

Programme for CPA Jamaica conference

The Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association will hold its eighth conference, in association with the Pharmaceutical Society of Jamaica, from Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 August in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The overall conference theme is "Pharmacy practice changes: better patient outcomes". During the four days of the conference, regional and international speakers will look at how developments in pharmacy practice are providing improved health outcomes throughout the Commonwealth. Each day will have a different focus, as shown in the provisional programme summarised below.

A highlight of the conference is the main Saturday event, an HIV/AIDS workshop held in association with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Conference fees The full conference registration fee, which includes the official social events, is as follows: for those staying in the conference hotel (whose meals and refreshments are covered by the all-inclusive hotel accommodation rate), US\$250 for members of pharmaceutical associations and US\$275 for others; for those staying in other hotels, US\$375 for members and US\$395 for non-members (including lunch and other refreshments). All fees rise slightly on 1 July. Bona fide pharmacy students, pharmacy interns and pharmacy assistants are entitled to a 10 per cent discount.

Social events An international night of entertainment on Friday and a gala dinner on Saturday are included in the full fee.

Travel A 10 per cent discount on Air Jamaica fares can be obtained by calling the airline's London office (tel 020 8570 799 and quoting "N*PHARMA").

Accommodation All-inclusive accommodation is offered in the conference hotel (the Renaissance Jamaica Grande Resort). Bed and breakfast accommodation is offered in a choice of nearby hotels.



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Tours A range of pre- and post-congress tours will be available.

Further information Registration forms and copies of the programme are available from CPA, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2364; fax 020 7572 2508; e-mail bfalconbridge@rpsgb.org.uk). The CPA website (www.rpsgb.org.uk/international) gives up-to-date information on the conference. Electronic registration is available through the website of the Pharmaceutical Society of Jamaica (psj.org.jm/CPA).

Thursday 14 August: Pharmacy practice and education in the 21st century

9-10.30am	11am-12.30pm	1.30-2pm	2-2.30pm	2.30-3pm	3-3.30pm	4-5.30pm
Opening ceremony	Coffee Opening ceremony (continued)	Lunch Standards of clinical practice	Genomics: applications in pharmacy	Patient safety	e-Health and internet pharmacy	Coffee Forum: Pharmacy practice and education

Friday 15 August: Nature, the environment and health

9-10.30am	11am-12.30pm	2-2.45pm	2.45-3.30pm	4-4.45pm	4.45-5.30pm
Pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines	Coffee Complementary medicine and men's health	Lunch Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: is it really reversible?	Benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostate cancer	Coffee Harmful effects of topical steroids	Health economics and pharmacy
Access and equity of pharmaceuticals					
	Access and equity (continued)	Spotlight on pharmacists	Incidence of poisoning in Jamaica		

Saturday 16 August: HIV/AIDS

8.30-9am	9-9.45am	9.45-10.30am	11-11.45am	11.45am-12.30pm	2-2.45pm	4-5.30pm
HIV/AIDS: a global issue	New approaches in HIV/AIDS management	Opportunistic infections in the undiagnosed HIV patient	Coffee Preventing HIV transmission: the techniques	Pharmacists' attitude towards AIDS: results of a survey	Lunch Workshop: AIDS Workshop: COPD Workshop: First aid	Coffee Report-back from AIDS workshop

Sunday 17 August: The many faces of human development

9-9.45am	9.45-10.30am	11-11.45am	11.45am-12.30pm	2-3.30pm
Health related quality of life	Coffee "Weight — no more"	Diabetes	Geriatric medicines management	Closing ceremony
Clinical pharmacy services				
	Managing pharmacy business	Nutritional support in special populations	Pharmacists' role in counselling the menopausal woman	