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This presentation is designed to give APhA-ASP members an overview of the International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF) and APhA-ASP fits into this organization.

Slide 2
Meet your APhA-ASP International Standing Committee Members and APhA-ASP/IPSF National Officers. IPSF has national officers representing each national student pharmacist organization that it is associated with. APhA-ASP is associated with IPSF and represents the United States to IPSF, so APhA-ASP members are appointed to be APhA-ASP/IPSF National Officers. APhA-ASP also uses these officers to help bring international pharmacy back to the United States, so APhA-ASP formed the International Standing Committee to incorporate these IPSF National Officers in to APhA-ASP operations. Confusing, right? Just remember that the members of your APhA-ASP International Standing Committee (pictured above) are your liaisons to IPSF; they work as representatives in both organizations. Interested in any of these positions? Go to www.pharmacist.com for information about standing committee applications.

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IPSF is the premier student pharmacist organization on the international level. It is much like APhA-ASP in structure, except instead of university chapters being members, countries are members. Unlike APhA, IPSF is 100% student organized and operated creating a different structure and environment.

Student pharmacist associations in various countries apply for membership to IPSF. Once voted in, they may be either a full member or a member-in-association based on specific criteria. APhA-ASP is a full member of IPSF, which means that all APhA-ASP members are also members of IPSF and can participate in IPSF activities or leadership opportunities. This also means that APhA-ASP is represented in the IPSF General Assembly (the decision-making body) at the annual IPSF World Congress. APhA-ASP can propose motions, second motions, and vote on various business in the General Assembly. APhA-ASP has one vote.

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The IPSF business headquarters and flat (apartment) are both located in The Hague, Netherlands (the government seat in the Netherlands). The IPSF Constitution and Domestic Rules are also bound by Dutch Law.

(Top photo) The IPSF Headquarters is an office located in the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Headquarters building.

(Bottom photo) The IPSF Flat is an apartment where IPSF Executive Committee holds meetings. Other sub-committees may hold meetings there as well. There is usually an executive committee member who takes residence there year-round, in order to perform upkeep and to pay the bills!
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The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of IPSF which has its annual gathering at the World Congress. Each IPSF promoted project is governed by a Chairperson which makes up the Executive Committee of IPSF. Under each specific project, there is a coordinator and a corresponding subcommittee.

This diagram also depicts Student Partners including EPSA (European Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation), IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students’ Association, and ELSA (European Law Students’ Association). It also depicts Professional Partners including FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation), WHO (World Health Organization), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and IFISO (Informal Forum of International Student Organizations - not pictured on diagram). IPSF collaborates with these organizations.

IPSF member organizations conduct and carry out these IPSF-related projects to increase activity amongst pharmacy students and also to expose pharmacy students to the various health care issues around the world.

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Each of the 5 regions has its own regional executive officers, sub-committees, initiatives and projects focuses, and annual meetings (also called regional symposia). APhA-ASP is a part of PARO or the Pan American Regional Office representing North and South America. The other regional offices are as follows: EuRO (European Regional Office), EMRO (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office), AfRO (African Regional Office), and APRO (Asia Pacific Regional Office).

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APhA-ASP is a member of the PARO (Pan American Regional Office). All APhA-ASP members are eligible to apply for PARO leadership and committee positions. APhA-ASP members are also able to register for PARO activities and meetings. This slide lists the current executive offices held within the PARO Regional Working Group and all Subcommittees. PARS is the Pan American Regional Symposium (small version of World Congress for the region). Check out the website for more details, the event also has its own Facebook page for information updates which you can get from the PARO Facebook page.
Website details listed on the next slide.

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There are many ways to get involved and stay updated on PARO activities. Visit the PARO website and follow the PARO Blog. Members view the PARO newsletter (on the website) and ‘like’ the PARO Facebook page. Typically, there is a Facebook page made for PARS each year! Does your chapter do activities that are relevant to IPSF PARO promoted events including Diabetes & Healthy Living Campaigns, the Vampire Cup, or Malaria Awareness Campaign? Have you done something exciting to participate in world public health days such as World HIV/AIDS Day, World Immunization Week and more? Go to the PARO website and submit a post to the IPSF Blog as a way to share event ideas and accomplishments with the region.
The IPSF World Congress is an amazing event where hundreds of student pharmacists from across the world come together to work towards educational development, professional development, improved patient care, and to address IPSF business. It is an opportunity for students to represent their home country on the world level and to share and learn from students of other countries and cultures. World Congress is an experience of a lifetime and it forever leaves an impression on those who attend. It addresses world pharmacy, culture, and networking all in one meeting. This is IPSF’s annual meeting and is much like the APhA Annual Meeting except the World Congress is student organized.

