APRO RWG 2011-2012

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Hey guys!
In tradition of the first Newsletter, we will be including a profile of each RWG member (photo included … no exceptions!). However, not in tradition of past NL’s, this years profile is going to be a little different.

**Chairperson**

**Name:** Geoffrey Chai  
**Country:** Australia  
**Current position:** Chairperson  
**First experience with IPSF/APRO:** APPS, Seoul, South Korea, 2010

**What made you run for your position?**  
Having seen all the wonderful work Melissa Hong, the Immediate Past Chairperson, has accomplished through her two years as Chairperson has made me want to run for the position. As Chairperson, I sincerely wish to meet pharmacy students throughout the region and bring about a stronger Office where we can work closely with other healthcare students.

**Two words that best describe yourself:**  
1. Friendly  
2. Hard-worker

**Three things you are looking forward to this term:**  
1. Working together with a wonderful RWG group, especially since many of us come from different backgrounds  
2. Being able to travel to Taiwan twice in a year  
3. Having been given the opportunity to make a difference to the regional office and the lives of pharmacy students within the region

**Secretary**

**Name:** Christina Cho  
**Country:** Home of koalas and vegemite … Australia!  
**Current position:** Secretary of APRO  
**First experience with IPSF/APRO:** APPS 2010 in Korea

**What made you run for your position:**  
1. I decided I needed a new challenge in pharmacy and what better challenge than to represent the Asia-Pacific region in helping to promote pharmacy on a global scale?  
2. A powerful force known as Geoff Chai … He can be quite persuasive when necessary and he convinced that I was ideal for the position

**Two words that describe yourself:**  
Enthusiastic, Persistent

**One thing you will bring to the new RWG family:**  
Female charm… I am the only female on the male-dominated group but that won’t mean I’ll let them trample over me!

**Three things you are looking forward to:**  
1. Travel opportunities  
2. Being able to help pharmacy grow as a profession on a global scale  
3. Being able to check things off my list regarding completed tasks!!
Name: Exaudi Ebenzezer Panjaitan
Country: Indonesia
Current position: Internal Coordinator & Communication Officer (ICCO)
Star sign (Zodiac and Chinese): Pisces and Monkey
Two words that best describe yourself:
- Imaginative
- Curious
What made you run for your position?
I love design and creative things.
Three things you are looking forward to this term:
1. Being able to travel to Taiwan
2. Meet up with all RWG on February and June
3. Have a great work with all APRO Family
Something unique about yourself (ie. Something that you have or can do that you don’t think anybody else on this committee will)
I’m an audiophile and very critical to the quality of sound. Actually, it makes me having to spend more money. I always listen to music whilst doing anything, including studying.
Country you would like to visit desperately but haven’t had a chance to
Netherlands, go to Den Haag and visit IPSF secretariat office

Name: Lim Su Ee
Country: Malaysia
Current position: Regional Relations Officer (RRO)
Star sign: Aries
What made you run for your position?
Interacting with different people is fun!
Three goals you want to achieve in your position for 2011-2012:
1. Re-establish contact with inactive member countries.
2. Establish contact with non-member countries.
3. Better communication with all the Contact Persons.
Two words that best describe yourself:
- Extraverted, supportive.
Three things you are looking forward to this term:
1. More active participation of Contact Persons in different areas of APRO.
2. Meeting up with the rest of the RWG in real person.
3. APPS 2012 in Taiwan.
Something unique about yourself (ie. Something that you have or can do that you don’t think anybody else on this committee will)
I collect guitar picks. 51 guitar picks strictly-not-for-using-purposes of different designs in the small navy blue box at the moment.
**Name:**
Fikriansyah

**Country:**
Indonesia

**Current position:**
Regional Project Officer (RPO)

**What made you run for your position?**
I do love each of IPSF’s Project. Being influenced with the IPSF spirit at the 9th APPS make me want to get more involve. RPO is the most suitable position in APRO RWG for me since I have many experiences in coordinating projects. I wish to work closely with CPs and Project Coordinators from all over Asia Pacific.

**Three goals you want to achieve in your position for 2011-2012:**
1. Every IPSF APRO member associations implement the APRO Annual Focus Project that is “Pharmacy Professional Awareness Campaign (PPAC) Week”.
2. Promote Green Lung and other IPSF Projects.
3. Create the Project Calendar as the database of what project and when the APRO member association will run.

