lisbon, Portugal**. Please join us for this interactive session "**R1: HOW TO DEVELOP ACADEMIC CAPACITY TO ENSURE SEAMLESS EDUCATION**", with topics such as: Teacher Training and Capacity Development; Continuing Professional Education: Seamless or Not?; and The Learning Journey - Developing a pharmacy education roadmap. It will be held **Saturday, 28th August 2010 from 09:00 – 17:00**. The cost for the session is **55 Euro***.

The session will feature case studies, group discussions, debates and an "**ideas showcase**" poster and short oral presentations derived from abstract submissions. R1 will be of particular interest to faculty, practitioners, researchers, regulators and policymakers who are involved with activities such as: teacher training and faculty development; practitioner development and mentoring in practice settings; or innovative ideas for a new vision of seamless professional education. However, registration is open to anyone from any background.

All participants are invited to submit abstracts at: <http://bit.ly/d4GYkE>. Subsequent to the session, the abstracts will be published in the international peer reviewed journal *Pharmacy Education*. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, 14th May 2010**.

The Taskforce and the **FIP Young Pharmacists' Group** are also co-organising the second **Learning to Teach Workshop** to be held at the Lisbon Congress. This session will offer attendees a half day of interactive, thought-provoking small group discussions, case studies and panel discussion on concrete action plans to use within their teaching and learning environments. The unique aspect of this session is the rich diversity of faculty from around the world, with various backgrounds of experiences, and many novel tools to share. **R5: Learning to Teach Workshop** will be held **Sunday, 29th August 2010 from 09:00 – 12:00**. The cost for the session is **35 Euro***.

The Taskforce is also organizing the **5th Annual Global Pharmacy Education Consultation** on **Tuesday 31 August 2010, 09:00 – 12:00**. This is an open event available for anyone registered for the Congress. This session will focus on reviewing the achievements and the future of the Pharmacy Education Taskforce. The outcomes of the Taskforce Action Plan will be reported and participants will be invited to provide input into the future focus on Pharmacy Education within FIP.

The **Project Team for Quality Assurance** will hold a session during FIP Congress 2010 in Lisbon. Mark your calendars for **Monday 30 Aug from 12.30-13.30**. Project Lead for QA, Mike Rouse, will chair the event, entitled **“The Updated Global Framework for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education.”**

*Separate registration is required and only possible in addition to registration for the full Congress. More information about the Congress, including how to register for R1 and R5, can be found at <http://www.fip.org/lisbon2010/>.

News from FIP

The **Center for Global Development** has featured a Q&A discussion with FIP General Secretary Ton Hoek and FIP Manager for Public Health Partnerships Xuanhao Chan where they discuss FIP’s work in pharmacy workforce development. Read the full article at <http://www.cgdev.org/content/article/detail/1424083>.

Resources

The World Bank is now offering free access to more than 2,000 financial, business, health, economic and human development statistics that been available previously only to paying subscribers. The decision is part of the organisation’s effort to increase access to information. The databases are available online at <http://data.worldbank.org>.

The meeting documents from the **WHO Open Forum on International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce Meeting** held 26 March 2010, are now available online at http://www.who.int/medicines/services/counterfeit/open_forum/en/index.html.

The **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program** is a scholarship programme that provides ten months of non-degree academic study and related professional experiences in the United States. The programme fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge and understanding about issues of common concern in the United States and the Fellows’ home countries. **“Educational Administration, Planning and Policy”** is one of the professional fields included in the program. More information is available at: <http://humphreyfellowship.org/page/97565/>.

Health Action International (HAI) Europe is sponsoring an essay competition open to residents in Europe who are in, or have completed, full-time higher education in the last eight years. The essay should focus on one of the principle areas of HAI Europe's policy work: **Rational use of medicines, Access to essential medicines, or Democratisation of medicines' policy**. The deadline for submission is **31 May 2010**. To apply, send the essay with your completed Application Form <<http://www.haiweb.org/15122009/ApplicationFormEssayWritingCompetition2010.doc>> and Conflict of Interest form to Mrs. Rose de Groot, rose@haiweb.org.

Presentations from the **Second World Health Professions' Conference on Regulation** are now available at: <http://www.whpa.org/whpcr2010/programme.htm>.

