

“Pharmacy strengthening health systems” was the theme of FIP’s World Pharmacists Day on 25 September 2023

The theme provided opportunities to raise awareness about pharmacists as a smart solution, especially as health systems worldwide are recovering from the COVID-19 crisis, and general consensus is that urgent action is needed for health services to meet future needs.

A heartfelt thank you to colleagues from across various sectors, including community, hospital, industry, science, education, research and clinical trials, government, regulation and non-governmental organisations for celebrating our profession with us!

We also thank our member organisations for supporting the campaign with a variety of activities, some of which are highlighted below.

Algeria



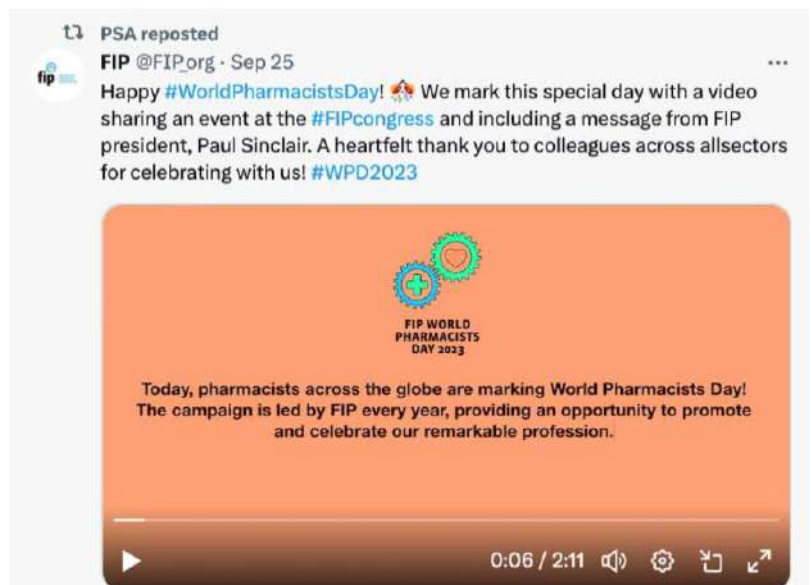
The president of the **Algerian Pharmaceutical Federation**, Abdelhakim Boudis, and members of its executive committee, sent out a message of appreciation to all pharmacists for their daily efforts in quality control and patient safety.

Australia

The **Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association** supported the campaign with a #WPD2023 graphic.



The **Pharmaceutical Society of Australia** shared the video message from FIP's president.



The president of the **Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA)**, Tom Simpson, featured in a [Purple Pen Podcast episode](#) to discuss opportunities for Australian pharmacists in 2023 and beyond.

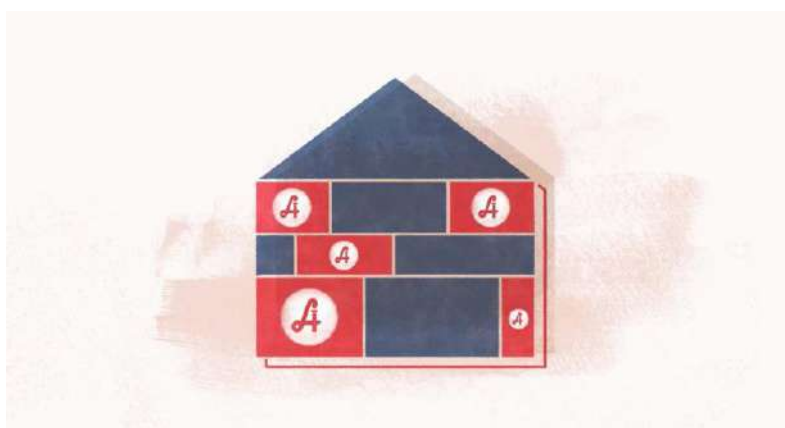


The SHPA also posted a [video](#) from the team at Westmead Hospital, New South Wales, which asked people what first comes to mind when they hear the word “pharmacists”.



Austria

"The nationwide supply network of public pharmacies close to home and the competence of the pharmacists are indispensable building blocks," said Ulrike Mursch-Edlmayr, president of the **Austrian Chamber of Pharmacists**, in a [press release](#), where she described the healthcare system as a house.



Belgium



Thank you Koen Straetmans, president of the **Association of Pharmacists Belgium**, for sharing your #WPD2023 supporter's graphic!

