

APhA-ASP/ IPSF Chapter Guide



**American Pharmacists Association
Academy of Student Pharmacists**

**International Pharmaceutical
Students' Federation**

What is the difference between the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) and the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)?

APhA-ASP is the academy of APhA dedicated to student pharmacists. APhA-ASP represents 36,000 student pharmacists from 143 colleges of pharmacy throughout the United States of America.

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) is the largest organization made up of student pharmacists across the world. IPSF represents 500,000 students in over 100 different countries. Much like APhA-ASP within the U.S., IPSF provides leadership training, disease-focused public health campaigns, and networking opportunities for student pharmacists worldwide.

APhA-ASP is a full member-association of IPSF. This means that every student pharmacist who is a member of APhA-ASP is also a member of IPSF, no extra dues or paperwork required!

What benefits do I have as a member of IPSF?

As a member of IPSF you have many opportunities to get involved with the profession on an international level. Here is a brief overview of the many benefits IPSF provides. Please read on or contact a member of the APhA-ASP International Standing Committee for more information.

Student Exchange Program (SEP) – Allows APhA-ASP chapter members to travel around the world to experience pharmacy in a different country. Student pharmacists from around the world also can be hosted at APhA-ASP chapters in the U.S.

For more information, visit the SEP section of the [APhA-ASP Website](#), or contact the APhA-ASP Student Exchange Officer (usaipsfseo@gmail.com).

International, Student Pharmacist Conferences –

- Pan American Regional Symposium (PARS)
- IPSF World Congress (WC)
- World Health Assembly (WHA)
- International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress (WC)

For more information, visit the IPSF Leadership and Conferences section of the [APhA-ASP Website](#), or contact the APhA-ASP National Contact Person (usaipsfcp@gmail.com).

Become Internationally Published – There are many IPSF pharmacy magazines and articles published including Phuture, SPOT, and Pharmacy Education Newsletter (PEN), in which student pharmacists can write about pharmacy research or about their experiences with IPSF public health campaigns.

For more information or ways to get involved, contact the APhA-ASP National Project Coordinator (usaipsfnpc@gmail.com).

Participate in Internationally Focused Public Health Campaigns – IPSF promotes many different public health campaigns that focus on various health care problems seen worldwide. APhA-ASP generally focuses on the following:

- HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaign
- Tobacco Alert Campaign
- Medicine Awareness
- Humanitarian Campaign (Vampire Cup)
- Healthy Living & Diabetes Campaign
- Tuberculosis Awareness Campaign

For more information, visit the IPSF Campaigns and Projects section of the [APhA-ASP Website](https://www.apha-asp.org/), or contact the APhA-ASP National Project Coordinator (usaipsfnpc@gmail.com).



WORLD AIDS DAY
ON THE FAST-TRACK TO END AIDS
#IPSFWARE #WORLDAIDSDAY

1ST DECEMBER



Healthy lifestyles
could prevent up to 70%
of type 2 diabetes,
healthy eating
can help reduce your risk



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world diabetes day
14 November



#LessSugar #IPSFaware

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Caring for you this World Pharmacists Day
and everyday.



Additional information about IPSF

IPSF is the leading international advocacy organization for pharmacy students worldwide, representing more than 500,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in over 100 countries. IPSF's aim is to promote improved public health through provision of information, education, networking, and a range of publication and professional activities. The Federation has its Executive Committee located with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) in The Hague, The Netherlands. There are five regional offices of IPSF, with additional representation of European IPSF members through the European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA).

Aims & Objectives

IPSF is the leading international advocacy organisation for pharmacy students, promoting improved public health through provision of information, education, networking and a range of publications and professional initiatives. The specific objectives of the Federation are:

1. Establishing a permanent form of contact with representative organisations of pharmaceutical students;
2. Promoting the exchange of ideas by international correspondence and by encouraging full dissemination of scientific and professional knowledge;
3. Encouraging the formation and development of national pharmaceutical student organisations without trespassing upon their domains;
4. Collecting opinions and information on the subject of pharmaceutical education and by suggesting improvements where necessary with the aim of attaining unification of pharmaceutical education;
5. Encouraging member associations to organise annual international pharmaceutical students' congresses;
6. Encouraging and promoting international visits and exchanges of students;
7. Publishing the IPSF News Bulletin as an official organ;
8. Co-operation with other international organisations on a scientific, educational and cultural plane only, the Federation being non-political;
9. Representing the opinions of pharmaceutical students in discussions with professional, governmental and non-governmental organisations.

IPSF is a student-run organization led by volunteers at the local, regional, and international levels from all member nations.

For more information on the Federation, visit the [IPSF website](#)

Curious about the Federation's history? Check out [IPSF's History book](#)!

How do I get involved in the Student Exchange Program (SEP)?

Thinking about traveling abroad during your summer? There is a two-step application process for selection and placement in SEP.

First you must apply to be one of the APhA-ASP members selected to represent the US in the SEP program using the SEP Pre- Application (found on pharmacist.com under APhA-ASP IPSF Information). This application becomes available in the early fall and is accepted on a rolling deadline from **September 15th to November 1st each year**. The sooner you turn in your application, the better your chances of being accepted. If selected, instructions will be provided to you on how to apply to different countries through the IPSF SEP Database. For a list of countries that participate in SEP, please visit the [IPSF SEP Database](#).

