



SAPSF – the proud hosts of AfPS 2020

4–12 July 2020



International
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Students' Federation



Having successfully won the bid to host the 9th International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) African Pharmaceutical Symposium (AfPS), the South African Pharmaceutical Students Federation (SAPSF) is proud to be bringing home this highly acclaimed conference in 2020. SAPSF was founded an astounding 66 years ago by two universities' student branches, namely that of Rhodes University and Potchefstroom University, and now represents more than 4 000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in 9 South African universities, all working towards a common goal of quality of health for all.

Founded in 1949, IPSF is a non-governmental, non-political and non-religious organisation that represents pharmacy and pharmaceutical science students and recent graduates from all over the world. It is the oldest faculty based student organisation with its headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands and represents over 350 000 individuals in more than 90 countries. The Federation holds official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and works in close collaboration with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). IPSF has five regional offices and South Africa falls under the African Regional Office (AfRO) which has 19 members in 21 African countries.

Annually the IPSF Regional Offices organise regional symposia that bring together pharmacy and pharmaceutical science students and recent graduates to discuss trending global health issues and pharmacy profession development. In the African Regional Office, the AfPS is scheduled for 4–12 July 2020 at Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre in Johannesburg and will be held under the theme "Pharmacy practice in the 21st century: Regulation, technology and pharmaceutical care".

In addition, AfPS will have the following sub-themes:

1. Medicine access and regulations
2. Shaping the future of pharmacy in the 4th Industrial Revolution
3. Emerging roles in pharmaceutical care



The 8th AfPS in Uganda, 2019

The Regional Assembly, which is the highest decision-making body of the Regional Office, will be held at this time. "As we prepare to welcome Africa to our rainbow nation, we look forward to your continued unwavering support as we showcase what South Africa has to offer. We have no doubts whatsoever that this will be a top-notch scientific symposium that provides a platform for mutual learning, collaboration and thought leadership," say the SAPSF organising committee.

For more details on the event, please contact secretariat.afps2020@gmail.com.