



**International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation**

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# Introduction to IPSF

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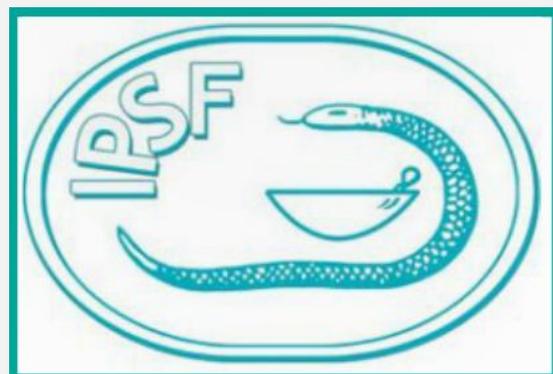


- IPSF is the official partner of UN, WHO, FIP and UNESCO
- Representative body for 350,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in 70 countries worldwide



# Who can join IPSF?

All CAPSI members become automatic IPSF members and remain IPSF members up to four years after graduation



# Regional Offices



**IPSF AfRO**

African Regional Office



**IPSF APRO**

Asia Pacific Regional Office



**IPSF EMRO**

Eastern Mediterranean  
Regional Office



**IPSF EuRO**

European Regional Office



**IPSF PARO**

Pan American Regional Office

Directed by the Regional Working Groups (RWG) with IPSF Executive Committee

# Pharmacy Education



**Internships**



**Webinars**



**Research**

Youth Researchers' forum



**Educational and scientific poster competitions**

# Professional Development



**PPAC**  
Pharmacy Profession Awareness  
Campaign



**CSE**  
Clinical Skills Event



**PCE**  
Patient Counselling Event



**CE**  
Compounding Event

# Professional Development



## LIT

### Leaders in Training

- For future student leaders for student organisations
- Local, national and international leaders
  - Personal development
  - Personal management skills
  - Communication and more



## TDC

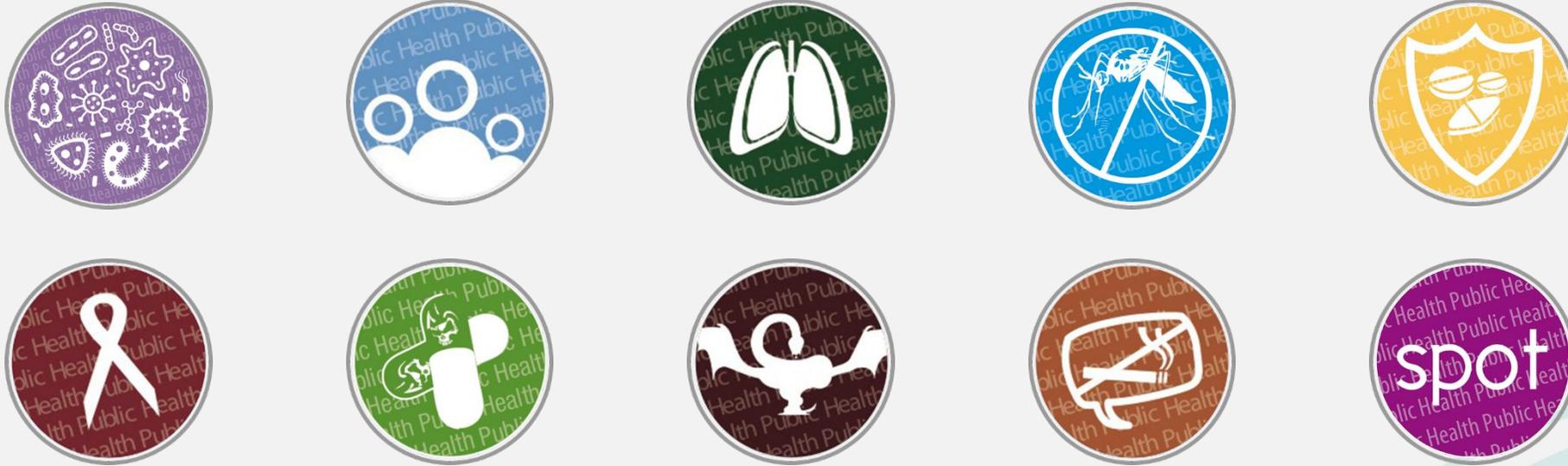
### Trainers' Development Camp

- Train new trainers
  - Personal Development
  - Educational Skills



IPSF TDC | EMRO 2017, Tunisia

# Public Health



IPSF celebrates and organises public health campaigns both globally and locally

Official relationships with **WHO**

Delivering statements at WHO events and advocating for PH

# IPSF Events 2021



## IPSF World Congress

(Seoul, South Korea)

