

Message from the IFAPP President, Dr Marco Romano, Italy

During the IFAPP House of Delegate meeting on 28th June 2021, a new IFAPP Board was elected as follows:

- Secretary: Anna Jurczynska, Spain
- Treasurer: Brigitte Franke-Bray, Switzerland
- Standing Officer/Chair Education and Certification WG: Birka Lehmann, Germany
- Standing Officer/Chair Communication WG: Ghazaleh Gouya, Austria
- Standing Officer/Chair External Affairs WG: Cordula Landgraf, Switzerland
- Standing Officer/Chair Ethics WG: Kotone Matsuyama, Japan
- Standing Officer/Chair Young Professionals WG: Annette Mollet, Switzerland

The votes obtained by each of them are thus:

Candidate's name	Votes in favour	Votes against	Abstentions
1 Anna Jurczynska	29	0	3
2 Brigitte Franke-Bray	31	0	1
3 Ghazaleh Gouya	28	0	4
4 Birka Lehmann	27	0	5
5 Kotone Matsuyama	27	0	5
6 Cordula Landgraf	27	0	5
7 Annette Mollet	27	0	5

I would like to congratulate each of them and wish them great success in their new roles. I am sure they will lead their respective Working Groups (WGs) well and with the ambition to increase member numbers and to foster closer interactions with our National Member Associations and Individual Affiliates.

One of the main objectives of this new Board is to contribute to the development of IFAPP across the globe with the support of as many regions and countries as possible. We will do our best to show Pharmaceutical Medicine Associations and related organisations that becoming a member of our International Federation brings many benefits.

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Another important goal will be to increase communication and improve our relationship with external Institutions such as Academia, Pharma, CROs, Patient Organisations and Regulatory Authorities. We are thus aiming to become a point of reference for our National Member Associations and Individual Affiliates.

We intend to dedicate time and energy to the education and training of our members (especially our young colleagues) by implementing new online learning programmes offered globally. We also plan to explore additional certification possibilities.

Moreover, we decided to start a new WG dedicated to Young Professionals to develop a global network via the use of social media. I consider it of paramount importance to facilitate the career of junior colleagues by supporting them with a continuous education in pharmaceutical medicine.

We will continue to focus on the Ethics of Clinical Research and Development as this is the “sine qua non” of every successful drug development plan and good clinical practice.

Finally, on behalf of the whole of IFAPP, I would like to thank the past Standing Officers who have now left the Board. These include: Honorio Silva, Domenico Criscuolo, Gustavo Kesselring, Sandor Kerpel Fronius and Peter Stonier. They represented IFAPP for more than a decade and their dedication will be an example for the new IFAPP Board Officers.

Thank you all for your active participation to the House of Delegates. We look forward to your further contributions in the coming months. We will face many challenges in the future and your continued support is the best reward for our efforts.