Thank you president Andras Süle and vice-president Darija Kuruk Poje from the **European Association of Hospital Pharmacists** for being #WPD2023 supporters!



Bosnia & Herzegovina

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The Chamber of Pharmacists of the Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina shared the FIP #WPD2023 campaign materials on its website.



Farmacija u jačanju zdravstvenih sustava/sistema

U vrijeme kada se zdravstveni sustavi/sistemi širom svijeta oporavljaju od krize izazvane virusom Covid-19, postoji opći konsenzus da je potrebna hitna akcija kako bi zdravstvene usluge zadovoljile buduće potrebe. Ovogodišnja kampanja Svjetskog dana farmaceuta predstavlja mogućnost za povećanje svijesti o farmaceutskoj profesiji u jačanju zdravstvenih sistema/sustava kao inteligentnom rješenju. Epidemija Covid-19 je predstavila neosporne dokaze o sposobnostima farmaceutske profesije za podršku zdravstvenim sustavima/sistemima. Američko udruženje farmaceuta, na primjer, je tijekom/tokom pandemije u SAD-u osiguralo više od 350 milijuna kliničkih intervencija u obliku trijaže,

Brazil

Conselho Federal de Farmácia •
Setembro 25 • 13

#OQueNosUne? - O Dia Internacional do Farmacêutico, celebrado em 25 de setembro, é uma ocasião importante para reconhecer e valorizar o papel fundamental que os farmacêuticos desempenham na promoção da saúde e no cuidado dos brasileiros. Esta data não apenas destaca a profissão farmacêutica, mas também ressalta a contribuição inestimável desses profissionais para o bem-estar da população.

O farmacêutico é um protagonista central no sistema de saúde brasileiro, atuando em diversos cenários, desde farmácias comunitárias até hospitais, laboratórios de análises clínicas, indústrias farmacêuticas, órgãos regulatórios, entre outras mais de 150 especialidades de atuação. Sua presença é imprescindível em todas as etapas do ciclo de cuidado à saúde, desempenhando papéis cruciais em diversas áreas.

O Conselho Federal de Farmácia (CFF) aproveita o 25 de setembro para reconhecer e celebrar a dedicação dos farmacêuticos à saúde dos brasileiros. Seu conhecimento, habilidades e comprometimento desempenham um papel crucial na garantia que os tratamentos sejam seguros, eficazes e acessíveis a todos. Os farmacêuticos são verdadeiros agentes de saúde que merecem todo o reconhecimento e gratidão da sociedade.

Parabéns!
See Translation

“The pharmacist is a central player in Brazil's healthcare system, performing in a variety of scenarios, from community pharmacies to hospitals, clinical analysis laboratories, pharmaceutical industries, regulatory bodies, among more than 150 acting specialties. Your presence is essential at every stage of the healthcare cycle, playing crucial roles in various areas,” was the message from the **Brazilian Federal Council of Pharmacy** on #WPD2023

Cabo Verde

The **Order of Pharmacists of Cabo Verde (OFCV)** held a roundtable discussion on “Paths for strengthening health systems” for pharmaceutical professionals and pharmacy technicians.



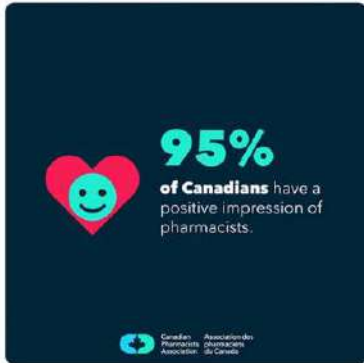
Marcília Baticy Fernandes, president of OFCV, also shared [insights](#) on how to strengthen health systems and championed the theme of #WPD2023.



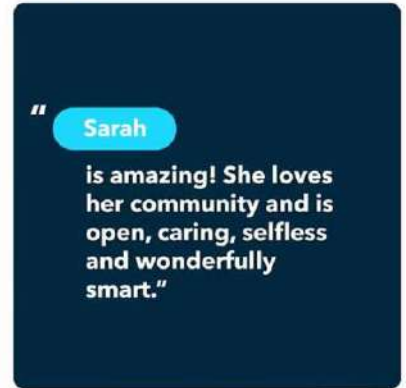
Canada

The **Canadian Pharmacists Association** conducted a survey ahead of #WPD2023, revealing that 80% of Canadians would use a pharmacist-led walk-in clinic to access care for a common ailment or health condition. They celebrated the expansion of pharmacists’ scope of practice in 2023 and shared quotes from patients expressing “why they love their pharmacist!”

