



Social and Administrative Pharmacy Section Annual Report 2022

SAPS launched a series of Regional webinars, where we hosted local members in meetings in their local language. These were well received, and we have had a follow on request for support for the Arabic speaking meet-up to continue.

We also selected our 4th winner of the SAPS Research Award- in 2022 Sylvester Adeyemi and his project “Community Pharmacist-Administered COVID-19 Vaccinations in Abuja, Nigeria: A Patient Survey on Satisfaction and Motivation to Get Vaccinated”.

SAPS held their business meeting prior to the Seville congress. During our business meeting elections were held for the positions of President, Vice-president and Secretary, along with 5 Executive committee positions. A new SAPS Team was elected, with Tara Hehir being elected President, Filipa Alves da Costa elected Vice-President and Dalia Dawoud elected Secretary. The new Exco members are Dalma Cersosimo, Kenji Fujita, Jack Collins, Ramesh Walpola and Certina Ho. We would like to thank our outgoing Exco members for their service to SAPS over the last 4 years- Cody Midlam, Israel Bimpe, Pam Heaton, Silvana Nair Leite, Ola Al Ahdab, Yejide Oseni. Tim Chen remains the immediate past president.

We were very pleased to see that we had a very large engagement of SAPS members with the online voting procedure, and we are considering incorporating this aspect into future elections, to make sure all our members have the opportunity to vote and participate, rather than just those who are attending the congress. We would like to thank Paula Cohen for her help and support in running our elections.

SAPS also relaunched our Poster Competition during the Seville congress, and were delighted with the calibre of posters submitted under the SAPS Section. We had 2 1st places awarded to Jack Collins for his poster “Implementing a cluster-RCT of a community pharmacist-led intervention to support consumers living with severe and persistent mental illness: Bridging the Gap veteran physical and mental illness (PharmIBridge)” and Suzete Costa for her poster “Patient preferences and cost benefit of hypertension and hyper lipid anemia collaborative management model between pharmacies and primary care in Portugal: a discrete choice experiment alongside a trial”. The 3rd place was awarded to Sonia Romano for her poster “The impact of community pharmacies on regional equity in access to professional rapid antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Portugal”.

Since the Seville Congress, we have grown our communications subcommittee- which is now chaired by our Vice President. We have worked on updating our newsletter content, and coordinating our newsletter and social media posts to various world health days. We have also created an Instagram account, which joins our other social media accounts of Facebook,

Twitter and LinkedIn. Each Exco member has been posting and updating each of these accounts, we have been growing our followers in each of these.

SAPS is particularly proud of its election process. Our inclusive election process was something we think SAPS, and FIP as a whole should maintain. It allowed people who may not usually attend congress, to apply for positions, and vote in the election, making our Exco much more representative of the members choice, than our previous way of holding elections, where people in attendance at the congress can apply, and are voted on by others in attendance. By allowing a truly global access to section governance, we can also help achieve the mission to support global health, as our members will be more invested and engaged with future SAPS and FIP events. This also ties to the WDG's 6 (leadership development) and 8 (working together).

Goals in 2023:

- Goal #1: Evolve our regional meet-ups to become a networking opportunity for those working in the areas of interest of SAPS, e.g. those working in policy development, advocacy, and regulatory affairs. The aim of this is grow the SAP networks of specialised practice areas, but also to expose others to areas of practice they may not have been aware of or known about. We had hoped to include the ECP's into this, as this would be very helpful to those beginning their career, where they may not have been exposed to practice areas other than community or hospital practice thus far.
- Goal #2: Continue to create opportunities for members to participate and engage with SAPS, by continuing our Research Award, poster competition and hosting a member's only event during the Brisbane congress (TBC). We will also continue to grow our newsletter outreach and social media, and inviting members to contribute articles, and topics of interest.
- Goal #3: Complete the report/ research paper on national medicines project. It is currently in the final write-up stage. We hope to have this paper for presentation to the BPP by the end of 2023.