You are cordially invited to participate in the Side Session being held as part of the 3rd Global Forum on Human Resources in Health on:

Universal health coverage – improving access and outcomes through responsible medicines use
Saturday, 9 November 2013 (11:00 to 12:30)
VENUE:
Mario Melo Room 1/3,
Atlante Plaza Hotel,
Av. Boa Viagem, 5426, Recife Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil

Side Session Purpose:
From a broad health policy and workforce planning perspective, it is critical that all patients have access to essential medicines and are supported to use their medicines responsibly. In today’s world however, many countries and populations lack access to qualified health professionals who have the competencies needed to help patients manage their medicines. So how can the skills and talents of the available health workforce be utilized and improved towards reducing waste, ensuring safety and effectiveness of the medicines used? The purpose of this session is to share successful HRH commitments that have been made to accelerate universal health coverage, through implementing policies and programmes that increase access to medicines and help build the necessary health workforce competencies to support responsible use of medicines by patients.

Side Session Objectives:
The main objectives of this session are to:
− Discuss the basic principles and competencies for those whose tasks and duties include the provision of medicines to patients.
− Discuss and consider how national policies can best utilise available resources, across the health professions including the pharmacy workforce.
− Learn from country-level examples of quality and effective pharmaceutical service models that support better health equity.

Side Session Programme:
Chairs: Henri Manasse Jr, FIPed Steering Committee Chair and Luc Besançon, FIP General Secretary/CEO

1. Equitable provision of medicines to the population – a step-wise approach in Brazil
   Dr Djenane Ramalho Oliveira, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Official Representative of the Conselho Federal de Farmacia (CFF)
2. Integrating the private sector into national programmes – the case for TB in India
   Mrs Manjiri Gharat, Honorary Secretary of the Community Pharmacy Division, Indian Pharmaceutical Association
3. Question and answer session
4. Access to a pharmacist – I. Ensuring competency of the pharmacy workforce; II. A good indicator of a growing economy and growing health equity
   Prof Ian Bates, FIPed Development Team Director and Dr Andreia Bruno, FIPed Project Coordinator & Researcher
5. Interactive Panel Discussion

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