

## World AIDS/HIV Day 2007 Awareness Campaign in Spain

On 4 December 2007, the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) celebrated the AIDS Day. This was the first AIDS Day campaign organised in the faculty by the members of the Student's Association of the Faculty (AELFA, member of FEEF-Spain), assisted by the Students Board of the Faculty.

The main topic was "AIDS in developed countries", and the activities were focused on informing about ways of transmission, prevention, and how the illness has changed over the years.

The aim was to reach everyone at the faculty, especially the students, so the students from AELFA designed posters with clear and direct messages, a large red ribbon at the entrance of the faculty and a poster on the wall where students could post messages on small red cards.

Students participated actively, filling all the cards, as well as wearing small red ribbons that the members of the association had prepared. Pamphlets, leaflets and other materials were also handed out.

The campaign was a success in terms of participation and collaboration in the organising of it so, the aim for next year will be to increase the participation within the University Campus.

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Members of AELFA with a large red ribbon on AIDS Day



Messages Hall made by students

## World AIDS/HIV Day 2007 Awareness Campaign in Nepal

The "Celebration of World Aids Day" is a program that the Forum of Pharmacy (FoP) has been conducting annually every 1 December. The aims of the program are to raise awareness and help the target audience upgrade their knowledge about HIV/AIDS, as well as to further spread the spirit of IPSF.

The event consisted of a program with speakers from 1-3pm, as well as an all day fundraising event from 9am – 2pm, both held on the Kathmandu University premises. The target audience consisted of students, teachers and staff members of the university. Up to 60 students from the Bachelor of Pharmacy program participated in the activities.

For promotion, red ribbons, as the symbol of HIV/AIDS, were distributed amongst people and funds were

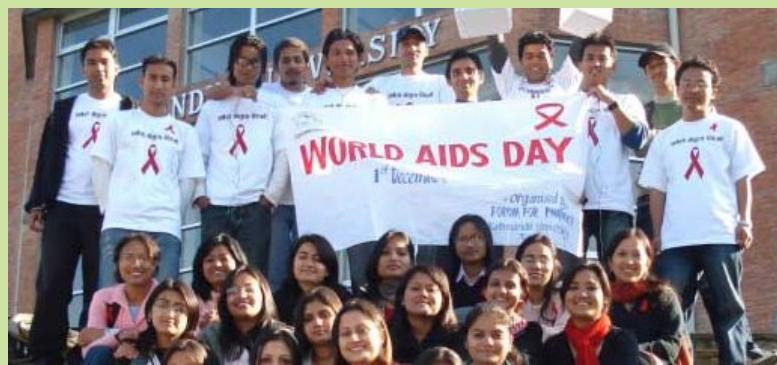
collected. We put up notices and posters about HIV/AIDS in our university department as well as around our university premises.

The speakers for the program were from the NAPN – National Association of PLHA (People Living with HIV/AIDS) in Nepal. There were 3 speakers, all of whom were actual victims of the disease themselves. They talked mainly about their infections and shared their experiences with HIV/AIDS. They also provided the audience with the latest statistics of HIV/AIDS in the world and in our country of Nepal as well.

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A speaker from NAPN (National Association of PLHA in Nepal) interacting with the audience



Students at The World AIDS Day 2007 Organised by FoP

### World AIDS/HIV Day 2007 Awareness Campaign in Jordan

Lack of education about HIV/AIDS in Jordan motivated JPSA to organise this campaign. Although the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Jordan is low (we have less than 1000 patients from the total population of 5,700,000 in 2007), but we felt that it was important to spread awareness and knowledge, so to that end, our targets were university students. Students are a very important part of society and the future of the country, so by opening their minds, we can help them reach out to the people around them and raise the awareness about this pandemic disease.

The Chairperson of the event was Rand Saffarini and the program was organised in the following way: the Training the Trainers of HIV/AIDS course was held from 1-3 December 2007 at the Community Service Centre and two primary HIV/AIDS presentations were held on 16 December 2007 at the University of Jordan. Because of the success of the first event, a second Training the Trainers of HIV/AIDS course was held on 9 February 2008 at the Jordan University of Science and Technology, in Irbid, Jordan.

Aims of the program included improving the public knowledge about HIV/AIDS, explaining the right and wrong ways of the transmission of the HIV virus, and how to prevent the transmission. We also wanted to encourage and inspire pharmacy students to take an active role in improving the lives of others.

Two weeks before the campaign, five members took a training the trainers of HIV/AIDS course in order to be prepared and have enough knowledge. In the campaign we made an interactive presentation with a short play in the middle which was presented by school students entitled "What If!!!" The play was very emotional and demonstrated how people view patients with HIV. To round off the program, we distributed leaflets, bookmarks, and displayed many posters.

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JPSA representative during presentation on AIDS Day in Jordan



Bookmark translation: "Why do I have to know?" [ie. Why do I have to know about HIV]



## Training in Taiwan – The Benefits Of Training

This year in March, I had the opportunity to represent IPSF at the International Federation of Medicine Students' Association (IFMSA)'s Training New Trainer (TNT) workshop. I felt that it was a great honour to represent IPSF and take a glance at IFMSA's training programme. This year, IPSF is moving on for a great pre-congress workshop - Leaders in Training (LIT). We are going to make the LIT the backbone of IPSF and looking forward to the participation of our future leaders.

I was inspired after returning from IFMSA's TNT workshop to hold a similar training workshop in Taiwan to inspire more students to be the future local or regional leaders. Immediately after I returned from IFMSA TNT, I conducted a "Training in Taiwan" workshop. The training included some basic introduction of the biggest pharmacy family, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and IPSF, which all pharmacy students should be aware of. Along with two interactive workshops, "Leadership" and "Project Management," the trigger was to encourage our students to join the future PSA-Taiwan working group.

We conducted five lectures which were presented by great speakers. Lectures about FIP and Taiwan Young Pharmacist Group (TYPG) were very knowledgeable, and were presented by professor Tarn and Dr. Hsao who were speakers at last year's 53rd IPSF World Congress

Scientific Symposium held in Taipei. There were also lectures about IPSF and the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) which were quite popular as it resulted in more students becoming interested in participating in the 54th World Congress in Romania, the 7th Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium (APPS) in Thailand, and to visit the IPSF SEP webpage. Another speaker was from the nursing field, she was the only Asian representative in the 2007 World Healthcare Students' Symposium (WHSS) Joint Working Group (JWG). She encouraged us to think bigger and that we can achieve anything we want. I am convinced that we'll have more people interested to attend WHSS in 2009 as well!

Workshops are always the most interesting part of training. Leadership is about managing - managing people and huge amounts of information. We conducted a role play to let our participants feel what it was like to deal with difficult people. Project management is another important issue that all leaders should know how to control. Our main focus was how to use the SMART model to manage a project.. We asked participants to come up with a project about anti-counterfeit medicines which generated some very good ideas.

The Training in Taiwan was a great success. And be aware that we have IPSF Leaders in Training coming up! The workshop will equip participants with skills to be both a leader and a trainer. The five essential topics which will be covered include: Personal Development, Communication, Project Management, Session Planning, Group Dynamics, and last but not least Successful Training. For more information, check out [www.ipsf.org](http://www.ipsf.org) and [www.ipsf2008.org](http://www.ipsf2008.org). Applications for LIT workshop closes on 1 May 2008 so don't miss out! This is one good experience that you shouldn't miss!

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Participants of "Training in Taiwan" workshop