

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR CPS EXCO MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION

Q: Do I need to be a community pharmacist to be involved with CPS?

A: Ideally yes. The work undertaken by CPS is essentially about Community Pharmacy. In order to contribute in an appropriate manner, Community Pharmacy should be the primary focus of your pharmacy practice.

Q: Who can nominate me for election?

A: Candidates can only be nominated by their national organization that is a member of FIP (e.g. The Pharmaceutical Association of your country or the organization representing community pharmacy in your country)

Q: Do you need to be an individual member of FIP?

A: Yes, all candidates should be individual members of FIP at the time of their nomination. To join FIP please see www.fip.org

Q: Is being a member of the CPS Exco a paid position?

A: No, all office bearers in FIP are volunteers and are not remunerated for their service.

Elected members of the Exco should seek a commitment for financial support from their national organization as part of the nomination process.

Q: How many meetings will I attend?

A: The CPS Exco meets face to face three times a year. Two meetings occur at the annual congress, one a day or two prior to the Congress opening, and the second normally the day after the close of the congress. The third face-to-face meeting is normally hosted in the country of an Exco member in February or March each year.

Costs associated with travel to and attendance at these meetings are borne by the individual member (or with the support of the member's national organization)

Skype meetings of the Exco may be held between face-to-face meetings on an as needed basis.

Q: What is the scope of the Exco's work?

A: The Exco is involved in providing services to its members including:

- Contribution to our quarterly members' e-newsletter ZOOM
- Contribution to projects undertaken by CPS
- Being actively involved in various working groups as determined by the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice or FIP. Recent examples include working groups on Antimicrobial Resistance, Pharmacy workforce and Pharmacy as the Gateway to Care.
- Helping promote good pharmacy practice in all marketplaces, and in particular in developing countries.
- Contribution to production and delivery of webinars of particular interest to community pharmacy
- Helping promote pharmacy worldwide.

Q: How long is my CPS Exco term?

A: members are normally elected for a four year term and are eligible to be elected for a maximum of one further four year term.

Q: Where can I find out more information about CPS?

A: Please go to www.fip.org/community_pharmacy to view the CPS statutes and other information

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