International Pharmaceutical Student’s Federation (IPSF)

A world of opportunities
Overview of IPSF

Mission: "IPSF is the leading international advocacy organization for pharmacy students, promoting improved public health through provision of information, education, networking and a range of publications and professional initiatives"

At a glance: IPSF is the leading international professional organization for student pharmacists representing over 350,000 student pharmacists from 84 countries

Regions:
- African Regional Office (AfRO)
- Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO)
- Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO)
- European Regional Office (EuRO)
- Pan American Regional Office (PARO)

*** University of Minnesota IPSF is in this region
Opportunities within IPSF

- Student Exchange Program (SEP)
- International student pharmacist Conferences
- International Publications
- Public health campaigns/projects
- Internships through WHO
Student Exchange Program (SEP)

- Add color to your student life and GO beyond practice!!
- “One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.”— Henry Miller
The program

- 68 countries
- 2 weeks to 3 months
- 60 hours + of pharmacy experience
- Cultural and social experiences
- All APhA-ASP members (MPSA members) are eligible to participate

Possible fields of experience include:
- Community Pharmacy*
- Clinical Pharmacy
- Hospital Pharmacy*
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Academic Research*

Options vary by Country!

- Most countries only offer one type of experience during SEP
- U.S. host sites usually offer multiple fields to incoming students

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Become an exchange student

1) SEP Pre-Application 2015
   – Generally open from **September to November**
   – SEP Pre-Application can be found at www.pharmacist.com

2) IPSF SEP Official Application
   – **Do not apply for SEP through the SEP Website unless instructed** by the APhA-ASP/IPSF SEO.
   – Includes a CV/Resume, Letter of Intent, Passport Photo
   – **Due before December 1st**
   
     • *Cost*: $65 *Refund*: $25 *if no placement*
     • For more information visit [http://sep.ipsf.org/](http://sep.ipsf.org/)
Become an exchange student cont’d

- **Responsibilities:**
  - Travel expenses, transportation, costs of living and telephone calls
  - Liability and health insurance
  - Obtaining the proper records, visas, passports and immunizations

- **Expenses vary based on the Host Site:**
  - Some sites offer free or discounted housing, meals, or transportation
  - Costs vary based on the duration of SEP and the host country
Participating countries

**Americas**
- ACEF, Peru
- AEFRA, Argentina
- APhA-ASP, U.S.A.
- Asociación Colombiana
- CACIF, Brazil
- CAPSI, Canada
- FECOE, Costa Rica

**Europe**
- AEF-UB, Spain
- AFOEP, Austria
- ANEPF, France
- APEF, Portugal
- ArmPSA, Armenia
- ASEP, Switzerland
- AUPSG, Turkey (MiA)
- BPhD, Germany
- BPhSA, Bulgaria
- BPSA, United Kingdom
- CPSA, Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Romania
- FEEF, Spain (FM)
- FiPSA, Finland
- HCCM, Russia
- HUPSA, Hungary
- Individual Members
- Turkey (MiA)
- K.N.P.S.V., the Netherlands
- LPSA, Latvia
- LtPSA, Lithuania
- MPSA, Malta

**Asia-Pacific**
- APS-Japan
- Indonesia (MiA)
- BEM KMFA UGM, Indonesia (MiA)
- FoP, Nepal
- HMF-ITB, Indonesia (MiA)
- IPASF
- ISMAFARSI, Indonesia (FM)
- KNAPS, South Korea
- MyPSA, Malaysia
- NAPSA, Australia
- Nepal
- NUPSA, Singapore
- PSA-Taiwan
- PSUT, Thailand

**Africa**
- ASEPA, Algeria
- GPSA, Ghana
- NAPS-SL, Sierra Leone
- NUPSA, Kenya
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- ZPSA, Zimbabwe

**Eastern Mediterranean**
- ASPSA, Egypt (MiA)
- ASRN, Israel
- ATEP, Tunisia
- EPSF, Egypt (FM)
- FPSA, Sudan
- IPhSA, Iran
- JPSA, Jordan
- PPSF, Palestine
International Student Pharmacist Conferences

- **IPSF World Congress**
  - 10 day educational and scientific program consisting of symposia, workshops, competitions, public health campaigns and the General Assembly (GA) of IPSF.
  - International level competitions such as Patient Counseling Competition, Clinical Skills Competition, Compounding Competition, Scientific Poster Competition and presentations.
  - Hosted in different countries around the world each year!

- **Pan American Regional Symposium (PARS)**
  - Regional gathering of pharmacy students. The structure of this meeting is similar to World Congress but on a regional level.

- **World Healthcare Students’ Symposium (WHSS)**

- **WHO World Health Assembly**
  - Gathering of health science professionals from all around the world. IPSF members have the opportunity to attend.

- **International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) world congress**
  - IPSF members can attend at a reduced rate.
  - Opportunity to make connections with pharmacists from around the globe.
Campaigns and Projects

- IPSF promotes many different public health campaigns that focus on various healthcare problems seen worldwide. More information can be found at ipsf.org/public_health
  - Anti-counterfeit drugs campaign
  - HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaign
  - Anti-TB Campaign
  - Tobacco Awareness Campaign
  - Medicine Awareness Campaign
  - Diabetes and Healthy Living Campaign
  - Pharmacy Profession Awareness Campaign
  - IPSF Humanitarian Projects
Become internationally published

- There are many IPSF pharmacy magazines published including Phuture and public health SPOT.

- Pharmacy students can write about pharmacy research or about their experiences with IPSF Public Health Campaigns in these magazines.

- You can contribute by sending articles to the Chairperson of Medias and publications at publications@ipsf.org.

- Articles can be related to all the aspects of the pharmacy world. Article should be between 200-600 words.

- www.ipsf.org/publications for more on publications.
Internships (WHO and FIP)

- Internship places are offered by the World Health Organization (WHO) at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) at the Hague, the Netherlands.

- This is very competitive but can be a very rewarding experience for people with high interest in healthcare disparities around the world.

- For more information, visit the IPSF website and get in touch with the contact person for internships.
Need more information?

- Feel free to contact Prosperity Eneh, the current IPSF liaison at enehx003@umn.edu or ipsf.umn@gmail.com

- Other useful resources:
  - IPSF website: ipsf.org
  - SEP website: http://sep.ipsf.org/index