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# MALTA PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



**MPSA**

The Malta Pharmaceutical Students Association -MPSA- is constantly growing and evolving as an organisation. Each year, new initiatives are taken to help pharmacy students reach ever growing goals.

This year it was decided to represent MPSA virtually. A new website, hosted specifically to keep our members updated on current events was created and launched. The website also serves as a platform where students can ask queries and learn from each other.

Apart from representing the student body at a University level, MPSA strives to represent pharmacists on a national level. MPSA aims at educating people and increasing national awareness of the important role of the pharmacist in the community.

MPSA's Health Campaigns Team continuously strives at achieving this goal. A large number of pharmacy students participated actively in various events organised by MPSA, with the help of various sponsors and other local organisations such as the Malta Pharmaceutical Association, the Malta Chamber of Pharmacists and the University of Malta's Department of Pharmacy. One of the most successful events organised to date is the World Pharmacists Day spanning over the entire week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. This campaign was held in several localities in Malta including Valletta, Sliema so as to reach as many people as possible. Approximately 40 students volunteered to participate in this event. Each student asked passers-by if they were willing to fill in a short questionnaire regarding their perception of the pharmacist. An informative leaflet describing the pharmacist's profession and their role in the community, research, industrial and clinical settings was disseminated. MPSA participated actively in other activities including Science in the city, World Osteoporosis Day and World Diabetes Day.

MPSA is an active member of both the European Pharmaceutical Students Association (EPSA), as well as the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF).

IPSF represents more than 350,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in 84 countries worldwide. IPSF is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious volunteer organisation.

IPSF is the leading international advocacy organisation of pharmacy students promoting improved public health through provision of information, education, networking, and a range of professional activities. The Student Exchange Program (SEP) has allowed students from IPSF member organisations as well as IPSF individual members to explore and learn pharmacy in other countries since 1958. Currently, close to 60 associations throughout the world participate in SEP and over 600 international exchanges take place every year. MPSA is proud to host students from SEP during the summer months. This year, over 50 applications have already been received by MPSA from different countries including USA, Poland and Serbia.



World Pharmacist Day - Blood Pressure Testing



EPSA, which has been a leader in bringing pharmacy, knowledge and students together for more than 35 years, represents more than 160,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in 36 countries across Europe. EPSA is a volunteer-based non-profit and non-political student organisation working in the interest of European pharmacy students.

Recently, MPSA has also placed a bid to host the 2015 Autumn Assembly, where up to 400 European students could be hosted. The Autumn Assembly is the second biggest annual event organised by EPSA. It provides an opportunity for EPSA members to review the work of the association half way through the mandate and at the same time to renew motivation and commitment to EPSA.

MPSA works and interacts with as many students as possible. By motivating students to work together as part of the team, MPSA lives on.



Istanbul- Turkey Quattrino Project



Osteoporosis Day - Group Photo



Autumn Assembly 2013 in Valencia

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