I. MEETINGS

1. ExCo Meeting
The ExCo meeting was held on 13th March 2009 at WHO-SEARO, New Delhi, India. The members reported on their activities and discussed plans for the future. The President, Mr. Teera Chakajnarodom proposed to prioritize GPP in the region as the goal in the activities by formation of the regional team.

2. SEARPharm Annual meeting, Bangkok
The Annual meeting of the forum was held on 27th November 2009 at BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand to coincide with the 5th Annual Thai Congress of the PhAT. Mr. Prafull D. Sheth welcomed the members for the meeting and thanked Mr. Teera Chakajnarodom for arranging & hosting the meeting. He welcomed Dr. Kris Weerasuriya, & Dr. Kamal Midha who showed their commitment from WHO & FIP for having come all the way.

3. Fixation of the Next SEARPharm ExCo Meeting
The next ExCo meeting is scheduled to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on July 17th 2010. It will be organized by Mr Nasser Zahedee, President, Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society.

II. PROJECTS

The following project reports were prepared and disseminated to our National Pharmaceutical Associations:
III. COUNTRY REPORTS

1. India

a) Reengineering of pharmacy profession in India
Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) organized Indian Pharmaceutical Association Convention - 2009 on 14th & 15th of March 2009 at New Delhi. Dr. B. Suresh, President, IPA, informed that the convention was organized on the lines of FIP annual congress. The participants deliberated on how pharmacy profession in India can be re-engineered to meet global challenges. Dr Kamal Midha, President, FIP was the guest of honor. SEARPharm President, ExCo members and FAPA representatives also participated.

b) Vision for hospital pharmacy in India
The professional secretary, P. D. Sheth delivered a lecture on “Indian Hospital Pharmacy - Untapped Potential and Opportunities for Improvement”. He compared the major recommendations of a National Human Rights Commission report with the Basel statements on the future of hospital pharmacy and presented six opportunities for improvement. The function was organized by Indian Hospital Pharmacy Association (IHPA) to felicitate Dr. B D Miglani, who is considered as father of hospital pharmacy in India on 24-25th October 2009 at Lucknow.

c) India - Surging forward as the global Pharma Destination
Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) organized Indian Pharmaceutical Association Convention - 2010 on March 13&14, 2010 at Chennai. Dr B. Suresh, President, IPA, deliberated this convention to solve the issues faced by the pharma manufacturing sector, and, educational institutions in the country to meet global challenges. Dr Henri Manasse, Professional secretary, FIP was the guest of honor. The pre symposia were: 1.) Stability testing for global submission in associations with AAPS and; 2.) HIV/AIDS co-organized by CPA. Dr. Ivan Kotze, President, CPA, and, Dr Soo Ja Naam, President, FAPA also participated.

d) Health Professional Associations: India group
In recognition of being an important part of the solution to achieve MDGs 4 & 5, IPA has the pledged to work together with other Indian health professional groups through their country-level societies and members, towards the common vision of The Partnership to improve maternal, newborn and child health for all.

e) National Formulary Of India (NFI) has been revived in India after nearly 3 decades
The NFI is an official publication that contains guidelines on right dosage of medicines for drug prescribers. NFI is expected to serve as a ready source of authentic drug dosage for the practicing physician and pharmacist. The latest fourth edition will come after the long wait of nearly 30 years. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) has the mandate to bring and publish NFI on a regular basis. Mr Prafull D. Sheth, Member, Governing Board, IPC and Professional Secretary, SEARPharm forum has been very instrumental in bringing out NFI. Dr Kris Weerasuriya, Regional Advisor, EDM, WHO-SEARO called it as singular achievement which will aid one billion people across India subcontinent.
2. Thailand

a) Joint seminar on Combating counterfeit medicines
The professional secretary spoke on the “Counterfeit medicines situation in South East Asia”. He showcased the SEARPharm interventions to combat growing counterfeit menace. The joint seminar was organized on 30th October, 2009 by Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PReMA) & Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA).

3. Sri Lanka

a) GPP training program
The Pharmaceutical society of Sri Lanka (PSSL) invited Mrs. Manjiri S. Gharat, Secretary, IPA-CPD, India to conduct a GPP training program for community pharmacists, trainers and students. The program held on 31st October and 1st November 2009.

4. Indonesia

a) The Indonesian Apoteker (or Pharmacists) gets the new health Law and the Government Regulation in October 2009.
Dr. Tom Ahaditomo our Past President, informed in CPS Forum that; “after 50 years waiting, Apoteker is recognized as the one and the only profession responsible in “practice of pharmaceutical” in any pharmaceutical services including the community, hospital and manufacturing / industry. It will be very new for the apoteker profession in Indonesia and it will involve the education system. So a big change is waiting ahead to overcome and to proceed.”

b) Indonesian Pharmacist Association (ISFI) has been changed to Indonesian Pharmacist Association (IAI)
The management through National Congress in December, 7-9, 2009 at Jakarta elected new ExCo. Drs. M. Dani Pratomo., President, and Mr. Drs. Nurul Falah Eddy Pariang., Apt. General Secretary are elected for period 2009 until 2013.

