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PHARMACIENS SANS FRONTIERES COMITE INTERNATIONAL

Honorary President of FIP and President of PSF Sweden, **Nils-Olaf Strandqvist** passed away on 16 September at the age of 74. The pharmacy profession has lost one of its most honourable representatives and we have lost a dear friend.

EVENTS

A new President for the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)

Dr. Kamal K. Midha has been elected as the new President of FIP for the 2006-2010 term at the FIP Congress in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil (25-31 August 2006).

<http://www.usask.ca/communications/awards/midha.shtml>

Training in emergency pharmaceutical assistance

On 18-19 November, Salle Ghandi, Maison des Associations, rue Savoises 15, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland. Training is conducted in English. For more information, contact Andrea Isenegger a_isenegger44@bluewin.ch or Jochen Schreeck j.schreeck@psfde.org

Tiim was selected for the Northamptonshire International Community Film Festival and was screened on 16 September at 6:55 pm.

In France:

From the French medical journal *Moniteur des pharmacies* # 2642 – 23 September 2006

Patient organisations have left the working group on self-medication:

The inter-association, committee on health, which brings together key patient organisations, has left the working group set up by the French Ministry of Health on the basis that this consultation is more about countering the economic effects of the removal of some drugs from the list of approved products qualifying for refunds for manufacturers and pharmacists than improving the quality of care.

For the French medical journal *Prescrire*, there is cause for concern to have a draft law that will allow the government to legalise ‘the support actions for patients receiving medical treatment carried out by pharmaceutical companies’ while these support programmes resemble consumer advertising for prescription drugs, which is forbidden in Europe.

How can a company, which is both judge and judged, tell a patient that he or she should better stop or change his or her treatment?

From Le Monde dated 27 September 2006.

In the United States:

The 4th annual Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group (MBSG) Conference and 3rd Annual Used Drug Return Conference will take place on 23 and 24 October 2006 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland, Maine.

The film “The second tsunami” should be screened on the occasion in the presence of a PSF representative M. Hubert Brault www.mainebenzo.org

MISSIONS

Indonesia:

The emergency programme on Java Island ended on 31 August 2006.

Funds are being sought to strengthen the drug supply and distribution systems in the provinces of **West Sulawesi** and **Papua**. h.razkaoui@psf-ci.org

Tajikistan:

Hlima Razkaoui, Head of Operations carried out in Asia / Caribbean, is in Tajikistan between 20 September and 3 October for a supervision mission.

The objectives of the second phase of the project NMPC are met. All the management procedures and teams are ready. The constitution of the association has been approved by the Ministry of Justice, and now the national procurement centre is operational and is flying on its own. PSFCI will provide technical support for a while and then will gradually leave the project.

PSF is seeking a pharmacist / technical assistant for this programme. Please refer to the full job description on our web site at www.psfci.org under “Opportunities”.

Southern Sudan:

Programmes currently running in Southern Sudan:

- A programme to supply essential generic drugs to the health facilities supervised by 8 ECHO partner NGOs, train health staff and oversee NGOs. Audits of local wholesalers and manufacturers.
- A programme to procure antimalarial drugs and impregnated mosquito nets for partner NGOs working in 17 counties in Southern Sudan, train health staff in the new malaria treatment protocol and in stock management, monitor and oversee partner NGOs and health centres.
- A programme to procure medical supplies, TB drugs, laboratory equipment and reagents for partner NGOs working in 16 counties, equip 12 TB units, train health staff, monitor and oversee partner NGOs and TB units.

Cambodia:

At the end of 2005, 350 people living with HIV/AIDS were served by the first ARV pharmacy in Phnom Penh. The objective for 2006 is to have 830 patients under treatment, and ensure that a high quality of patient treatment, compliance, and psychological follow-up continues.

A second pharmacy opened in August 2006.

Vacancies: a pharmacist specialised in antiretroviral treatment is sought. Please refer to the full job description on our web site at www.psfci.org under “Opportunities”.



The second pharmacy specialising in treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Reception of patients and individual education
- Dispensing and monitoring: assessment of side-effects and treatment compliance
- Psycho-social support groups
- Place for practical training for Cambodian counsellors and pharmacists

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