



## 2014 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

**Forum name:** Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas

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

	Name of Organisation	Country	Number of Members
1	Confederación Farmacéutica Argentina (COFA)	Argentina	19.000
2	Conselho Federal de Farmácia do Brasil (CFF)	Brazil	130.000
3	Colegio Nacional de Químicos Farmacéuticos de Colombia (CNQF)	Colombia	300
4	Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Costa Rica (COLFAR)	Costa Rica	2700
5	Asociación de Químicos Farmacéuticos del Paraguay (AQUIMFARP)	Paraguay	300
6	Asociación de Química y Farmacia del Uruguay (AQFU)	Uruguay	870

### Main activities of the Forum in 2014:

- 1) Selection of postulants for FIP Travel Grants 2014 (February 2014)
- 2) Memorandum of Understanding with Normon Laboratory (Spain): economical support to improve pharmaceutical practice in the Americas (April 2014)
- 3) Elaboration of the first draft "Methodological development for the implementation of GPP" (August 2014).
- 4) Regular meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 5) Articulation of activities with PAHO along the year.
- 6) Participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> Panamerican Conference on Pharmaceutical Education (June, USA)
- 7) On-line regional course "Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for managers" in collaboration with PAHO and education grant from Normon Laboratory (October 2014 – March 2015): 132 participants from Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay.
- 8) Participation in 74<sup>th</sup> FIP International Congress held in August-September (Bangkok, Thailand):
  - Council meeting,
  - Forums meeting and
  - Latinamerican participants meeting.
- 9) Participation in the XVII Congress of FEFAS (South American Pharmacist Organization) held in Quito, Ecuador (October)
- 10) Celebration of PFA Annual Assembly (Quito, Ecuador) on October.
- 11) Edition of six numbers of the e-Newsletter of the PFA
- 12) Elaboration of an article published in FEFAS's Journal (October)
- 13) Distribution of a brochure describing Forum's objectives and activities in Costa Rica and FEFAS's Congress (October)

### **Highlights of events in the region in 2014 where the Forum was involved:**

- 1) Participation in the “9th Panamerican Conference on Pharmaceutical Education” (Baltimore, Maryland, USA, June 2014). Presentation: “Promoting pharmacist’s role on primary care settings: an online education initiative in alliance with PAHO”
- 2) Participation in FEFAS’s Congress held in Ecuador (October), with the following activities:
  - a) A joined GPP course, together with FEFAS and FIP representatives. A 12 hs training activity.
  - b) The Symposium organized by the Forum was titled “How to develop pharmacy services in primary health sector”. Three hours activity.
  - c) Participation in the FIP-FEFAS’s Workshop in Ecuador (FEFAS’s Congress) titled “How to politically promote pharmacy profession, protecting the health for everybody”. Forum’s presentation was: “How to conjugate political and technical priorities in the region: the need to programmatic and action articulation”.
  - d) Integration of the Scientific Committee, which selected the best posters and oral presentations.

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

- On line training activity for pharmacists on primary health care settings (180 hs, plus project elaboration, 6 months). Collaboration with PAHO and member organisations.
- Memorandum of Understanding with Normon Laboratory.
- FEFAS’s joined activities held during FEFAS’s Congress in Ecuador.
- Pan American Pharmacy Education Conference, Baltimore, USA. Official representatives from School of Pharmacy of every country in the region. Organized by PAHO.

### **Current projects:**

- Second edition of the on line training activity “Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for managers” in collaboration with PAHO and FIP
- Co-organization of 8th Riopharma 2015 Congress: promoting the clinical role of the pharmacists.

### **Main challenges:**

- To increase the number of members of the PFA, including organizations from North America.
- To achieve technical groups working on regular basis along the whole year, both on education and professional issues.
- To develop PAHO collaboration in new areas.
- To promote the management of the on-line training course “Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care for managers”, transferring from PAHO to the Forum and national member’s organization.
- To develop a network of colleagues working in similar areas and collaborating in working groups of the PFA.