

Workshop of the Americas Pharmacy Student

During the celebration of the XII Congress of the South-American Pharmaceutical Federation and as a part of the VI Panamerican Conference of Pharmaceutical Education, carried out in November 18-21, 2008 in Montevideo, Uruguay, the students' meeting named Workshop of the Americas Pharmacy Student was performed, convoking to the students of the Pharmaceutical Chemist career in Latin America, who were invited to participate in a cultural/educational interaction related to the pharmaceutical activities in each of those countries. An excellent response of the students from Brasil, Chile, México, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela was obtained.

The event coordination was carried out by Nicolás Burgueño, Pablo Mujica, and Ismael Olmos, who made a team with six Latin American delegates: Daniela Fernández (Chile), Franklin Francisco (Venezuela), Larissa Oliveira de Queiroz (Brasil), Nicolás Burgueño (Uruguay), Nilsa Lial (Paraguay), and Yasmín Márquez (México), who were requested to make a short speaking about the current situation of the students in their countries, and about the different topics proposed for the workshop: accreditation, curricula and degree's homologation, association, and pharmaceutical chemist's presence in society.

The workshop inauguration was performed by Dr. Eduardo Savio, President of the South-American Pharmaceutical Federation, and also we had the estimated presence of the FIP representative for Latin America, Dr. Gonzalo Sousa Pinto (former President of the International Pharmaceutical Student Federation, IPSF).

The discussion was mainly about the great diversity existing in the different degrees and curricula, as is the case of México, where there are a number of public and private universities that offer the Industrial Pharmaceutical Chemist, Biologist Pharmaceutical Chemist, and Pharmacy degrees.

A similar situation exists in Brasil, where there are more than 100 Pharmacy faculties, and in the opposite side is Uruguay, where there is only one Chemistry faculty, which offers the Pharmaceutical Chemist degree.

Within the proposals made by the workshop, the Venezuelan delegation suggested the homologation of a percentage of crucial subjects in the field, in all the curricula, to ease the accreditation of the different educational programs. It was emphasized that it is necessary that, in the short term, each country makes the accreditation of all the Pharmacy careers, orienting the efforts to a global accreditation.

Besides, the importance of having a college of pharmaceutical chemists in each country to strengthen, foster and supervise the continuous improvement of the pharmaceutical guild was emphasized.

At the end of the workshop, it was considered relevant to keep a continuous communication among the attendants to it and the official delegates, in order to gain more support for this kind of student's events, which, besides of enabling people know the opportunities and realities of each country in the pharmaceutical field, propitiate their cultural enrichment.

At present, there is an Internet page called "FEFAS-Estudiantes de Farmacia de América Latina" (FEFAS-Pharmacy Students from Latin America), created by the attendants to the students' meeting, in which the experiences' exchange continues, as soon as the planning of other events of this kind. We invite you to visit it in this web site: www.facebook.com

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