



# WESTERN PACIFIC PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM

of the International Pharmaceutical Federation

## 2017 Annual Report to the FIP Council

### Executive committee members (position, name, country):

Position	Name	Country
President	Mr John Jackson	Australia
Vice President	Prof Wai Keung Chui	Singapore
Member	Prof Jih-Heng Li	China Taiwan
Member	Ms Leonie Ocampo	Philippines
Member & FIP Liaison	Dr Nobuo Yamamoto	Japan
Member	Dr Sanh Hoon Joo	Korea
General Secretary	Mr Reynaldo Umali	Philippines
Executive Secretary	Dr Suzanne Caliph	Australia

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### Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)

	Name of Organisation	Country
1	Japan Pharmaceutical Association	Japan
2	Korean Pharmaceutical Association	Korea
3	Pharmaceutical Society of China Taiwan	China Taiwan
4	Philippines Pharmacists Association	Philippines
5	Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore	Singapore
6	Pharmaceutical Society of Australia	Australia
7	Pharmacy Guild of Australia	Australia
8	Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand	New Zealand
9	Pharmaceutical Society of Fiji	Fiji
10	Vietnam Pharmacists Association	Vietnam
11	Pharmaceutical Society of Papua New Guinea	PNG

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## Main activities of the Forum between June 2016 and May 2017:

The Executive Committee met on four occasions during the report period, one occasion face to face [Manila] and three occasions using the GoTo meeting facility provided by FIP. The project subcommittee of the Executive also met frequently via GoTo in the lead up to the Regional Leaders Summit (see below).

The WPPF 2016 AGM was held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016, in Manila, Philippines. All member countries were represented at the meeting. An election for members of the Executive was conducted at the AGM with the following people elected: Mr John Jackson, Prof Wai Keung Chui, Prof Jih-Heng Li, Ms Leonie Ocampo, Mr Nobuo Yamamoto and Dr Sang Hoon Joo.

Dr Tony Tarn for China Taiwan did not contest re-election. Dr Tarn contributed strongly during his term on the Executive including as Vice President.

At the first face to face meeting following the AGM, the Executive re-elected Mr John Jackson as President and elected Prof Wai Keung Chui as Vice President.

The WPPF was awarded funding by the FIP Foundation to stage a Regional Summit during 2016. The aim of the Summit was to engage the national pharmacy associations of the Western Pacific Region with input from FIP and WHO officers, in a two stage facilitated multilateral program. The first stage identified major pharmacy practice related issues of the countries of the Region. The second developed a strategy and work plan to addresses the most significant region-wide issue.

The Summit identified eight main issues:

### **GPP Role: Preparation and supply of medicinal products**

Issue 1. A legal/regulatory framework must be applied to ensure quality of medicines and supply chain management.

Issue 2. Healthcare professionals and patients must practice and behave in a responsible and rational manner to enhance health outcomes.

### **GPP Role: Maintaining individual professional competence**

Issue 3. Infra-structure and enabling systems (e.g. workforce, funding sources, processes, structures, information and technology) must be in place to enhance effective medication therapy management for patients.

Issue 4. Legal/regulatory frameworks that support delivery of effective medication therapy management for patients must exist.

### **GPP Role: Contributing to improving the efficiency of the health system**

Issue 5. National Competency Standards should be established to enable the formulation of professional development frameworks that lead to enhanced pharmacy practice and patient care.

Issue 6. Appropriate professional development opportunities must be available and accessible to address perceived barriers (e.g. time, cost, professional recognition) and to increase participation.

### **GPP Role: Providing rational medication management.**

Issue 7. Inter-professional collaboration should be encouraged to improve health systems and patient outcomes.

Issue 8. Pharmacist associations should gather and use evidence to demonstrate the value of professional services.



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The Summit selected issue 5, relating to national competency standards and professional development frameworks, as the major common issue of the Region as a competent workforce is essential to addressing all other issues. The Summit developed a strategy and work plan to address this major common issue (see below: current projects).

