

IPA Vice-President Mrs Manjiri Gharat is elected as Vice-President of International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)

IPA is pleased to inform you that Mrs. Manjiri Gharat, Vice President & Chairperson, Community Pharmacy Division of Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), has been elected as Vice President of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) for the year 2020 – 2024 during the elections held by electronic voting on 12th September 2020 at FIP Council virtual meeting. IPA had nominated Mrs Manjiri for the FIP Bureau elections.



Mrs. Manjiri Gharat is the first woman Pharmacy professional and second Pharmacy professional from India to be elected as FIP Vice President. In the past, Mr Praful Sheth, had been Vice-President of FIP for the term 2006 – 2010 & 2010 - 2014. The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is the global body representing over 4 million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. FIP is a non-governmental organisation that has been in official relations with the World Health Organization since 1948.

Mrs. Manjiri Gharat is the Vice President & Chairperson, Community Pharmacy Division of IPA since year 2012. She is InCharge Principal of HSNCB's Prin.K.M.Kundnani Pharmacy Polytechnic, Ulhasnagar in Maharashtra. As an academician and community pharmacy leader, she has the unique opportunity of working with students and practicing pharmacists which has helped her to understand the ground level realities of pharmacy education and practice in India. Over the last decade, she has advocated for a larger role for pharmacist in National Health Programs, in particularly in National Tuberculosis Control Programme. She also contributes significantly to IPA's National Pharmacy Week (NPW) activities and leads IPA's campaign for consumers, CARUM i.e. Campaign for Awareness on Responsible Use of Medicines.

She is a pharma columnist in leading regional newspapers and uses print and electronic media to create awareness about role of pharmacist and Responsible use of medicines in the community. She has received FIP Fellow Award in year 2016 and Ishidate Award from Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association (FAPA) in year 2018 for her consistent contribution to the pharmacy profession.

The diverse skill sets and expertise that Mrs. Manjiri Gharat brings with her, coupled with the experience garnered all through her distinguished professional career, particularly as Vice President of IPA, makes her the right woman leader to be in FIP Bureau. She plans to work along with Member Organisations of FIP to improve the pharmacy practice in SEA region to further the FIP's mission of advancing pharmacy practice worldwide.

IPA feels proud of this rare honour and congratulates Mrs. Manjiri Gharat for the achievement.