**Two words that describe your negative qualities:**
1. Random and spontaneous
2. Impatient

**One thing you will bring to the new RWG family:**
Working as a real family. Professional but always care and always listening to each other.

**Country you would like to visit desperately but haven’t had a chance to:**
Saudi Arabia (Mecca). As the birthplace of prophet Muhammad and a site of composition of the Quran, Mecca is regarded as the holiest city in Islam.

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**Name:**
CHU, Wei-Hua. Henry, CHU

**Country:**
R.O.C. (Taiwan)

**Current position:**
Chairperson of 11th Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium (APPS)

**Star sign (Zodiac and Chinese):**
Capricorns/Rabbit

**First experience with IPSF/APRO:**
APPS 2009 Malaysia
IPSF 2011 Thailand

**Three goals you want to achieve in your position for 2011-2012:**
1. Hold a wonderful event
2. Establish good relationship between each country
3. Help each other in APRO RWG

**Two words that describe your negative qualities:**
Emotional
Worry-wart

**Something unique about yourself (ie. Something that you have or can do that you don’t think anybody else on this committee will):**
I had the courage to bid for APPS 2012 and take part in IPSF LIT even though English skills were poor last year.
The 10th Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium (APPS) was held in Yogyakarta on 2nd - 8th July 2011. The event was hosted by Badan Eksekutif Mahasiswa Keluarga Mahasiswa Farmasi Universitas Gadjah Mada (BEM KM FA UGM), a Member in Association of IPSF with 108 participants representing 10 countries of the Asia-Pacific Region plus Poland and Canada.

APPS hosted numerous educational events such as academic symposiums, pharmaceutical workshops, cultural workshops, PCE and CSE competition as well as promoting a fantastic social environment with visits to culturally significant sights and organising the annual gala ball.

The theme of the 10th APPS was ‘The Role of Herbal Medicine in Advance Pharmacy.’ The symposiums covered four different topics delivered by 8 highly regarded speakers. The topics included discussing the current educational system, the role of pharmacy practice, trends in drug development, and the role of the pharmacist as part of a collaborative healthcare team, and it also allowed for pharmacy students to understand the different challenges that they may face in the workforce.

In addition, four brainstorming workshops were held, with the aim of helping to develop the role of APRO and to further create ideas which would promote the pharmacy professional to the general public as well as educate the community about their health and consequently their medicines.

APPS also hosted four competitions, with the goal of challenging pharmacy students to think creatively and to also demonstrate their skills to an international audience. The competitions included an oral presentation, a poster exhibition, the Pharmacy Counselling Event (PCE) and the Clinical Skills Event (CSE). The oral presentation and poster exhibition covered four areas: biological pharmacy, pharmaceutical technology, chemical pharmacy, and pharmacology and clinical pharmacy. These events allowed pharmacy students to demonstrate their vast skills and knowledge to their colleagues and to showcase the different practical skills each country uses.

The winner of the oral presentation went to Khor Xin Yun from Malaysia, who discussed ‘should Malaysia separate dispensing role from doctors?’ and the winner of the poster exhibition went to Syafiah Bakaruddin, Syazyanti Izyanti Mohd Ariffin, Nurul Fatihah Mohd Amin, Abdullah Ilkhwam Ahmad Puhad, Muhhamad Fauzanudin Baharudin, Mazwan Manshor and Nor Hadiani.
Ismai from Malaysia, titled “alpha-glucosidase inhibitory activity of mesua ferrea (calophyllaceae) bark’. Both prizewinners had their work displayed to the large APPS delegation as well as receiving a monetary prize of US$100.

Although the education symposiums are an important aspect of APPS, the social aspect is just as crucial, with APPS delegates having a thrilling time learning about Javanese dance and how to play the Gamelan, a traditional Javanese musical instruments. Swagayugama, a dance and music club of Universitas Gadjah Mada hosted these events successfully and many participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves, increasing their cultural awareness and creating new friendships.

Participants also enjoyed a full day Jogja city tour to the Sultan Palace and the beautiful Temple of Prambanan, one of the oldest Hindu temples in Indonesia. Additionally, on the last day of APPS, the annual health campaign was hosted at Jalan Malioboro, the heart of Jogja as well as being the biggest street market in the world. The campaign allowed participants to interact with the locals as well as providing much-appreciated time to sneak in some shopping.