In addition to support from FIP, the Regional Leaders Summit was supported by sponsorship in funds or in kind from PDL Australia, the Philippine Pharmacists Association and WPPF. The success of the Summit arose in part from the willing cooperation of the delegates from the national pharmacy associations of the Region, the WHO, FIP and the WPPF and from the methodology developed for the conduct of the Summit. The methodology will be able to be applied to other multilateral issues in the Western Pacific Region and by Pharmaceutical Forums in other WHO Regions. The collaborative process may also be utilised by the pharmacist organisations of the countries of the Region thereby strengthening the capability of the organisations and enhancing pharmacy practice throughout the Region.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Papua New Guinea was represented at the Summit. This was the first occasion the PNG Society has participated in a WPPF function and they immediately joined the WPPF as a member association.

During the FIP Congress in Buenos Aires, WPPF conducted a meeting open to any Congress delegates from the Region. The meeting provided an opportunity to advise pharmacists from the Region of WPPF's current activities and to seek input from member organisations. FIP Foundation Travel Scholarships to attend the FIP Congress were awarded to Mr Cristan Agaceta from the Philippines and Ms Su Su from China. This was the first occasion a scholarship has been awarded to a person from China. A stronger field of 18 applications was received for the 2017 Travel Scholarships.

The Forum Executive held discussions at its March meeting in relation to the establishment of WPPF as a registered association based in the Philippines and steps have subsequently been taken to clarify the process and assess the impact.

### Highlights of events in the region between June 2016 and May 2017 where the Forum was involved:

The WPPF President was a keynote speaker at two major conference in the Region.

In January, Mr Jackson spoke on the topic of WPPF Regional Perspectives on Alignment of Education with Good Pharmacy Practice at the inaugural International Conference on Pharmacy Education and Practice hosted by Universiti Sains Malaysia in Penang, Malaysia.

In May, Mr Jackson spoke on the topic of Reducing the Global Burden of Disease – Optimising the Pharmacists' Contribution at the Philippine Pharmacists Association Convention in Cebu City.

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Four members of the WPPF Executive spoke at a Seminar staged by the Philippine Pharmacists Association to coincide with the Regional Leaders Forum.

The WPPF was represented at the FIP / CPA Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education held in Nanjing, China 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016. Mr Jackson, Dr Yamamoto and Prof Li attended.

Four members of the WPPF Executive, Mr Jackson, Dr Yamamoto, Prof Li and Ms Ocampo attended the FAPA Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand in November 2016.

### **Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations)**

During 2016, Dr Klara Tysocki resigned from the position of Senior Technical officer, Essential Medicines and Technologies, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office. Dr Tysocki had provided WPPF great assistance over the years of her tenure at the WPRO and frequently attended meetings of the WPPF Executive Committee. We are extremely grateful for her past assistance.

Dr David Newby was appointed to replace Dr Tysocki and he participated in and presented to the Regional Leaders Summit. Dr Newby has now resigned from the position and the new appointee is Dr Escalante. In March, Mr Jackson, Ms Ocampo and Mr Unmali met with Dr Escalante to discuss current WHO WPRO activities relevant to the WPPF and the outcomes of the Regional Leaders Summit.

### **Current projects:**

The WPPF's current projects are:

1. Preparation of a poster, oral presentation and publication on the Regional Leaders Summit.
2. A study of the development and application of competency standards and professional development frameworks to support Good Pharmacy Practice in the Western Pacific Region.

The initial phase of this project, arising from the Regional Leaders Summit and following the work plan developed by the Summit, is a survey of countries of the Region to determine if and how competency statements and professional development frameworks are utilised.

### **Main challenges:**

1. Providing timely and comprehensive feedback to member associations on WPPF activities.
2. Engaging with all aspects of the profession, namely pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical sciences and education across the Region.