strenghening pharmaceutical services and pharmacy education in developing and transitional countries

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FIP-Pharmabridge Status Report
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www.pharmabridge.org

Website contains:
• General information
• Online registration facility (no registration fee)
• Achievements to date
• Free online Access to Drug Information: links to Publishers, databases e.g. on 1) hospital compounding and 2) hospital medicines management (French only), etc
• Postgraduate Funding (Guidance on postgraduate education and links to organizations offering fellowships)
• Further information on Pharmabridge:
  - flyer, articles, ppt presentations
  - Guidelines for book donations

Introduction

Pharmabridge is part of the FIP Board of Pharmacy Practice: as a BPP Sub-Committee with its own terms of reference and budget. It is complimentary to FIPEd which brings together all of FIP's education activities.

Objective: strengthening pharmacy services and pharmacy education in developing and transitional countries (promoting contacts, networking).

• Linking needs and offers identified by participants upon registration.

• Support to institutions and individual pharmacists.

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Applicants by World Region

• 2001 applicants from 108 countries

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Applicants by Practice Category

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**Book and Journal donations**

- ASHP: AHFS DI (1000 plus); Over 8000 copies of various titles to pharmacy schools.
- ASHP titles reprinted in India
- APhA: 80 sets of 5 books (10 annually) last offer to Pharmacy Council of Tanzania for further distribution
- ACCP donations to India: 2012: 3000 books, Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program; 2013: 600 books, various titles
- US students and Individuals (more than 50) forwarding books and journals to over 70 parties; specially requested books e.g. to Ethiopia, Malawi, Namibia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda.
- Groningen University: "Dermatological Preparations for the Tropics" for distribution by FIP

**Books brought to FIP Congresses**

Books can be brought to Pharmabridge meeting during FIP Congress for distribution

- Dermatological Preparations for the Tropics
- E-Drug Hospital Compounding CDs
- 1 year AJHP journals

**Individual practice exposure up to end August 2017: origin of trainees**

- 129 trainees from 17 countries

**Individual practice exposure in 2017: so far 13 people**

By end August:
- Clinical Pharmacy – Canada from: Ghana (1), Nigeria (1); USA from: India (4), Ghana (1), Nigeria (3)
- Pharmacy Council – South Africa from: Tanzania (2)
- Community Pharmacy – Finland from Nepal (1)

Further people placed before end 2017:
- Clinical Pharmacy (oncology) – Croatia from: Nigeria (2); Clinical Pharmacy: Ghana from: Ethiopia (2); USA from: Indonesia (2)
- Antimicrobial stewardship: USA from: Brazil (1)
- Drug Information – Ghana from Nigeria (2)

**Recent examples of follow-up of practice exposure**

- Pharmabridge alumni presentation in Seoul 2017: Dispensing of medicines in rural settings: Tanzania experiences
- Webinar (diabetes) for Pharmacy school in India
- Seminar: Building Emotional Intelligence in teams to enhance the customer experience, Rhodes U in South Africa
Conditions for 4 weeks practice exposure

Submission of CV (not more than 2 A4 pages) and training objectives in form of a benefit statement

Candidate to mobilize funds for airfare and if possible accommodation. 500 euro FIP Pharmabridge subsidy per person if needed.

BPP project on evaluation of impact of practice exposure

- Evaluation carried out by Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada
  - Report positive.

- Practice exposure often results in ongoing collaboration and may e.g. create opportunities for students rotation

Group training: GMP courses

Course duration: up to 5 days

- Ghana: 2007, 2008, 2011 on 5 GMP topics
- Mongolia: August 2007

Courses have to be organized locally, preferably jointly by the local pharmaceutical manufacturers association and the National drug regulatory authority.

For offer see www.pharmabridge.org

Current offers

Offers from individual pharmacists (mostly US):

- Organizing webinars
- Running seminars in a given country

Other offers:

- Free webinars offered by FIP and other organizations

All offers are regularly forwarded to all Pharmabridge alumni

Other services provided by Pharmabridge

- Addresses for visits abroad.
- Providing general advice and guidance (e.g. on WHO and FIP).

How you can participate

- Offer your institution/faculty/practice site for practice exposure
- Share expertise by offering lectures when travelling abroad or run training workshops – local accommodation is usually offered
- Use part of sabbatical to work in a DC as advisor or lecturer (under UN Volunteer scheme for longer term?)
- Forward books, journals and CDs or bring them to the FIP Congress for distribution at the Pharmabridge session
CONCLUSION

• Pharmabridge is providing concrete support to pharmacy schools, hospitals and individual pharmacists in underprivileged countries.

• Feedback from people having benefited from the programme, and also from those having contributed to it in one way or other, is very positive.

• You are invited to register with Pharmabridge and describe your needs and offers

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