

## Welcome to Beijing — FIP's 67th international congress and the first to be held in China

The International Pharmaceutical Federation will hold its 67th congress from 31 August to 6 September in Beijing, China.

It is being hosted jointly by FIP and the Chinese Pharmaceutical Association. The congress theme is "From anecdote to evidence: pharmacists helping patients make the best use of medicines".

### Symposia

The board of pharmaceutical sciences is running the following symposia:

- Dissolution testing
- Pharmacoepidemiology
- Improving bioavailability and bioequivalence
- Biotechnology
- Quality control for natural products
- Research in natural products

The board of pharmaceutical practice is running four symposia:

- Personal, cultural and social belief systems and the use of medicines
- Regulatory, manufacturing, supply chain and quality standards issues
- Technical, scientific and evidence-based information resources about medicines
- Future issues with conventional and complementary and alternative medicines

The boards are also running a joint symposium over two afternoons on the global problem of medicines counterfeiting.

There will also be four pre-congress satellite symposia (separate registration required):

- Pharmaceutical manufacturing science and practice

- Strategies in medication safety — pharmacovigilance and preventing medication errors
- Introduction to Chinese pharmacy practice
- Forum for innovators in pharmacy practice

### Continuing education

The community pharmacy section has a continuing education programme on Thursday 6 September (separate registration) entitled "From research to daily practice — implementing 'family pharmacy', an innovative strategy and business model".

### Community pharmacy section

The community pharmacy section will have symposia on:

- Pharmaceuticals and the environment
- How to guarantee the best therapeutic outcome of a pharmaceutical product (joint symposium with industrial pharmacy section)
- Trends in community pharmacy — debating the future of the profession (joint symposium with FIP's Young Pharmacists Group)
- Customer relationships
- The use of informatics to improve medication safety (joint symposium with hospital and industrial pharmacy sections)

### Hospital pharmacy section

As well as the joint symposium outlined above the hospital pharmacy section has symposia on:

- Clinical trials in Asia (joint symposium with industrial pharmacy section)

- Responding to local and global emergencies

### Industrial pharmacy section

As well as the joint symposia outlined above, the industrial pharmacy section has symposia on:

- Nanotechnology — from science to industrial practice
- Good manufacturing practice and good compounding practice

### Other sections

There will be meetings of the academic pharmacy, administrative pharmacy, clinical biology, laboratory and medicines control services, military and emergency pharmacy, and pharmacy information sections.

The congress will also host meetings of FIP's Young Pharmacists Group and the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation.

### Congress fees

Registration for the congress should be made through the website at [www.fip.org/beijing2007/registration](http://www.fip.org/beijing2007/registration). Fees are as follows:

- Until 1 May, FIP members €575, non-members €825, students and recent graduates €200
- After 1 May and until 1 August, the fees increase — members €675, non-members €925, students and recent graduates €250
- Registration after 1 August and on-site registration will cost €975 for members and non-members and €300 for students and recent graduates

Accompanying persons pay €150 whatever the time of booking. In addition



day cards will be available on site at €300. Intending participants without internet access are asked to write to the FIP Congress Registration Office at New Brooklyn (see "Further information") requesting a registration form.

### Accommodation and tours

The congress venue is the Jiuhua Spa and Resort ([www.jiuhua.com.cn](http://www.jiuhua.com.cn)), where a range of hotel accommodation is available from €88 per night.

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

### Further information

Further information is available from FIP Congresses and Conferences, PO Box 84200, 2508 AE The Hague, The Netherlands (tel +31 70 302 1982; fax +31 70 302 1998; e-mail [congress@fip.org](mailto:congress@fip.org)).

Congress registration is being handled by FIP Congress Registration Office, New Brooklyn, PO Box 73, 3620 AB Breukelen, The Netherlands (tel +31 34 626 6110, fax +31 34 626 3308, e-mail [registration@newbrooklyn.nl](mailto:registration@newbrooklyn.nl)).

The FIP website at [www.fip.org](http://www.fip.org) gives details as well as up-to-date information on the congress and other matters.