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In 2008, The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) developed a strategic plan for the organization that articulated its vision and mission for the next 10-15 years, the so-called “2020 Vision”:

*FIP’s Vision is that wherever and whenever decision makers discuss any aspect of medicines on a global level, FIP is at the table.

*FIP’s Mission is to improve global health by advancing pharmacy practice and science to enable better discovery, development, access to and safe use of appropriate, cost-effective, quality medicines worldwide.

To support the fulfillment of its mission and achievement of its vision, FIP has set three strategic objectives, two of which relate directly to the pharmaceutical sciences:

*Advance the pharmaceutical sciences

*Increase FIP’s role in reforming pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences education

Following the adoption of the “2020 Vision” by the FIP Council in 2008, the Executive Committee within the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences (BPS) sought to revise its strategic plan to better align it with the current vision and mission of FIP.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP) is also working on a renewed strategic plan, and joined meetings of the BPS and BPP have taken place to come to improved coordination, communication and collaboration. Together with the educational initiatives being developed in FIP-Ed one can now imagine a three dimensional “pharmaceutical space”, where in one dimension we find the job position e.g. community pharmacist, hospital pharmacist, industry pharmacist....(currently organized in de FIP sections) , in the second dimension there are the pharmaceutical sciences e.g. formulation, pharmacokinetics, drug design.....(currently organized in special interest groups SIGs). The third dimension is education and training, both providing and receiving, in the fields of interest.

By taking a holistic approach, FIP wants to provide the optimal home to individuals or groups. As an example: The operations of a combined BPP/BPS program committee for the Centennial World Congress have already shown the fruits of this way of working.

In this presentation some more details as to the new operational structure will be presented.