



2021 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

Forum name: Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum

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	Current Member Organisations	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	Pharmaceutical Society of Fiji	Fiji
8	Pharmaceutical Society of Papua New Guinea	PNG
9	Association of Pharmacy Professional Mongolia	Mongolia

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Main activities of the Forum between May 2020 and June 2021:

During this period, the Forum Executive Committee has met every second month by videoconference. The ExCo has identified three key goals:

Goal 1: Develop the competency of the pharmacist workforce

Rationale: National competency standards must facilitate the formulation of relevant, accessible professional development opportunities that foster enhanced pharmacy practice and patient care.

Action: WPPF has completed a comparative analysis of competency statements from countries of the Western Pacific Region and is currently reviewing a national competency statement informed by earlier work.

FIP Development Goal 5: Competency Development

FIP Development Goal 9: Professional Development Opportunities

Goal 2: Assist pharmacists in the preparation and supply of medicinal products

Rationale: Professional associations, regulators and funding programs must support pharmacists to practice in a professional manner to ensure quality of medicines supply and outcomes.

Action: WPPF is to stage a regional summit on dispensing remuneration models and their impact on pharmacists' capacity to deliver pharmaceutical care.

FIP Development Goal 14: Medicines Expertise

FIP Development Goal 18: Access to Medicines

Goal 3: Create opportunities for pharmacists to provide rational medication management services

Rationale: A regulatory framework and enabling systems (funding, workforce, IT) must enable pharmacists deliver rational and effective medication therapy management services for patients.

Action: WPPF is preparing a report on a regional survey of medication management services which will address terminology, scope of services and facilitators and barriers to service development.

FIP Development Goal 13: Policy Development

FIP Development Goal 7: Advancing Integrated Services

In spite of agreeing these Goals, the work of WPPF has in fact been focussed during the year on the COVID-19 pandemic and pharmacists' roles in immunisation, including immunisation related to the pandemic. For example, following a survey of member organisations from across the Region, in September the WPPF Forum included a series of presentations under the theme **A REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC COUNTRIES**. Presenters included Zuzaan Zulzaga (Mongolia), Suzanne Caliph (Australia), Leonie Ocampo (Philippines) and Yaw-Bin Huang (China Taiwan).

The following illustrated the continuous and varied ways in which WPPF has been engaged in immunisation.

Events in the region between May 2020 and June 2021 where the Forum was involved:

Based on work of the WPPF in mapping competency standards and professional development frameworks in the Region, a manuscript titled ***Assessment of the feasibility of a regional competency framework for pharmacists in the Western Pacific Region***, was published in the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice.

A draft National **Competency Framework for Pharmacy Professionals**, is being developed in Mongolia with the assistance of WPPF.

In Sept., WPPF participated in the FIP facilitated Global Respiratory Infection Partnership (GRIP) **Virtual Western Pacific Regional Workshop ‘The Roadmap for AMR success in Pharmacy’**

In October WPPF engaged in the Immunisation for All Ages (IFAA) webinar Driving Policy to Action and the subsequent (June) Round Table **Immunisation for All Ages Position Statement Protecting and Progressing Routine Immunisation**, supported by Pfizer.

A webinar on **Regulatory needs and drivers for transforming vaccination in the Western Pacific Region** was conducted in December.

In December 2020, WPPF also contributed to the Philippine Young Pharmacists Group Botika Level-Up Capacity Building Workshop **Practice Model Development in Community Pharmacy** project.

As part of the FIP series **Transforming Vaccination Globally, Regionally and Nationally**, a webinar focussed on issues arising in the countries of the Western Pacific Region was conducted in December 2020. A recorded presentation was given by WPPF on **Accelerating equity, access and sustainability through policy development and implementation**.

WPPF was also a participant in the GSK Consumer Health supported focus group **Shaping the future of self-care: healthcare needs and challenges**.

Work was undertaken to recruit presenters for a webinar on **The Pharmacist in the Prevention and Management of Vector Borne Disease – a perspective from the Western Pacific Region**, to be delivered in July 2021.

The WP Region is represented on the **Global Pharmaceutical Observatory** by two members of the WPPF Executive, Ms Leonie Ocampo and Mr John Jackson.

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

In September, WPPF joined the inaugural WHO Western Pacific Regional Office **Innovation for the Future** forum.

WPPF participated in the **WHO Western Pacific Region's Seventy-first Session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific** in October 2020. Specific sessions relevant to WPPF included: Overview and update of COVID-19 situation in the WPR, WHO's work in countries in support of the COVID-19 response, and Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunisation.

WPPF was invited to contribute to the WHO Western Pacific Region **Antimicrobial Resistance Virtual Rally** held in November. The theme of the rally was **Stewards for the Future: One region, One movement to Fight AMR**. The focus of the WPPF presentation was lessons from the COVID-19 response that may be used in antimicrobial resistance.

In April, WPPF ExCo members contributed to virtual seminars on **Sustainable Healthcare in APAC** (the Asia-Pacific Region) hosted by Sanofi, KPMG (Singapore) and the World Economic Forum. Three seminars were conducted in each of Singapore, Australia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia to address Financing and Delivery of (i) Life-Course Vaccination, (ii) Diabetes and (iii) Rare Diseases

WPPF subsequently collaborated with the European Union-ASEAN Business Council, Sanofi and KPMG Singapore in a series of virtual seminars on **Keeping Asia's ageing population healthy - the role of life-course immunisation**. The project aligned with WHO's Decade of Healthy Ageing, and the WHO Immunization Agenda 2030. The seminars resulted in a manifesto **The Decade of Healthy Ageing in ASEAN: Role of Life-course Immunisation** which was launched in Singapore in June. A series of subsequent co-creation workshops have been conducted in Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia to determine local application of the concepts. The objective is to submit the outcomes at the 2021 WPRO Regional Committee Meeting.

Main challenges:

The ability of WPPF to maintain its program of work is challenged by two factors; the COVID19 pandemic and negotiations on integration with FIP. WPPF has not been able to conduct events in countries of the Region due to the pandemic and has had to rely on web-enabled events. The negotiations relating to the proposed integration of the regional pharmaceutical forums into FIP has consumed time, led to a degree of uncertainty and so affected the work of the WPPF. Arriving at a successful resolution of the negotiations is important.