CPHA/APHC @CPHAAPHC
 It's no surprise that Canadians hold their #pharmacists in high regard! Check out some highlights of a new national survey we conducted ahead of #WorldPharmacistsDay 2023!
 www.ty/92850PPoUm
 #WPD2023



CPHA/APHC @CPHAAPHC - Sep 25
 Happy #WorldPharmacistsDay to Canada's 45,000+ #pharmacists!
 You have a huge impact on the patients you serve each and every day! Here are just a few happy patients who took the time to tell us about why they love their #pharmacists.
 #WPD2023



Costa Rica



The **College of Pharmacists of Costa Rica** disseminated the theme of strengthening health systems #WPD2023 through its communications channels.

Croatia



The **Croatian Pharmaceutical Society**, in collaboration with the Croatian Chamber of Pharmacy, held a press conference. The event aimed to promote pharmacies and the pharmacy profession to the public, emphasizing that pharmacies are not just places for dispensing medicines, but also hubs for expert advice on rational medication use, disease prevention, quality of life improvement and a wide range of pharmacy services.

Estonia

Thank you Ly Rootslane, member of the management board of the **Estonian Pharmacies Association** for participating in the #WPD2023 campaign.



Finland

The **Association of Finnish Pharmacies** reminded people to turn to their trusted pharmacists for expert guidance in health care.



France

Carine Wolf-Thal, president of the **French Chamber of Pharmacists** celebrated World Pharmacists' Day with us at FIP's world congress in Brisbane, Australia.



Ghana

The **Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana** invited the public to join a “World Pharmacists Day” event in Adabraka, Ghana, and take the opportunity of free blood pressure and body mass index screening.



Haiti



The **Active Pharmacists for Medical Rebirth by Sanitary Information and Formation** supported the campaign through its Facebook page.

India

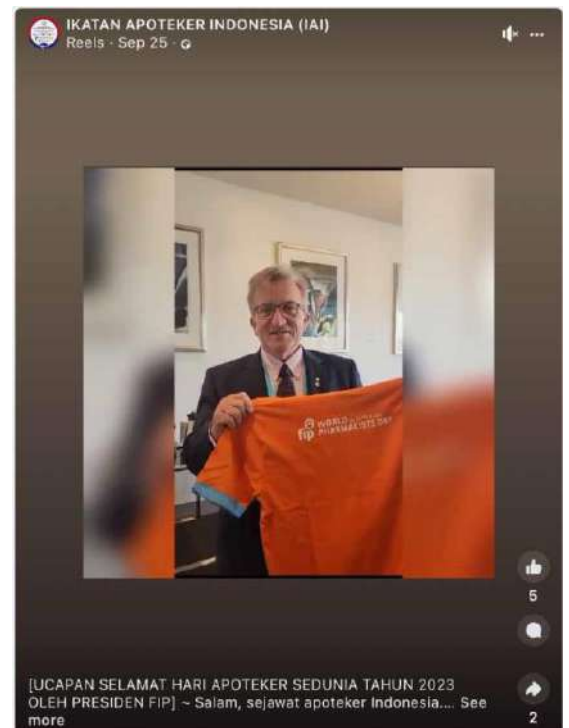
The **Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA)**, in collaboration with Srinivas College of Pharmacy in D.K. District, Mangaluru, and Srinivas Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, organised a blood donation event at Srinivas College Campus in Valachil.

The IPA student group shared a collage of their #WPD2023 supporter’s graphics.



Indonesia

The **Indonesian Pharmacists Association** carried the #WPD2023 theme across their social media, and shared a special message from FIP president Paul Sinclair.



Ireland



The **Irish Pharmacy Union** shared the campaign on social media.

Jordan



Head of the **Jordan Pharmacists Association** Mohamed Ababneh shared a message congratulating pharmacists on #WPD.

Kenya

Aneez Rahmetulla, chair of the **Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya** shared a quote highlighting the role pharmacists play, not just in individuals' health but in shaping the well-being of entire communities.



Kosova



The **Kosova Chamber of Pharmacists** used the campaign message as their banner on social media.

Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Pharmaceutical Association** shared campaign assets.



Madagascar

The **Ordre National des Pharmaciens de Madagascar** organised a walk for pharmacists and pharmacy students through Toamasina in celebration of #WPD2023.



Malaysia

Malaysian Pharmacists Society
September 25 · 🌐

[HAPPY WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY 2023]

Today, 25th September, is the day we commemorate the exceptional contributions pharmacists play in the healthcare sector worldwide since 2014.

This year's theme - "Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems", deeply resonates to the evolving roles of pharmacists beyond the dispensing counter. From research to healthcare, the multi-faceted roles of pharmacists have indeed portrayed how are we being integral to the development of healthcare syst... [See more](#)



“This year's theme — Pharmacy strengthening health systems — deeply resonates to the evolving roles of pharmacists beyond the dispensing counter,” said the **Malaysian Pharmacists Society** on WPD.

Malawi

The **Pharmaceutical Society of Malawi** council members supported the campaign on social media.

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Nambia

Newly FIP member organisation, the **Pharmaceutical Society of Nambia**, took part in the global campaign, focusing on promoting the profession.



New Zealand

The **New Zealand Pharmaceutical Society** created street posters in celebration of #WPD2023!



Norway



Thank you Greta Torbergsen chief executive officer of the **Norwegian Association of Pharmacists** for sharing your supporter's graphic!

President of the **Norwegian Association of Pharmacists** Birgitte Lloyd invited colleagues to attend presentations on national and international work in Oslo.



Pakistan

The **Pakistan Society of Health-System Pharmacists** shared quotes from its president, members of its executive council and youth leaders on its Facebook page.

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PHARMACY STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

World Pharmacist Day (25 September) marks the anniversary of the inception of FIP in 1912. The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) adopted and established World Pharmacist Day in 2003 in honour of the 91st anniversary of the global pharmacist community to embody, articulate and promote 2023 theme to be "Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems".

Over the years Health System Pharmacy has evolved into a formidable profession, a rewarding career and a major contributor to patients' safety and continuity of care. In Pakistan as a member organization of FIP, Pakistan Society of Health System Pharmacists has undertaken major activities and contributed immensely by working with the codification of DRAP and USPAP training, approving and implementing National Guidelines for High Alert Medication (HAM).

ABDUL LATIF SHEIKH
President/CEO,
Pakistan Society of Health System Pharmacists, Karachi

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Pharmacists play an important role in helping people get the best results from their medications. The importance of World Pharmacist Day shouldn't be undermined, it's important to remember the work they do. Happy World Pharmacist Day to all pharmacists.

AASMA HAMID
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Director Pharmacy Services, DCW
University Hospital - DUIS

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PHARMACY STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

This World Pharmacists Day, shout out to all the wonderful pharmacists who have worked hard to establish the true role of the pharmacists across the globe.

To all pharmacists in Pakistan who have proved it in the past and still working towards the true recognition of pharmacists, their genuine effort made to assure the proper and effective administration of drugs, dispensing medicines safely, & providing the best possible care is incredibly strengthening our healthcare system.

So, Dear Pharmacists! You're the heart of healthcare!

#WorlDPharmacistsDay2023



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"I'll mark September 25 as a World Pharmacists Day, the theme this year is "Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems". For nearly two decades, I've dedicated my career to pharmacy, working across diverse landscapes - hospitals, communities, and academia.

It has immense pride in being a pharmacist, for our role extends beyond medications, it's about enhancing healthcare systems. Collaboration with fellow healthcare professionals has been a cornerstone of my journey, aimed at improving patient safety and well-being.

Guiding and empowering fresh pharmacists and pharmacy students has been a personal mission. Together, we shape the future of our profession.



ARIF ALI ARAIN
Youth Lead, PSHIP
Manages Pharmacy Services Intra Hospital & Health Network and Member Pharmacy Council of Sindh

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Philippines

Nine days before #WPD2023, the **Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPhA)** began a Twitter countdown.



In celebration of the World Pharmacists Day, PPhA president Aleth Therese L. Dacanay shared a special message to pharmacists.

PPhA - Official
@PhilPharmacists

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
In celebration of the World Pharmacists Day, President Aleth Therese L. Dacanay shares her special message to pharmacists all over the globe.



Philippine Pharmacists Association Inc.

