



2022 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

Forum name: Western Pacific Pharmaceutical Forum

Period of the report: June 2021 – May 2022

Members organisations:

| Current Member Organisations | Country |
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| Japan Pharmaceutical Association | Japan |
| Korean Pharmaceutical Association | Korea |
| Pharmaceutical Society of China Taiwan | China Taiwan |
| Philippines Pharmacists Association | Philippines |
| Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore | Singapore |
| Pharmaceutical Society of Australia | Australia |
| Pharmaceutical Society of Fiji | Fiji |
| Pharmaceutical Society of Papua New Guinea | PNG |
| Association of Pharmacy Professional Mongolia | Mongolia |

Executive committee members:

| Position | Name | Country |
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| President | Mr John Jackson | Australia |
| Vice President | Prof Wai Keung Chui | Singapore |
| Member | Dr Nobuo Yamamoto | Japan |
| Member | Ms Leonie Ocampo | Philippines |
| Member | Prof Jaw-Jou Kang | China Taiwan |
| Member | Dr Sang Hoon Joo | Korea |
| Member | Ms Zuzaan Zulzaga | Mongolia |
| General Secretary | Mr Reynaldo Umali | Philippines |
| Executive Secretary | Dr Suzanne Caliph | Australia |
| Observer | Dr Parisa Aslani | FIP Vice President |
| Observer | Dr Lina Bader | FIP Account Manager |

No election was held for the Executive Committee during the period due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consequently most members remained in their elected positions.

Dr Yaw-Bin Huang resigned following the completion of her term as President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Taiwan and her position on the ExCo was taken by Prof Jaw-Jou (Jack) Kang.

The WPPF expresses thanks to Dr Huang for her contribution to the ExCo.

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

The Executive Committee has met every second month by video-conference. In addition to these meetings, attendance at the FIP Council meetings during the reporting period, and attendance at the quarterly FIP meetings with its member organisations from the Western Pacific Region, WPPF has been engaged in the following activities, most of which entail collaboration with stakeholders such as the WHO Regional Office, member organisations, and external agencies:

a. The **WPPF Annual General Meeting and Forum** held on 25th Nov 2021. The Forum included presentations from four countries on the impact of COVID-19 on pharmacists' practice.

b. Engagement with the **WHO Western Pacific Region (WPR) Office** by:
Virtual participant in the **WHO WPR Forum**, held 30th June – 2nd July 2021.
Observer at the **WHO WPR Ministers** meeting from 25th-29th October 2021.
WPPF submitted a statement to the meeting on pharmacists' roles in Vaccination, including administration.

c. Keynote presentation on Advances in Pharmacy Practice in the Western Pacific Region at the **International Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences** hosted by the School of Pharmacy, Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences on 29th October 2021.

d. Meeting with the President of the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations on areas of collaboration, on 27th July 2021.

e. In association with Sanofi, KPMG, and the European Union-ASEAN Business Council, WPPF was co-host of the **Health Ageing in ASEAN Region Program** including:

Keeping Asia's Ageing Population Healthy-The Role of Life-Course Vaccination, on 28th June 2021.

Health Ageing Project – Singapore Workshop on 7th July 2021.

Health Ageing Project – Philippines Workshop on 23rd July 2021.

Healthy Ageing Project – Vietnam Workshop on 27th July 2021.

This program resulted in the publication **The Decade of Healthy Ageing in ASEAN: Role of Life-course Immunisation** (<https://www.eu-asean.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/The-Decade-of-Healthy-Ageing-in-ASEAN-Role-of-Life-course-Immunisation-2021.pdf>)

f. Two members of the ExCo are members of the **FIP Data and Intelligence Commission** and participated in meeting of 5th July and 3rd November 2021, 23rd March and 24th May 2022.

g. The WPPF was represented on the following meetings of the **Immunisation for All Ages Initiative (IFAA)**.

IFAA Roundtable: Protecting and Progressing Routine Immunisation on June 3rd 2021.

IFAA Roundtable: Joining Forces across health professions towards improved vaccine coverage on 29th June 2021.

IFAA Roundtable: Restructuring health systems towards prevention & expanding capacity for immunisation beyond infancy on September 15th 2021.

IFAA Roundtable: Calls to action: A structure to help improve advocacy in 2022 on 17th November 2021.

h. The WPPF representative on the **Taiwan Collaboration on Pharmaceutical Care** attended meetings on 18th January and 10th March 2022 and provided feedback on the research plan. The collaboration between FIP and its Taiwanese Member Organisations is undertaking a research project building on the long history of pharmaceutical care in Taiwan, to demonstrate the value of pharmaceutical care services

i. The WPPF has engaged with FIP and the other Regional Forums in the **Integration Taskforce** to negotiate the incorporation of the Forums into FIP. This has included:

Forum Integration Taskforce meetings; 26th June; 23rd August, & 9th Dec. 2021.

Meetings of the working group to review the statutes; 30th September; 26th October; and 9th November 2021.

Meeting of the ExCo of the Regional Forums on 2nd November 2021.

A working group on membership fees on 23rd March 2022.

WPPF is supportive of integration as long as existing capacity, services and viability are not compromised excessively.

j. WPPF has contributed to or co-hosted **FIP global and regional events** including:

Global Pharmaceutical Roundtable on Self Care on 8th June 2021.

Transforming vaccination globally on 17th June 2021.

Looking ahead- post-pandemic recovery, restoration and professional services by pharmacists on 12th July 2021.

The role of pharmacists in the prevention and management of vector borne diseases; a perspective from the Western Pacific Region on 22nd July 2021

Webinar on Understanding and managing headache in the community on 13th September 2021.

Setting the goals for the decade ahead: FIP Development Goal 13 – policy and Development on 21st September 2021.

FIP-UNESCO UNITWIN Regional Workshop – WPR on 27th October 2021.

Leadership summit on pharmacy-based vaccination policy and advocacy on 18th November 2021.

On-line pharmacy operations and distribution of medicines on 8th Dec. 2021.

UNITWIN summit on global education on 13th December 2021.

Launch of the global report on FIP Development Goals on 19th January 2022.

Enabling multi-professional vaccination prescription and administration in the Western Pacific Region on 28th February 2022.

k. WPPF was involved with the following additional activities:

Sustainable healthcare in APAC: Financing & delivery models on 14th Oct 2021.

Joining forces across civil society – organisation towards improved vaccine coverage on 21st October 2021.

Sustainable and equitable access to vaccines: establishing priorities and setting Policies in the WPR on 28th October 2021.

l. A manuscript on the WPPF **study of medication management in the Western Pacific Region** has been prepared and submitted to an international journal.

m. WPPF is grateful to the Pharmaceutical Society of Taiwan for hosting the Forum's website.

Main challenges:

The ability of WPPF to maintain its program of work is challenged by two factors; the COVID-19 pandemic and the negotiations for integration of the Regional Forums into FIP.

WPPF has not been able to conduct face-to-face 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 Forums into FIP have been delayed, 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.

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