IV. FIP

1. Forum’s Action plans to implement FIP Vision 2020
During the FIP Bureau meeting convened at Geneva on 16-17 May 2009, Mr. Teera Chakajnarodom proposed forum’s mission plans on how it intends to implement the FIP’s strategic plan and vision 2020 and outlined the roadmap.

2. FIP Travel Grants for 2009
Based on the recommendations of Forum, the grants for the year 2009 were awarded to 1.) Dr. (Mrs) Kanchan Kohli (India) 2.) Mr. A. C. M. Fahim (Sri Lanka)

3. FIP Congress 2009, Istanbul
The yearly progress report was showcased in the forum poster. It was very well received.

4. **FIP Congress 2011 in India**
The SEARPharm forum is very delighted to welcome FIP congress in its region in India. It is first time in the history of FIP that any SEA country would hold FIP congress. The forum will extend its full support to bring this FIP congress 2011 a success.

V. **WHO-SEARO**

1. **Medicine prices in SEA region**
   On a request for a Resource Person from Ms. Margaret Evan, Coordinator, Global Projects Pricing, Health Action International (HAI) to Dr K. Weerasuriya, the Professional Secretary met with her at The Hague on 1st Feb 2009. Mr Sheth shared with her the report of SEARPharm forum on medicine prices in SEA region and methodology for processes involved in determining conversion costs of finished dosage forms.

2. **WHO Good Distribution Practices (GDP)**
   An informal consultation was convened on GDP for Pharmaceutical Products with special reference to counterfeiting at WHO, Geneva on 31 August-1 September 2009. Vice President, Prafull D. Sheth represented FIP at the meeting.

3. **Technical inputs on pharmaceutical issues from SEARPharm forum secretariat to WHO-SEARO**
   In March 2010, WHO-SEARO sought support to provide information on Potassium Iodide acceptable range in Levothyroxine formulation.

4. **Dr Kathy Holloway will take over as Regional Adviser, Essential Drugs and Medicines in SEARO from 7th April 2010**
   Dr Kathy Holloway will succeed Dr Kris Weerasuriya, Regional Advisor, EDM, WHO SEARO who has been reassigned to Essential Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policies in WHO/HQ in Geneva from 15th March 2010. We extend Dr Holloway a warm welcome.

VI. **SECRETARIAT**

1. **FIP supported MDR-TB project in India.**
   The professional secretary will lead and coordinate the FIP-SEARPharm TB project in India. Mrs Manjiri Gharat and Mr Raj Vaidya are project managers from IPA. This is a very interesting study on the role of the community pharmacists in DOTS provision and also in the management of MDR-TB programs. The project is sponsored by Lily, Geneva and has been successfully launched on World Tuberculosis Day on March 24th 2010.
2. **Database on Incidents On Counterfeit Medicines 2009**
   As an ongoing activity of the Forum, forum has continued to build the database. The updates are available on SEARPharm Forum website.

3. **Anti counterfeiting drive in WPPF**
   Mr John Ware, President, WPPF was supplied on request forum’s educational leaflets to promote anti counterfeiting in WPPF region.

4. **Indicators for quality work in pharmacies**
   The secretariat assisted Ms Eeva Terasalmi, Secretary, FIP-CPS, in identifying practicing pharmacies in the SEA region for their project on Quality work in pharmacies and helped to develop quality indicators questionnaire.

5. **Reconstruction of forum website: www.searpharmforum.org**
   The Vice President, Mr Prafull D. Sheth glanced the forum upgraded website to the bureau members during the FIP Bureau meeting on February 19-20th, 2010 and thanked the WHO – SEARO for their continued help and support as and when needed. For all the latest news and highlights of the forum, could be seen on SEARPharm form website: www.searpharmfroum.org.

6. **Educating Future Pharmacists for Patient-centric Services and Research**
   The forum has supported Educating Pharmacist (Asia) Symposium 2010 on April 15-16th, 2010, convened by National University of Singapore. This initiative will facilitate in integrating appropriate WHO policies into undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing education programs in pharmacy in SEAR countries.

7. **Regional Pharmacy Education Reform conference**
   SEARPharm Forum is planning to host a regional conference for its members on: Regional Pharmacy Education Reform for hospital pharmacy which would coincide with the SEARPharm forum ExCo meeting scheduled to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on July 17th, 2010. This initiative is supportive to the Third Strategic Objective of FIP and will facilitate in integrating appropriate WHO policies into undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing education programmes in pharmacy. Detailed plan will be discussed and disseminated to the members.

8. **The Future Vision & Challenges in Pharmacy Profession**
   The International Symposium on “The Future Vision & Challenges in Pharmacy Profession” is going to be held in Jaipur on September 18-19th. It is being jointly organized by SEARPharm Forum & Pharanext. This symposium will advocate the growing need of pharmacy based services and importance of pharmacy practice globally and to work on to consolidate pharmacy education to reach out growing ADRs and develop approaches for dispensing with care.

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