



2015 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

Forum name: SEARPharm Forum

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Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)

	Name of Organisation	Country	Number of Members
1	Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA)	India	10,000
2	Ikatan Apoteker Indonesia (IAI)	Indonesia	50,000
3	Pharmaceutical Association of Thailand under Royal Patronage (PhAT)	Thailand	NA
4	Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS)	Bangladesh	NA
5	Nepal Pharmaceutical Association (NPA)	Nepal	NA
6	Pharmaceutical Society of Shri Lanka (PSSL)	Sri Lanka	NA

Main activities of the Forum from Jan 2015 to May 2016:

1) SEARPharm Forum Ex Co Meeting and Regional Seminar on "How pharmacist can safeguard public health by enhancing safety and quality of medicines in SEA region of WHO" in Partnership with Pharmaceutical Association of Thailand under Royal Patronage (PAT). Bangkok, Thailand, 13-14th February, 2015.

2) Maintaining and comparing database of media reports on the incidence of counterfeit medicines in native languages of the sea region: The project explored the difference in number of reports of native and English media in SEAR Countries for the period of Jan – June 2015. The languages selected were, India: *Hindi*, Shri Lanka: *Sinhala*, Indonesia: *Bahasa*, Thailand: *Siamese*. The report also includes the national regulatory web portal data on counterfeit incidences in SEA countries. It includes Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) in India, The National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM) in Indonesia, Cosmetic Device and Drug Regulatory Authority (CDDA) in Sri Lanka and Thai Food and Drug Administrative (Thai FDA) in Thailand.

3) To examine the models of access of medicine with engagement of pharmacist of in various settings in SEA countries: South East Asian (SEAR) countries have various models of access of medicine; however these models have not been able to guarantee medicine delivery to the patient. These models face many challenges due to illiteracy, poverty, corruption, affordability, shortage of medicine and health workers issues. Due to which access of medicine become a major hurdle in SEA countries. The role of pharmacist and his capabilities in the community is the major problem in SEA region. SEARPharm investigated the current models of access of medicine in SEA region, which provides access to medicines by ensuring availability, affordability and physical accessibility.

4) Pictogram: “Design and Validation of a Pictogram based HIV-TB information leaflet/poster to support the role of community pharmacists”: This multi-step project aims at developing and validating an easy to use pictogram-based information leaflet or poster for HIV-TB treatment to support the role of community pharmacists as part of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP) in India (*ongoing*)

5) Website and social media (Facebook) Update: The website www.searpharmforum.com gets updated annually. Its facebook page gets a direct feed on the website.

Highlights of events in the region from Jan 2015 to May 2016 where the forum was involved

1. **SEARPharm Forum Regional Seminar on "How pharmacist can safeguard public health by enhancing safety and quality of medicines in SEA region of WHO"** in Partnership with Pharmaceutical Association of Thailand under Royal Patronage (PAT). Bangkok, Thailand, 14th February, 2015. *The seminar was attended by pharmacists from Thailand, India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.*
2. **Annual Scientific Sessions 2015 and Annual General Meeting of PSSL."** On 1-2 August, 2015 at Colombo, Sri Lanka: *Pradeep Mishra, Professional Secretary, SPF, Mrs Antu Oberoi Mishra, Resource Person (India)*
3. **38th Annual Meeting of Representatives of National Pharmacovigilance Centres participating in the WHO Programme for International Drug monitoring**, New Delhi, India, 4-6 November 2015: *Attended by Pradeep Mishra, Professional Secretary SPF*
4. **WHO SEARO Project meetings with IAI and SEARPharm Forum** on 20-21 November 2015, at Sultan Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia: *Attended by President, Past President, Professional Secretary SPF and office bearers and MoH, Regulatory officials of Indonesia*
5. **WHO SEARO Project meetings with PHAT and SEARPharm Forum** on 23-24 November 2015, at Burapha University, Thailand: *Attended by former President SPF, Teera Chakajnarodom, Vice President, SPF Professional Secretary SPF and office bearers and Resource persons of the project from Thailand.*
6. **National Symposium on role of National Formulary of India (NFI 2016) for improving use of Medicine**, at India International Center, New Delhi, India on Jan 14th 2016: *Pradeep Mishra, Farah Iram, Karishma Chestor*
7. **Guidelines for community pharmacists - ADR reporting (Guidance Document 2.0)**, Pharmacovigilance Program of India, Ghaziabad, UP – Pradeep Mishra *Professional Secretary SPF (Expert Reviewer)*, March 2016

Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations)

WHO SEARO: Counterfeit Media Reports in Native Languages of SEA Region
MOH, Government of India: Pharmacovigilance Program of India (PvPI)
RNTCP: Pictogram Project on TB/HIV
Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, MOH, India for NFI 2016

Current Projects:

- 1. Maintaining and comparing database of media reports (in English language) on the incidence of counterfeit medicines of the SEAR:** The SEARPharm forum has been updating media reports on counterfeits since 2001 in English. It has been seen that collection of reports has posed a major problem as number of reports from non English speaking countries tends to be lower in number. Such incidences should be captured from native/vernacular press also along with English media from Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India.
- 2. Survey to Determine Accessibility of Essential Drugs Listed in National List of Essential Medicines to End Users at Bahadurgarh Block:** A pilot project to assess the availability of essential at the last mile and identifying the actors engaged in dispensing at the end user.
- 3. Pictogram: “Design and Validation of a Pictogram based HIV-TB information leaflet/poster to support the role of community pharmacists”** : This multi-step project aims at developing and validating an easy to use pictogram-based information leaflet or poster for HIV-TB treatment to support the role of community pharmacists as part of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP) in India (Phase 3&4)

Main challenges:

1. Expansion of SPF and FIP activities to all (11) SEA Region countries due to low number and non existing professional set-up
2. Identifying second and third line of leadership, dedicated resources for project implementation in MOs
3. Communication with MOs at organization and individual level.
4. Inadequate funds to support multi-layered, multi-disciplinary, and multi-Country project and its oversight from the MOs/secretariat