

Student Exchange Programme Newsletter - Special Edition



Dear IPSFers,

The SEP year of 2007-08 has been filled up with many changes in IPSF Student Exchange Programme. This year, Student Exchange Committee consisted of nine very active members who helped me to promote SEP as well as raise the quality of our project all over the world.

Big thank you to all local and national Student Exchange Officers, as well as to wonderful SEC team and nearly 600 students, who took the opportunity and experienced SEP this year.

Let me wish you succesfull studies and future life!

With best wishes,

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Mobility is an important aspect of the pharmacy curricula as it prepares pharmacy students to work as health professionals in the dynamic global healthcare environment. Through the Student Exchange Programme, IPSF works to increase opportunities for improvement in pharmacy education by facilitating students to undertake international professional experiences in these particular fields:

- ✓ Community pharmacy
- ✓ Hospital pharmacy
- ✓ Academic pharmaceutical research
- ✓ Administrative pharmacy
- ✓ Industrial fields of pharmacy

The aim of SEP is to promote understanding and cooperation amongst pharmacy students and all health care professionals. The exchange programme offers the unique educational and cultural experience in addition to the regular pharmaceutical knowledge. It also helps to broaden the students' understanding of pharmaceutical and social conditions in different countries. This year, we have welcomed 14 new associations in IPSF SEP: BPSA Bangladesh, CEPS Congo, Dem. Rep., FLHI Iceland, BEMF-SDU, Indonesia, GMU Indonesia, HMD-FU Indonesia, ISMAFARSI Indonesia, JPSA Jordan, NUPSA Kenya, COMPMA Malawi, PUSPA Nepal, SAPSF South Africa, KNAPS South Korea, Dem. Rep., ZPSA Zimbabwe.

During year 2007-08 exchanges in all areas increased as you may see on the Figure 1. In comparsment with year 2006-2007, community pharmacy exchanges number lowered from 71% to 65%. Hospital pharmacy field faced same interest as last year, however research field is these days very interesting for pharmacy students, from last year`s 6% we can see increase to 16%. Industrial pharmacy sector did not attract more interest of students we have only one percent more interested participants



than last year.

Another graph (Figure 2) shows us number of applications in every region. Europeans still lead in interest of being exchanged, however after Europe, we can see North African students as well as North American students going

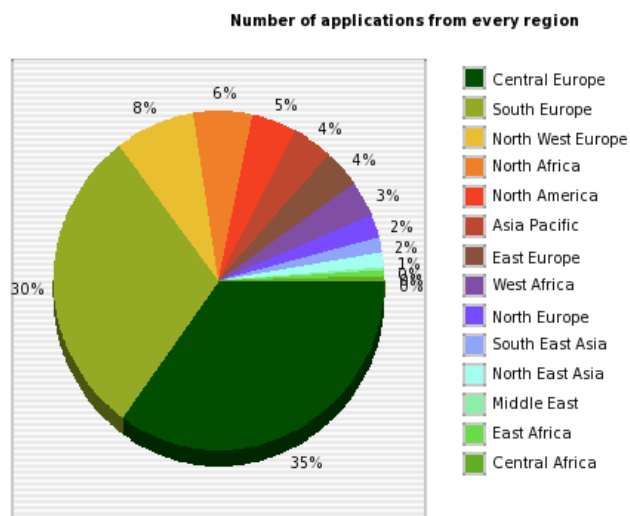


Figure 1. Diversity of Student Exchange Programme areas of training for SEP year 2007-08. Date: 8th July, 2008 [www.ipsf-sep.org]

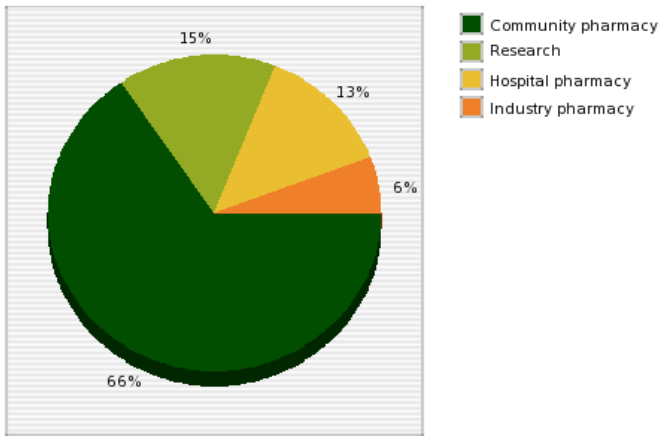


Figure 2. Number of application forms that students filled in each region. Date 8th July, 2008[www.ipsf-sep.org]

for exchanges within a great amount.

In figure 3 there can be seen the number of students placed in each association in SEP year 2007-08.

The IPSF Student Exchange Committee together with IPSF Chairperson of Publications and Student Exchange created promotional materials that are in downloadable and printer-friendly edition. Promotional materials are available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Simplified Chinese:

- ✓ SEP poster in colour or grayscale pdf (A5 version)
- ✓ SEP presentation
- ✓ How to search the sponsors presentation
- ✓ Informative leaflet for hosts (template)
- ✓ Association 's letter for hosts (template)

In addition, national SEP co-ordinators were provided with support letters under their request. Moreover, new IPSF SEP certificates were created for: students, Local Exchange Officers, Student Exchange Officers, Student Exchange Committee and hosts who all were involved in Student Exchange Programme in SEP year 2007-08.

