

## Dear Wendy,

In what seems like the blink of an eye, 2022 has almost ended. Hopefully 2023 will be an even better year. MEPS was able to achieve the following activities in 2022:

- Worked on the implement steps of the Global Humanitarian Pharmacist Competency Framework, which will include the issuing of the FIP Seal for Programs;
- Conducted a very successful MEPS program (meet and greet, visit and dinner) during the FIP congress in Seville; and
- Initiated a joint webinar series with the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) technical commission for pharmacy.

This year we were able to meet in person for the first time in three years, and those that attended the FIP Congress at Seville were not disappointed; thank you to the members that took part in organising the MEPS parts, and to those members who supported the events. Our Spanish hosts organised three amazing dining experiences and an awesome visit day. You can read more about some of these activities in the MEPS at Seville Part 1, compiled by our Communications Officer.

Read [more](#) from MEPS President.



*Sylvain Grenier, MEPS President*

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## FIP President's 2022 Opening Address



For those of you who were unable to attend the Congress in Seville, here is a copy of the FIP President, Mr Dominique Jordan, Opening Address

Honourable minister, Fellows, Members, Dear Colleagues,

Finally we are reunited! Thank you for being here because you are FIP. Without you FIP is nothing. You are the soul of FIP and you make our organisation successful. Thank you for your dedication to our federation. I am proud to be your president. [More>](#)

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## Meeting “Without Borders” of Pharmacist Without Borders

Submitted by Mr Jorge Robledo of Farmacéuticos Sin Fronteras Argentina (FSFA) or Pharmacists Without Borders of Argentina, this submission details a meeting between Ibero-America (Spain-Portugal, Central and South America) with the following goals: strengthening existing institutions and to stimulate the constitutions in those countries where they do not yet exist. Read more [here](#).



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## What happened on social media



*Kiwi Petra Straight on the plight of*



*MEPS created a WhatsApp chat group in 2016 mainly to disseminate Congress information. It has since grown into a platform whereby we share relevant pharmacy-related information, as well as Congress information. [More](#) information.*

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## Requests

### Webinars

If you have any ideas, or would like to volunteer to give a webinar presentation, please contact MEPS webinar facilitator: Colonel Matthias Meyer on: [penthusiasm@gmx.de](mailto:penthusiasm@gmx.de)

FIP members can review FIP past webinars on the FIP library at the following website: <https://www.fip.org/events?tab=2&eventCategory=&eventWhen=previous>

## Speakers Required for FIP Congresses

In order to continue to provide relevant, topical and informative sessions, The MEPS Programme Committee is requesting nominations for speakers for future FIP Congresses in Brisbane, Australia 2023, Cape Town, South Africa 2024, and all future Congresses.

If you would like to make a presentation at a future Congress, please submit your ideas to one, or both, of the MEPS Programme Committee:

- Nita Sood - [sood415@gmail.com](mailto:sood415@gmail.com)

Giving a presentation will provide you with an opportunity to showcase the great work you are doing in the military or emergency pharmacy in your own country or abroad.

## Newsletter Contributions

All newsletter contributions are welcome. If you have a contribution for the newsletter - be it information about your role, items of interest, or requests for information from members of MEPS - please submit your contribution to MEPS communications officer on [MEPS@fip.org](mailto:MEPS@fip.org).

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## Peter Rollason's 2022 Newsletter

Our most senior and loved MEPS member, Peter Rollason, has submitted his annual end-of-year newsletter. And, as always, it is a good read. Thank you Peter. Read Peter's letter [here](#).

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## Congress Promotion



The 81st FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will be held at Brisbane, Australia between 24-28 Sep 2023.

The theme of the Congress is: Pharmacy building a sustainable future for healthcare - Aligning goals to 2030. More information can be found [here](#).

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## Notices & upcoming events



### 1st combined MEPS- ICMM Webinar

The 1st webinar was held on 12 Dec 2022 with presentations from Cdr Sylvain Grenier and Colonel Dr. Bernd Klaubert. Click [here](#) for further info and link to the recorded session.



### 2nd combined MEPS- ICMM Webinar

The 2nd webinar is scheduled for 8 February 2023. Stand by for further information.

## Military & Emergency pharmacy



News from our section

## Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section at Seville, part 1

After being delayed for three years due to the nasty COVID-19 pandemic, and after a few online meetings and Meet and Greet, we were finally able to meet in person at Seville this year. For some, the daily maximum temperatures were a little high, and for others, it was just right. We had 34 MEPS members in attendance at the various functions, with another eight non-MEPS members/accompanying persons, representing 17 countries.

### MEPS Board:

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Vice president and Treasurer: Colonel Richard Wosolsobe, Austria

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**MEPS Board apologies/absent:**

Immediate Past President: Chen, Zheng-yu, China

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**MEPS Members (alphabetical order):**

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**Other persons present:**

Char-lee Holloway, Australian; Silke Krappitz, Germany; Tamara Lee, Australia; Paul Murphy, Ireland; Timothy Hanlon, NZ; JoAnn Stergachis, USA; Catrena Sullivan, USA; Josée Veilleux, Canada

**Sun 18 Sep 2022**

**Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception**

The OC was opened at 15:08, which can be considered as being on-time for FIP! After introductions by Catherine Duggan, FIP CEO and the FIP President, Dominique Jordan, speeches were given by Mr Jesus Aguilar Consejo, the General de Colegios Farmacéuticos, Mr Antonio Muñoz the Mayor of Seville, Mrs Carline Darias San Sebastián, and Mr Juan Manuel Moreno the President of the Board of Andalucía, with the common theme being pharmacists are a really valued member of the healthcare team, and in recent times have stepped up to ensure vaccination rates are increased, and other health care needs were met to improve the lives of all during the pandemic.

One minutes' silence was observed in remembrance of all healthcare workers lost during the pandemic, and John Ware, the Chair of the FIP Foundation, who recently passed away.

Read more [here](#).



## About - Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section -

Our objective is to establish close collaboration and co-operation between pharmacists who work in the military and with the NGOs that respond in times of emergency, whether the emergency is as a result of a natural disaster or man-made. [More](#).

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