



Dear Colleague,

My name is Safiye Çağansel and I am the first two-year term president of FIP's Early Career Pharmaceutical Group (ECPG), formerly known as the Young Pharmacists Group (YPG). I own and work at a community pharmacy in Nicosia, Cyprus, I founded the first pharmacy students' association (EMUPSS) – the first internationally recognised association of pharmacy students and young pharmacists on the island. Representing EMUPSS on a national and international level led me to the European Pharmaceutical Students' Association and the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF). Since attending my first IPSF world congress in 2015 I wanted

to do more for the profession internationally as well contribute to global health, which led me to serve in international executive positions and to representing pharmacy students at events such as the World Health Assembly. Soaking up these international experiences, I wanted to think global but act local, so I got involved in my national pharmacists' association the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists' Association (KTEB), where I am (so far) the youngest pharmacist elected to its administrative board and I have been the KTEB representative at recent FIP Council Meetings. Moreover, in 2018, I joined FIP and attended my first FIP congress in Glasgow, including and the YPG Leadership Development Workshop, which led me to get involved in the YPG/ECPG.

In 2022, the YPG/ECPG president's term of office was increased to two years, to better align with other FIP constituencies, to ensure the sustainability and improve the implementation of projects, and to support succession planning. In addition, to better reflect our diverse membership which, as well as young pharmacists, pharmacy educators and pharmaceutical scientists, includes colleagues who graduate with their first degree in pharmacy or pharmaceutical sciences later in life and so are early in their pharmaceutical career, the YPG was renamed ECPG and eligibility for membership of our group was increased from five to eight years post-graduation. This will widen scope for members to benefit from opportunities within ECPG, including ECPG leadership roles.

In addition to building on what we have accomplished in 2022 under the theme of "Connection and Support", the entire ECPG Team – our steering committee and our subcommittees working in areas of projects, liaison, public relations – looks forward to opening more doors to networking, and personal and professional development opportunities for our members, under a new theme of "Collaboration and Engagement" during 2023-2024.

We are always welcoming thoughts and feedback from all FIP members. Please take part in our four-question survey <https://forms.gle/SYYaWf23KL8ned6j9>.

I look forward to engaging with you in future and meeting you at the next FIP Congress! Long live pharmacy- Long live FIP and ECPG!

Warm regards,
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