Pictured is a group photo of the 59th IPSF World Congress attendees in Utrecht, the Netherlands from 2013!

The 60th IPSF World Congress took place in Porto, Portugal. At the 58th IPSF World Congress in Egypt (2012), the Associação Portuguesa de Estudantes de Farmácia (APEF) placed a bid to host the 60th IPSF World Congress and the General Assembly voted yes! Once the vote is finalized, the host association puts together a reception committee who spends the next two years preparing to host World Congress. Pictured above is an informational session hosted by the reception committee before World Congress in 2014. Also pictured above are three of your 2014-2015 APhA-ASP International Standing Committee Members (Ashley, Adrian, and Nellie) who served at World Congress in Porto as official delegates representing APhA-ASP and the U.S. in the General Assembly. Each country is allowed three official delegates. However, all members who attend are able to participate in all other World Congress events and activities!

Every year there is an opportunity to come to World Congress! This is a great opportunity to meet student pharmacists from all over the world and to see how IPSF operates on an international level. The 61st IPSF World Congress will be held in August of 2015 in Hyderabad, India. There is a pre-application to attend World Congress that is usually due in mid-January. See www.pharmacist.com and search ‘IPSF’ for details about the pre-application.

IPSF works in close collaboration with professional organizations including:

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Operational Relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Roster Consultative Status with the Economic Social Council of the United Nations (UN-ECOSOC)
- Federation of International Pharmacy (FIP)
IPSF has negotiated with the WHO to provide many student pharmacist internship opportunities at the WHO in Geneva, Switzerland. To learn more about current updated internship opportunities visit www.ipsf.org under ‘Internships’ tab.

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IPSF members can attend WHO World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland! This occurs at the end of May, and members must apply to the IPSF Executive Committee and be selected to attend.

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FIP is the International Pharmaceutical Federation and it was founded in 1912 in The Hague, Netherlands. It is the global federation of national associations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists and is in official relations with the World Health Organization. Through its 126 Member Organizations in over 80 countries, FIP represents over three million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists worldwide. FIP has internships for IPSF students and houses the IPSF Office within its headquarters. These internship applications are organized through the IPSF Executive Committee.

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FIP considers it of utmost importance to involve itself in projects and initiatives that advance both pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical sciences. Through the FIP Education Taskforce, the Federation is dedicated to reforming pharmacy and pharmaceutical science education so that students and eventual graduates receive the highest standard of education, and leave university ready to meet the challenges ahead. Through these and all other FIP endeavors, the ultimate goal is better patient care, increased patient safety and improved global health.

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Every year, FIP organizes the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, where thousands of pharmacists meet, learn, share and exchange views. This is another great opportunity for IPSF students to attend. In 2015, the FIP World Congress will be in Dusseldorf, Germany. Below are the last 5 locations of the Congress.

- 2010- Lisbon, Portugal
- 2011- Hyderabad, India
- 2012- Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2013- Dublin, Ireland
- 2014- Bangkok, Thailand

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How do you connect to IPSF? It starts with your chapter. Your chapter International Vice President is the liaison to the APhA-ASP International Standing Committee which is home to the APhA-ASP/IPSF National Officers. APhA-ASP/IPSF National Officers work to connect APhA-ASP chapters and members to PARO and IPSF!

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Information and resources about APhA-ASP/IPSF initiatives, projects, and opportunities are available at www.pharmacist.com. Search ‘IPSF’ to connect to the APhA-ASP/IPSF web page. www.ipsf.org and
paro.ipsf.org are websites specifically representing IPSF and PARO; visit these sites for additional resources.

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APhA-ASP/IPSF has a Facebook page that is kept up-to-date! Make sure you like the page to receive regular notifications about IPSF opportunities, activities, current events, and announcements. This is also a venue to get last minute reminders and updates regarding IPSF!

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IPSF has many campaigns and projects to get involved with! The projects that are APhA-ASP sponsored are the tobacco campaign, HIV/AIDS campaign, the Vampire Cup, diabetes and healthy living, medicine awareness campaign, and pharmacy profession awareness campaign.