Hands Up for Health Workers is an advocacy petition led by the non-profit organisation **Merlin (Medical Emergency Relief International)**. The petition asks for people to raise their hands for health workers in an effort to make investment in health workers a global priority. By supporting a health worker, your name will automatically be added to a petition that Merlin will take to world leaders in September 2010. Pharmacists are one of the categories of health workers profiled. You can see the interactive map and raise your hand for a health worker at <http://www.handsupforhealthworkers.org/>.

WHO has published a **“Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice.”** It outlines the benefits and challenges of interprofessional education and practice. The publication is available online at: http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/framework_action/en/index.html

The Spring 2010 edition of **Health Exchange News** focuses on the topic of **Access to Medicines**. Take a look at the articles with topics including medicine stock-outs, counterfeits and drug resistance at <http://healthexchangenews.com/>.

Events

The Global Health Workforce Alliance is sponsoring an online discussion on mid-level health workers from **4-18 May 2010**. The discussions will be moderated by the Alliance and supported by expert advisors, a group of individuals involved in public health, funded projects and academia. One expert advisor, Mr Andrew Brown, Assistant Professor, University of Canberra, Australia, will be representing the Taskforce in the discussion. The objectives of the discussion are to: share evidence and good practice examples relating to mid-level health workers; address policy and programmatic questions of relevance to the topic; and synthesize existing evidence and provide policy-relevant reflections on the mid-level health workers discourse through the production of appropriate knowledge products. To join the discussion, register at <http://my.ibpinitiative.org/public//global/HRHExchange>. The HRH Exchange is a virtual discussion platform hosted by the Implementing Best Practices Knowledge Gateway (which also hosts the Pharmacy Education Taskforce COP). You can find out more about the Global Health Workforce Alliance at <http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/en/>.

The VII Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, from **24-26th May 2010**. The conference theme is **Competency-Based Training**. More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/chL026>.

The **International Conference on Research in Human Resources for Health** will be held in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 9-11 June 2010**. It is hosted by the Social Medicine Institute, University of the State of Rio de Janeiro and jointly organised by WHO Department of Human Resources for Health. To register, please RSVP to conferenciarhs@ims.uerj.br.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and partners are pleased to announce the **First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR) - Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage** to be held **16-19 November 2010 in Montreux, Switzerland**. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of low and middle-income countries. The Symposium is structured around two main streams: state of the art research and state of the art research methods. The deadline for abstract submission is **30th April 2010**. More information is available at <http://www.hsr-symposium.org/>.

The **Sixth Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF6)** will take place on **24- 28 November 2010** at Le-Meridien, Cochin Resort & Convention Centre (Kochi, Kerala), India. The theme of PCF6 is **Access and Success in Learning: Global Development Perspectives**. PCF6 is an international conference which will explore the contribution of open and distance learning to international development goals by opening

up access to learning at every level. The Forum brings together practitioners, researchers, planners and policy makers in the fields of open and distance learning and development from over 70 countries. More information is available at <http://www.pcf6.net/index.html>.

The Global Health Workforce Alliance, the Prince Mahidol Award (PMA) Conference and the World Health Organization are jointly convening the second **Global Forum on Human Resources for Health** in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2011. Visit <http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/forum/2011/en/index.html> for more information.

The Essential Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policies Unit of WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) is hosting the **3rd International Conference on Improving the Use of Medicines (ICIUM)** from 10-14 April 2011 in Egypt. The flyer about the event can be downloaded from the WHO/EMRO website at <http://www.emro.who.int/emp/media/pdf/icium.pdf>.

Community of Practice

If you are replying to a discussion posting, please note that clicking "Reply" will send your email to the entire COP; this option should only be used if your email contributes further to the general discussion and information exchange. If, however, your response only needs to be sent to the author of the posting, we request that you copy and paste the individual's email address into a new message or click the "Reply to sender" link at the very end of the email.

Contact

If you would like more information about the Pharmacy Education Taskforce or have any feedback on the Taskforce Newsletter, please contact Sarah Whitmarsh, Communications Liaison, at education@fip.org. If you have any information you would like to include in this newsletter, please also send it to her by the 15th of each month.

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