To end the 10th APPS 2011 with a great finale, the highly anticipated gala dinner was held at ‘Garden Resto’, with the theme ‘red carpet moment’. This wonderful finale was also a time for the numerous winners throughout APPS to be announced, including the ‘Best performance for International night’ being awarded to South Korea, the CSE winner to Mei-Lee Tan of Australia, and the PCE winners being Cindy Kho Xiao Wei of Malaysia and Margareth Christina Halim from Indonesia, for the beginners and advanced stages respectively. Furthermore, Henry Chu of Taiwan and Alvita Seda from Indonesia were crowned ‘King’ and ‘Queen’ of APPS 2011.

Overall, 10th APPS 2011 was a wonderful experience, filled with many educational symposiums which highlighted the future of pharmacists, and it was also a great time to make new friends in an unique cultural environment.
Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium

In Taipei, Taiwan
Jul.3 - Jul.9 2012

Drug safety and pharmaceutical responsibility education

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Egypt 2012
Where history meets the future

The 58th IPSF World Congress
From 1st to 11th of August, 2012
Hurghada, Egypt

More than 500 participants from more than 50 countries all around the world, all of them will gather in the largest worldwide event for pharmacy students.

Registration Fees
• 1st registration period (15th January - 31st March): 350 Euro
• 2nd registration period (1st April - 31st May): 450 Euro
• 3rd registration period (1st June - 30th June): 550 Euro
Leaders in Training (28th July - 31st July): 150 Euro
Post Congress Tour (11th August - 20th August): there are 5 different programs from one day to 10 days

• For more info www.ipsf2012.org
• Contact us at info@ipsf2012.org
What is PPAC Week?
Pharmacy Professional Awareness Campaign (PPAC) Week is the IPSF APRO Annual Focus Project for 2011 – 2012. PPAC was first initiated in 1999 at the 45th annual IPSF Congress in London, United Kingdom.

Pharmacy students are the future pharmacists of tomorrow as well as being key players within the healthcare system. They will lead the profession in the near future and play a major role in not only increasing awareness, but also changing attitudes towards the pharmacy profession. Throughout the PPAC Week, IPSF aims to make pharmacy a recognizable profession.

There is a lack of awareness of the pharmacy profession in the Asia Pacific region and thus, IPSF APRO firmly supports the belief of increasing awareness to society about pharmacy profession by focusing on PPAC week project implementation.

Why is there a need for PPAC Week?
• To continue to support the development of the pharmacist’s role in the community
• To empower and motivate pharmacy students and young pharmacists to contribute in moving their pharmacy profession forward
• Increasing public awareness and appreciation of the pharmacist as a vital member of the healthcare team
• To increase community awareness of the role and value of the pharmacist
• To encourage the community at large to acknowledge the pharmacist as a medication expert and the pharmacy as a professional caring place
• To raise awareness of the important role pharmacists play in patient care by revealing to the public the way in which pharmacists complement and enhance healthcare services
• To increase awareness amongst other health professionals of the functions and role of the pharmacist in the health care team
• To increase community vigilance with regard to the rational and safe use of medication
• To increase pharmacists’ awareness of the available opportunities and qualifications relevant to their career and profession
• To encourage the development of continuing professional development programs for pharmacists
• To establish beneficial co-operation amongst policy-makers, pharmacy organisations and pharmacy students

Who should be involved?
A variety of people can get involved with PPAC Week these include:
• The General Public
• Healthcare students and professionals
• Pharmacy Students
• High school Students.

The campaign is not only restricted to these personnel’s but may encompass any individuals who are interested in helping out.
**When to organise PPAC Week?**

PPAC week can be organised any time throughout the year. PPAC week can be run throughout a week, a month or it can be on one single day. It really depends on how much time and effort your association would like to devote to the campaign.

**How to organise?**

When deciding to organise PPAC Week there are a lot of factors to consider as well as a lot of manpower needed to successfully organising a campaign. Therefore it is only fitting that APRO provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills.

A successful PPAC may be done at university, in shopping malls or as a seminar etc. Depending on the information you are giving out to the public will also depend if you need a pharmacist present. For example if you were taking blood pressure measurements and giving out medication advice, your association will definitely need a pharmacist present to aid in the presentation.

For more information contact the APRO Regional Projects Officer.

**Where to find help?**

Currently IPSF is writing up a guideline on ‘how to conduct PPAC’, however APRO’s Regional Project Officer, Fikriansyah Bin Irman, is equipped with a variety of material that may be useful. He will be more than willing to help by contacting him at rpo@apro.ipsf.org.