



Call for Posters

54th Annual Congress of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation

The theme for the poster exhibition at the 54th IPSF Congress is “**Counterfeit drugs**”.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), a counterfeit medicine is “a medicine, which is deliberately and fraudulently mislabeled with respect to identity and/or source. Counterfeiting can apply to both branded and generic products and counterfeit products may include products with the correct ingredients or with the wrong ingredients, without active ingredients, with insufficient active ingredients or with fake packaging.”

Where to get information from?

You can use any source of information, as long as it is viable. For example you can get information from local and national authorities, local and national organizations' surveys, teachers, internet, representatives from drug factories and from the area of distribution etc.

What can be presented?

There are so many things that you can present in this topic. Some of the topics for you (not limited to this only):

- Scenario in your region or nation: Over all drugs that are counterfeited and health impact
- Major causes of counterfeiting that are prevailing - lack of legislative framework, poor national regulatory authority, defective quality assurance system
- Actions taken to prevent counterfeiting

What should the poster look like?

The poster should be A/1 in size (59.4 cm × 84.1 cm or 23.4 inches × 33.1 inches) and may be handmade or printed. However please note that only posters of informative or scientific style will be accepted! The only accepted language for the poster is English.

When is the poster presentation and exhibition?

The poster presentation will take place on Day 5 of the Congress – Wednesday 6th of August, next to the Scientific Symposium room. Poster authors are expected to be at their posters when the judges make their rounds to inspect the posters. A presentation of 3-5 minutes may be made to the judges, with subsequent Question & Answer. The exact time of the presentations will be announced at a later date.

The posters will remain up for exhibition until the end of Congress Day 6.

Benefits of presenting

Certificates will be presented to participants whose abstracts and posters are accepted and the presenter of the best poster will be awarded during Gala Dinner. Poster presentations will be judged by invited speakers of the Scientific Symposium as well as representatives of the Congress sponsors.

Abstract submission

Abstracts should be submitted **by 1st July 2008** to ipsf2008@gmail.com for inclusion into the Congress symposia booklet. All abstracts must include the poster title, author(s), school or student organization, country and a summary of the poster content.

If the poster is one of an original scientific study or review, the abstract format should include:

Poster Objective: The purpose of your project or study.

Method: Briefly describe the methods or strategies used.

Results: Summarized specific outcomes.

Conclusions: Discuss conclusions reached, outcomes or lessons learned.

Abstracts must be submitted in English only. The abstract should be A/4 size (21.0 cm × 29.7 cm or 8.3 inches × 11.7 inches) with all margins set to 4.0 cm or 1.6 inches. Use Times New Roman, font 12-point size type and single spacing. Acronyms should be identified with the first reference. Excluding the poster title, author(s) and affiliation(s), the main text of your abstract should not exceed 150 words.

We look forward to your participation!

All enquiries regarding posters can be sent to ipsf2008@gmail.com.