Student Exchange Committee is the group of ten experienced Student Exchange Officers who help the Chairperson of Student Exchange during the year in many tasks such as advising, creating materials for SEOs and students, uploading the documents in SEP, supervising and

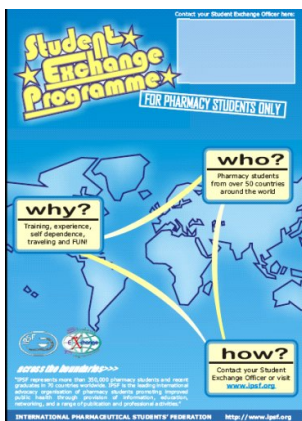


Figure 4. SEP poster by T. Rusdiana

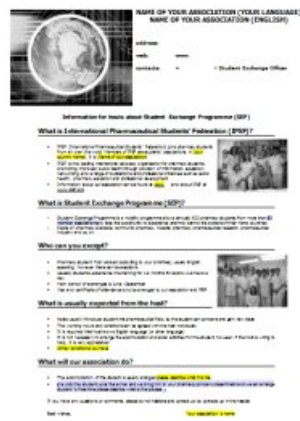


Figure 5. Informative leaflet for hosts by V. Sumpichova

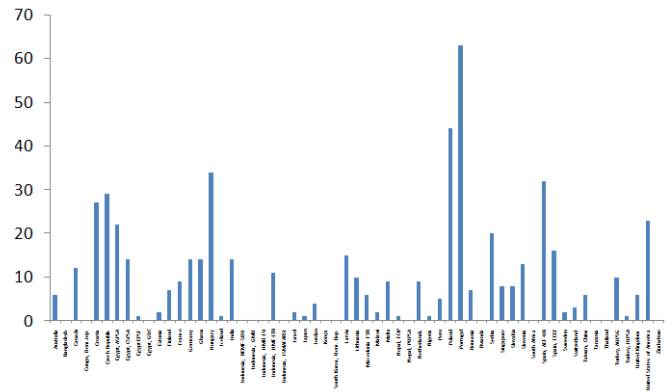


Figure 3. Number of students placed in each SEP association for 2007-08. Date 31st July, 2008[www.ipsf-sep.org]

running SEP projects etc. Moreover, Student Exchange Committee members held the Annual SEC meeting in Barcelona, Spain from 4th - 7th April, 2008 where they met with IPSF DF co-ordinator in order to award IPSF SEP students with SEP Grant. This year, SEC was represented by:

Official IPSF Student Exchange Committee members:

- ✓ Miss Alexandra Bartal (HUPSA Hungary)
- ✓ Miss Kerstin Heyder (BPhD Germany)
- ✓ Miss Katharina Stutz (ASEP Switzerland)
- ✓ Miss Sara Saelices Prellezo (AEF-UB Spain)
- ✓ Mr. Javier García Sánchez-Valdepeñas (FEEF Spain)

Unofficial IPSF Student Exchange Committee members:

- ✓ Miss Núria Mur Blanch (AEF-UB Spain)
- ✓ Miss Nataša Nikolić (NAPSer Serbia)
- ✓ Mr. Slaviša Stojković (NAPSer Serbia)
- ✓ Miss Anna Szekerés (HUPSA Hungary)
- ✓ Mr. Janusz Gawlik (YP Poland)

More than 70 application forms arrived in both Development Fund co-ordinator and IPSF headquarters for the SEP DF Grant. Approximately 1000 € was distributed amongst four students in order to support their travel

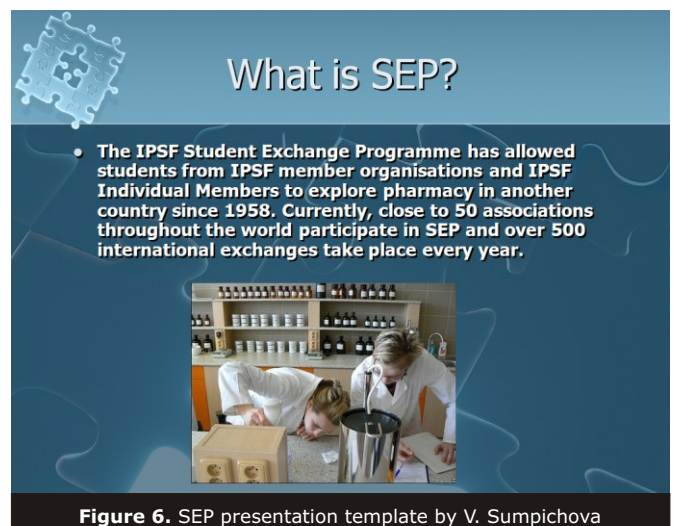


Figure 6. SEP presentation template by V. Sumpichova

expenses for their SEP experience. Consequently we were delighted to congratulate the following members who will receive IPSF DF-SEP grants this year:

- ✓ Mr. Ayush Agarwal of IPA-SF, India
- ✓ Miss. Rohit Manisha Maheshbhai of IPA-SF, India
- ✓ Ms. Justyna Zuchlinska of YP, Poland
- ✓ Miss. Gromadko Ewa of YP, Poland

The recipients of these grants are bound to the conditions as stated in the official IPSF DF-SEP application form and official documents and are reminded that the value of the grant will only be issued after completion of the student exchange and submission of all required documentation.



Figure 7.How to search the sponsors presentation by V. Sumpichova



Figure 8. Student Exchange Committee meeting in Barcelona, Spain from 4th-7th April, 2008. From left: N. Mur-Blanch, J. G. Sánchez-Valdepeñas, S. S. Prellezo, S. Stojković, N. Nikolić, V. Sumpichova, K. Heyder, K. Stutz, A. Bartal