DO NOT apply to the IPSF SEP Database without being instructed to do so by the APhA-ASP/IPSF Student Exchange Officer.



The number of APhA-ASP members allowed to participate in SEP is proportional to the number of student pharmacists the U.S. accepted from other countries the previous year (at a 3:2 ratio, respectively). This means that by increasing the number of host sites at APhA-ASP chapters, more student pharmacist from around the U.S. can participate in SEP.

Setting up a host site at your chapter is easy! All necessary information for hosting can be found in the [Guide to Creating a SEP Site](#) and in the [Local Exchange Officer \(LEO\) Training Manual](#) (found on pharmacist.com under IPSF Information). Hosting student pharmacists is very rewarding and will allow you to create life-long friendships with student pharmacists from around the world.

If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a host site, contact the Student Exchange Officer (usaipsfseo@gmail.com).

What is IPSF World Congress?



Each year, IPSF hosts their annual World Congress. World Congress is the highest ruling body of IPSF. It resembles the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition, but on the global level. It is a 10-day international pharmacy conference in which student pharmacists from all over the world come together to learn about public health campaigns, compete in professional development competitions, and vote on matters for the good of the Federation.

World Congress typically occurs in July or August. The conference location and hosting country rotates continents and countries annually.

The many opportunities at World Congress include:

- Participation in the General Assembly, the decision-making body of IPSF (like the House of Delegates)
- Leadership opportunities, both at the Leaders-In-Training event before the congress and as serving IPSF in an official position
- Patient Counseling Competition (similar to APhA-ASP's Patient Counseling Competition)
- Clinical Skills Competition (similar to ASHP's Clinical Skills Event held at Midyear and local level)
- Educational and Scientific Symposium days (presentations by world-renowned leaders in pharmacy)
- Scientific Poster Competition and Presentations
- Student Workshops
- Compounding Competition
- Networking opportunities at the many themed social and cultural events
- Post-Congress Tour throughout the hosting country

Contact your APhA-ASP National Contact Person (usaipsfcp@gmail.com) about information about this summer's World Congress!

What is PARO and PARS?

In IPSF there are five regions, which is very similar to the different regions within APhA-ASP. The five regions within IPSF are Pan American Regional Office (PARO), African Regional Office (AfRO), European Regional Office (EuRO), Asian Pacific Regional Office (APRO), and Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO). Each region represents a number of countries that are members of IPSF. APhA-ASP is a member association of PARO along with associations from Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Haiti, and Brazil. In 2002, the Pan-American Regional Office (PARO) was established to unify Canada, North, and South America. Pharmacy students from these countries have been involved in IPSF since its formation. PARO is devoted to promoting communication and membership in IPSF among the nations of the Pan-American Region by dissemination information about various IPSF-PARO programs and events taking place in our beloved region as well as around the globe.

The Pan American Regional Symposium (PARS) is the regional meeting of PARO. The structure of this meeting is similar to World Congress. For more information, email your APhA-ASP National Contact Person (usaipsfcp@gmail.com).



What leadership opportunities are there involving IPSF?

International Opportunities - IPSF Executive Offices (elected during World Congress)

- President
- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Chairperson of Pharmacy Education
- Chairperson of Professional Development
- Chairperson of Public Health
- Chairperson of External Relations
- Chairperson of Internal Relations
- Chairperson of Student Exchange
- Chairperson of Media and Publications
- Chairperson of PARO
- Committee member roles

Regional Opportunities - PARO Officer (elected during PARS)

- Chairperson of PARO
- Chairperson of PARS
- Secretary
- Regional Media and Publications Officer (RMPO)
- Regional Projects Officer (RPO)
- Regional Relations Officer (RRO)
- Subcommittee member roles

National Opportunities - APhA-ASP National Positions on the International Standing Committee (ISC)

- National Contact Person
- Student Exchange Officer
- Student Exchange Officer-elect
- National Project Coordinator

Local Opportunities - APhA-ASP International Vice Presidents (IVPs)

- International Vice President (IVPs)
 - International Committee Member
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How do I get my chapter more involved with IPSF?

There are several ways to get your chapter more involved with IPSF! Any event that relates to IPSF's campaigns and projects can be counted towards IPSF activities in the APhA-ASP chapter achievement report. An event does not have to be hosted by the International Vice President or an IPSF committee to count for your chapter.

Ways to get Involved

- Create an IPSF committee within your schools' chapter
 - This can allow your chapter to accomplish more throughout the year and focus on IPSF specific events. The IVP can be in charge of this committee or a separate committee chair position can be created.
- Register as a host site for the Student Exchange Program (SEP)
- Promote student participation in the Student Exchange Program (SEP)
- Promote or host any IPSF campaign or project
- Attend an international conference hosted by IPSF

The list above is not all inclusive. There are still many other ways to get the most from your IPSF membership. Be creative and innovative when designing and planning an international focus for your chapter. Reach out to any member of the International Standing Committee for ideas or help in maximizing your IPSF membership.

Contact the APhA-ASP International Standing Committee with any additional questions or concerns:

National Project Coordinator: usaipsfnpc@gmail.com

National Contact Person: usaipsfcp@gmail.com

Student Exchange Officer: usaipsfseo@gmail.com

****Please do not contact IPSF directly with any questions as your International Standing Committee is here as your representative to answer any questions. Failure to comply may cause confusion and delays. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.***