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### REGIONAL SYMPOSIA

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#### **IPSF AfPS**

African Pharmaceutical Symposium

*Johannesburg, South Africa*

#### **IPSF APPS**

Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium

*Singapore, Asia*

#### **IPSF EMPS**

East Mediterranean Pharmaceutical Symposium

*Beirut, Lebanon*

#### **IPSF EuRS**

European Regional Symposium

*Porto, Portugal*

#### **IPSF PARS**

Pan American Regional Symposium

*Cusco, Peru*

# IPSF World Congress 2019



# IPSF World Congress 2021



# PARS 2021

XIV PAN AMERICAN  
REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM



# World Health Assembly (WHA)

- Every year, IPSF sends a delegation to the World Health Organization (WHO) to attend the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland
- The delegation highlights and emphasizes the roles and contributions of pharmacists and pharmacy students and reinforces their integration in healthcare models by delivering several position statements



# 72nd World Health Assembly 2019



# Vampire Cup

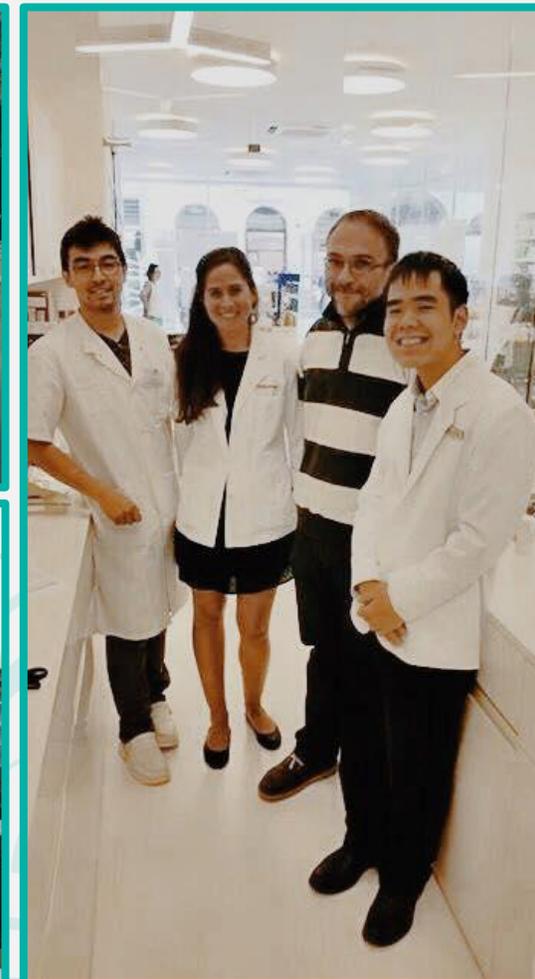
- Vampire Cup is an international blood donation competition amongst all the IPSF associations as the only official campaign for Humanitarian and Human Rights.
- It is done yearly to encourage IPSF members to donate blood and to raise awareness of the importance of donating blood.





# Student Exchange Programme (SEP)

- More than 1000 exchange students a year
- Around 70 countries
- Exchange in community pharmacy, research, hospital pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry
- The aim is to provide pharmacy students a unique opportunity to experience and learn about pharmacy on an international level



# Why participate in SEP

- Benefit from an educational AND cultural experience
- Broaden your understanding of pharmaceutical practices and social conditions in different countries
- Enhance awareness of Canadian healthcare system by comparing similarities and differences among other nations
- Meet new pharmacy students/friends
- Travel to new places



# SEP - Outbound

- Any IPSF member can participate (including individual members up to 4 years after graduating)
- SEP can be done anytime throughout the year, however May-August are most common
- Stays are typically 2 weeks - 3 months, depending on your availability

# Where can you go?

- Updated list of countries is available on the IPSF SEP database:
  - <https://www.ipsf.org/countries>
- Select your top three countries
  - Your application will only be sent to these countries

- Cost of SEP varies depending on host country (some can provide free food and/or accommodation, depends on the cost of living, etc.)
- SEP usually does not count towards a clinical placement, because pharmacy is not standardized across all countries. But you can also check with your faculty, it might be credited as an optional class!
- How many students can go on exchange each year?