Facebook Watch

Chapters of the PPhA across the country hosted events and workshops with the shared goal of enhancing people's health and well-being, establishing pharmacists at the forefront of health care.



Rwanda

#WPD2023 supporters from the **Rwanda National Pharmacy Council** included president Flandrie Habyarimana, chairperson Stanley Nsabimana, deputy chairperson John Nyiligira and secretary Anitha Batamuliza.





Serbia

The **Pharmaceutical Chamber of Serbia** celebrated World Pharmacists' Day by conducting health education sessions in preschools and elementary schools, aiming to promote responsible health attitudes. Over 200 pharmacists nationwide visited more than 60 towns and villages, educating 20,000 children on various health-related topics and distributing "My Pharmacist and I" coloring books.



Spain

President of the **General Pharmaceutical Council of Spain**, Jesús Aguilar, and secretary Raquel Martínez celebrated World Pharmacists' Day with FIP's Early Career Pharmaceutical Group general secretary, Gonzalo Adsuar, and team in Brisbane.



Mr Aguilar congratulated pharmacists on #WPD2023 in a video message.



And Spain lit green with more than 100 buildings throughout the country in a public recognition of the work carried out by pharmacists on #WPD2023!



Sri Lanka

The **Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (PSSL)** shared a message from FIP president Paul Sinclair wishing colleagues in Sri Lanka a happy #WPD2023 alongside PSSL president Kelum Jayasuriya. The organisation also held a symposium on that day.



Sweden

The **Swedish Pharmacists Association** presented its pharmacist and pharmacy student of the year awards on #WPD2023.



Thailand



The **Pharmaceutical Association of Thailand** published an infographic looking back at the past 15 years and exploring how pharmacists perceive their roles.

Turkey

The **Turkish Pharmacists' Association** issued a [press release](#) urging stakeholders in the pharmaceutical industry to come together under the leadership of the Turkish Ministry of Health to save the country from foreign dependency and drug shortages. The message was also shared on social media.



yatırımlardır.Yeni bir ilaç 10-15 yıl süren çalışmalar sonucunda geliştirilebilmekte, üzerinde çalışılan binlerce molekülden yalnızca bir veya ikisi nihai bir ilaca dönüşmektedir.Bugüne kadar ülkemizde üretilmiş yeni bir molekül ilaç ne yazık ki bulunmamaktadır.Cumhuriyetimizin 100.yılına kutlamaya hazırlandığımız bugünler,patenti ülkemize ait yeni ilaçların üretiminde milli bir hamlenin başlatılması için anlamlı bir fırsattır.Ülkemizin küresel konumu,ilaç sanayimizin tecrübeleri düşünüldüğünde Türkiye bu alandaki potansiyelini göstermek için büyük bir fırsata sahiptir.Özellikle biyoteknoloji alanı başta olmak üzere,yüksek katma değerli ürünlerin üretilmesi hastalarımızın hızlı ve kolay bir şekilde yenilikçi ilaçlara ve yeni tedavilere erişimlerini sağlayacaktır.Bu çerçevede ilaç sektöründe söz sahibi bütün paydaşlarımızın Sağlık Bakanlığımızın önderliğinde acilen bir araya gelmesi çağrısında bulunuyoruz.Ülkemizi dışa bağımlılıktan kurtaracak,ilaç yoksulluğuna geçit vermeyecek,hastalarımızı ilaçsız bırakmayacak,meslektaşlarımızı mağdur etmeyecek yeni bir sistemin kurgulanması için üzerimize düşen her türlü desteği vereceğimizi kamuoyu önünde taahhüt ediyoruz.İnsan sağlığını korumak gibi kutsal bir görevi üstlenen,bilimselliği ön planda tutarak verdiği emekle hizmet eden bütün meslektaşlarımızın 25 Eylül Dünya Eczacılar Gününü kutluyoruz.



UAE

The **Emirates Pharmacy Association** celebrated the efforts of pharmacists in the medical team.



USA

FIP member organisations across USA took part in the global campaign.

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy



American Pharmacists Association



American Society of Health-System Pharmacists



Zimbabwe

The **Pharmaceutical Society of Zimbabwe** used WPD as an opportunity to raise awareness on drug abuse.



If your organisation would like to share its WPD2023 activities, please email communications@fip.org

The theme of World Pharmacists Day 2024 will be announced in March 2024. Follow FIP on social media for news.