

Let's meet in Basel — 68th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The International Pharmaceutical Federation will hold its 68th congress from 29 August to 4 September in Basel, Switzerland.

It is being hosted jointly by FIP and the Swiss Association of Pharmacists (pharmaSuisse). The theme of the congress is "Re-engineering pharmacy practice in a changing world" and there will be over 50 sessions and workshops.

Symposia

The board of pharmaceutical sciences is running the following symposia:

- Dissolution testing
- Vaccines
- Targeted drug delivery
- Translational science: research into clinical practice
- Combatting counterfeit medicines in Africa (jointly with the board of pharmaceutical practice)
- Individualised medicine in clinical practice (jointly with the board of pharmaceutical practice)
- Quality by design and risk management (jointly with the industrial pharmacy section)

As well as the joint symposia outlined above, the board of pharmaceutical practice is running three symposia:

- Healthcare systems in change
- Pharmacy practice: present and future
- Patients as partners

Community pharmacy section

The community pharmacy section will hold symposia on:

- Business or healthcare — different continents' perspectives
- Can technology improve adherence?
- Medicines information for patients
- Co-operation between clinical biologists, pharmacists and physicians
- Pharmacoeconomics

Hospital pharmacy section

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

- Applying consensus statements of the global conference on the future of hospital pharmacy
- Paediatric medicines (jointly with industrial pharmacy section)
- Clinical hospital pharmacy practice

Industrial pharmacy section

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

- State-of-the-art production of biotechnology products
- Advances in clinical trials
- Meeting education needs for a career in industry or research

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.

Pre-congress events

There will be two pre-congress satellite symposia on change management in community pharmacy and pharmacy changes in Europe and, from 30 to 31 August, a global conference on the future of hospital pharmacy will be held. There will also be three workshops on:

- Process analytical technologies
- Advances in biotechnology
- Good development and manufacturing practices

Separate registration is required for these events.

Congress fees

Registration for the congress should be made through the website at www.fip.org/basel2008/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. Those without internet access are asked to write to the FIP Congress Registration Office at New Brooklyn (see "Further information").



Accommodation and tours

The congress venue is the Basel Convention Centre. A range of hotel accommodation is available from €75 per night.

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

Further information

Further congress 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).

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).

The FIP website at www.fip.org gives further details as well as up-to-date information on the congress and other matters.