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In the presence of H.E Sheikh Abdulla Bin Mohamed Al Hamed

FIP president reveals new strategy for global pharmacy

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Abu Dhabi, 22 September 2019 — Decreasing the gaps in pharmaceutical science, practice and education between different regions of the world is among the aims of a new International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) strategy announced today by FIP president Dominique Jordan in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Mr Jordan outlined the “One FIP” strategy in his opening address at the 79th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The intended outcomes of this strategy include that everyone has access to medicines. All pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and educators have a “key role” in this, and in the evolution of the profession around the world, he said. “We know all pharmaceutical professionals must adapt to new challenges and be integrated partners in the health system,” he explained.

The FIP president said that “the 21st century will be the century of pharmacists”. He went on to point out that pharmacists can play an active role in all 10 current threats to global health identified by the World Health Organization and that, by 2022, the profession should be able to prove that pharmacists are “important players in making a difference in a region or country”. Working together, we will have “huge opportunities”, he added.

In line with the new strategy, FIP is working on Global Development Goals, which will incorporate its existing goals for pharmaceutical workforce development alongside goals for services, patient and public needs, and innovations in practice and science. These goals will be underpinned by FIP standards and evidence. In addition, “FIP has the ambition to lead the development of a humanitarian framework, applicable to all professions,” Mr Jordan said. FIP is also in the process
of developing a Global Pharmacy Observatory, which will provide valuable pharmacy data from around the world. The new strategy will be delivered at global and local levels, through new programmes such as regional conferences.

**Notes for editors**

“One FIP” The six aims of the new FIP strategy are:
1) Everyone has access to the medicines they need
2) Everyone has access to the health and medicines-related information they need
3) Everyone benefits from new medicines, services and health technologies
4) Pharmacists ensure the responsible and quality use of medicines
5) Healthcare professionals and patients work together to ensure comprehensive health care for all
6) FIP is a vibrant and growing organisation that meets the needs and functions of its members

**Ten threats to global health** Threats identified by the World Health Organization are described here: https://bit.ly/2kbGZyi

**Images** Pictures of Mr Jordan will be available at 18:00 (GMT+4) here: https://bit.ly/2TJpKSD.

**Interviews** Mr Jordan is available for interview on request.

**About FIP** The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is the global federation of national associations of pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacy educators, and is in official relations with the World Health Organization. Through its 144 member organisations, it represents over four million practitioners and scientists around the world. www.fip.org

**About the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences:** FIP’s 79th annual World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is being held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 22 to 26 September. It is co-hosted by the Emirates Pharmacy Society. Some
[details to follow] pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmacy educators from [details to follow] countries are in attendance.

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