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Counterfeit medications or pharmaceutical products are produced and sold with the intent to deceptively represent its origin, effectiveness, authenticity, manufacturing, and packaging. To combat the problems of counterfeit medications, IPSF started ACDC in 2008.

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In 1987, the World Health Organization (WHO) dedicated December 1st to raising awareness of HIV and the AIDS pandemic. There are many ways to support this project. You could do something as simple as a red ribbon awareness campaign or raise money for a HIV clinic.

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In 1982, the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) proposed that March 24th be proclaimed as the official World TB Day. In 1996, WHO joined hands with IUATLD and, today, the Stop TB partnership has been formed as a network of organizations and countries fighting against TB. Over the years, IPSF has been a strong advocate of organizing this campaign so as to promote the awareness about tuberculosis (TB).

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Tobacco Cessation is an IPSF public health campaign supported by many countries participating in IPSF. APhA-ASP decided to participate in this specific IPSF public health campaign due to the prevalence of tobacco use in the United States. With World No Tobacco Day on May 31st and the Great American Smokeout on the third Thursday in November, there are different opportunities to make an impact in smoking cessation!

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Medicine Awareness Campaign (MAC) is an easy campaign for pharmacy students to get involved with! In fact, Pharmacists and Pharmacy students should be involved from the beginning to increase patient medication awareness. Topics for this campaign include: drug abuse and addictions, drug side effects and adverse reactions, drug interactions (Drug-Drug, Drug-Food), polypharmacy, accurate data about drugs, medication adherence-involving patients in decisions about prescribed medicines and supporting adherence, and increasing drug awareness among special populations (i.e. the elderly, babies, etc).
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Diabetes is an issue worldwide. This campaign is to promote a healthy lifestyle for all patients and to promote awareness about diabetes.

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Pharmacy awareness is accomplished globally to make patients all over the world aware about the role of a pharmacist. Pharmacy awareness can be done in conjunction with American Pharmacist Month, but it can also be done throughout the year.

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The Vampire Cup is an international blood donation competition among all the IPSF associations. In 2012 we collected 12,693 liters of blood, and we hope to collect even more this year! This is a growing project and a great way to help others. By participating in the Vampire Cup, you are building your IPSF association, promoting international relationships, and, most importantly, saving lives.

Books For Africa is an organization with a simple mission: “Collect, sort, ship, and distribute books to students of all ages in Africa.” According to their website, Books for Africa has sent more than 27 million books to 46 African countries! That makes BFA the largest shipper of donated English educational materials to the African continent in the world.

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There are lots of ways to get involved! Do not feel like you are limited to just the IPSF projects or the ones that are APhA-ASP sponsored. Here is a calendar of the major world health days and health observance days. Be creative and see how you can impact the community through public health!

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The IPSF Student Exchange Program is the largest IPSF project. Each year, over 800 student pharmacists are mobilized to international sites for professional and cultural experiences.

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The starred fields of experience are the most commonly offered fields of experience for SEP across the world. Most often, countries offer only one type of field to a student during a given SEP (i.e. the student may only be in a community setting during SEP). The U.S. host sites typically offer international students multiple fields during SEP. These are generalizations and you may see exceptions. Host sites also change year-to-year, so there are always exciting new opportunities for students.

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To access the pre-application, search ‘IPSF’ at www.pharmacist.com. Make sure the document is labeled ‘2015’ as this year’s pre-application is different from last year’s.
Only students accepted past the pre-application are eligible to complete the official application. During this step, students will pay a $65.00 fee to participate. Students also choose 3 countries and 2 areas of interest for the application. If a student is not placed, the refund is $25.00.

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The list of countries who participate can be found at sep.ipsf.org, select ‘countries’ and click on member organizations that are of interest. DO NOT apply to the database until you are instructed to by the APhA-ASP/IPSF Student Exchange Officers.

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The presentation today is a great overview of IPSF with a focus on items relevant to APhA-ASP members, however it does not encompass all of what IPSF has to offer! In closing, we would like to leave you with a quote from Margaret Mead (see slide). IPSF embodies the ideals of a small, passionate, and responsible group of citizens changing the world. IPSF is student organized, and together we affect pharmacy, public health, patient care, and policy throughout the world. Anyone who participates in IPSF activities embodies that spirit. Viva la Pharmacie!