$$\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of international} \\ \text{students hosted in} \\ \text{Canada during 2019} \end{array} \quad \times 1.5 \quad = \quad \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of Canadian students} \\ \text{that can go on exchange in} \\ \text{2020} \end{array}$$

**BOTTOMLINE: We need YOUR help to find host pharmacy sites in Canada!**

# SEP - Inbound

This is how you can help with exchange students coming to Canada

- Find new pharmacies willing to host SEP students
- Assist with accommodations
- Welcome students to Canada
- Plan activities for the students

# SEP – How to apply

Submit Application Form (AF)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31st 2020 (subject to change)**



Pay SEP Fees \$250 to CAPSI (on CAPSI website)



Application Approved by CAPSI SEO

**\*\*Successful applications are chosen by the selection committee at PDW\*\***



Find out results after PDW



Your Preferred Countries Try to Place You

If not placed, receive portion of fees back

If placed, travel abroad, and experience pharmacy!

\*Please note:  
Reimbursements  
are subject to  
change if there  
are cancellations  
due to COVID-19

# SEP – How to apply

CIRCUMSTANCES	FEE RETURNED TO STUDENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student selected to participate</li><li>• Successfully completes <b>Canadian AND International obligations</b></li></ul>	<b>\$150</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student selected to participate</li><li>• Successfully completes placement abroad</li><li>• Does NOT fulfill Canadian obligations</li></ul>	<b>\$100</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student selected to participate</li><li>• Does NOT complete placement abroad (i.e. declines offer from country of choice, withdraws after accepting a placement, or unacceptable behavior while on exchange)</li></ul>	<b>\$0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student NOT selected to participate OR withdraws from waiting list BEFORE being offered a placement</li></ul>	<b>\$200</b>

**TOTAL FEE ON APPLYING \$250**

# Funding

- Travel awards offered by your university
- PARO Grant to attend PARS
- SEP grant – students are chosen by the IPSF SEP grant committee (requires a motivation letter, proof of income, etc) – only those who have been chosen by another country to do the exchange will be able to apply
- Various IPSF grants available during the year – details will be posted on the local CAPSI Facebook page

# CAPSI National

-follow **CAPSI**national on Instagram for more student experience testimonies



# Sofiya's Experience - Class of 2020 Graduate University of Saskatchewan

*"I attended both PARS and World Congress during Summer 2019. At PARS in Costa Rica, I have participated in the Regional Assembly and had a voice in decision making on the regional level. I also had the pleasure of receiving the Carlos Juarez Award for Best Association in PARO (Pan American Regional Office) on behalf of CAPSI."*



# Sofiya's Experience

*“At World Congress in Rwanda, I have participated in the General Assembly, which is the highest governing body of IPSF. Also, I attended various educational and scientific symposia. Lastly, I participated in the Post Congress Tour where I got to travel all over the country.”*



“My exchange took place in the Kansai prefecture of Japan for two weeks. The SEP staff were amazingly kind and helpful, which made the foreign students feel at home in the middle of a huge cultural shock. Indeed, our itineraries consisted of sightseeing, local food tasting and culture exchange with students from other countries. The most insightful experience of my trip was the visit to the Red Cross hospital pharmacy. Its humanitarian mission, its volunteer services and its noble approach are deeply heartwarming to me. Furthermore, I was truly amazed by how the pharmacist’s practice is framed by technology. In fact, all drugs are stored in distribution machines and these robots even mix some of the medications. Also, they receive prescriptions electronically, which not only is eco-friendly, but also reduces errors. Overall, I encourage all of us, the new generation of pharmacists, to reach out, to learn and to exchange with our colleagues from far away, in order to improve both of our practices and our systems.”

Yu Chen, Laval University”

## Yu Chen’s experience in Japan :



# How to get involved in IPSF on a global level

- Attend IPSF webinars – offered throughout the year
- Participate in SEP
- Attend IPSF events (PARS, World Congress, WHA)
- Participate in internships offered by IPSF
- Sign up for committees (IPSF team or PARO subcommittees) – applications open up in late August

# How to get involved in IPSF on a local level

- Assist in hosting SEP students in your city
- Help organize and participate in Public Health Campaign at your university
- Have any ideas for IPSF events at your university? Please contact your local IPSF representatives!

# Contact Information

Your IPSF Local Representative(s): Ting Cheng and Amanda Sambrielaz

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We will be creating a SEP FB group for those who want to apply. Email or message us to join the group!



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# Thank **you!**

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