

Join us in Galway for the 2019 IPU National Pharmacy Conference



Following on from the success of the 2018 conference and based on valued feedback from attendees, we have developed an exciting programme of events for the 2019 conference. Registration will open in January with the launch of our conference website, where you will be able to view the full programme and book the events you would like to attend over the weekend. But with nobody wanting January to come sooner than it has to, we decided to give you a sneak peek of what to look forward to at the conference.

The theme of the 2019 conference is *Community Pharmacy: Maximising Our*

Potential – a theme that resonates on the idea of the pharmacy profession progressing to full scope. The annual event brings together community pharmacists, pharmacy staff, industry experts, educational speakers and other stakeholders, to discuss the latest in pharmacy news and explore the key issues facing pharmacists today. The IPU conference is now in its ninth year and is a key event in the pharmacy calendar, as it is the perfect opportunity for pharmacists and staff to socialise with colleagues while also networking with industry representatives and engaging in continuing professional development (CPD).

10 educational sessions will be delivered over the weekend. Our professional programme aims to provide you with important clinical information, but also with the tools to help you as a pharmacist in your day-to-day working life. Our business programme will also contain engaging sessions to help you in your pharmacy business. Additional events that we

Don't forget...

A range of activities can be recorded in your ePortfolio as CPD including having a discussion with a colleague. Just make sure you describe in detail what you have learned and how that learning has contributed to your understanding, benefited your practice, improved patient outcomes or advanced your continuing professional development.

are happy to welcome back to the conference is **APPEL preceptor training** and **CPD for Pharmacy Technicians**.



We are delighted to have Jack Kavanagh join us as a keynote speaker for 2019. Jack sustained a spinal cord injury in 2012, only weeks before entering his second year of Pharmacy in Trinity College Dublin. As a result, he is paralysed from the armpits down with 15% muscle function remaining. However, this did not deter him from achieving success in a number of fields. Through talks and workshops, Jack delivers to audiences on the concepts of resilience, personal leadership, the power of choice and personal development. He was included in a list of *50 Incredible People Who Are Shaping Modern*

Ireland as someone who is inspirational, citing an award-winning documentary *Breaking Boundaries*, that he and friends made based on a road trip around America. More details

on Jack's session will be available in the New Year. In order to support your engagement with CPD, a template to encourage reflective learning and

evaluation of outcomes, is provided for each session. Your attendance at educational sessions during the IPU conference can be included in your ePortfolio.

Plenary Session 2019

The Plenary Session was brand new for the 2018 conference and quickly became one of the highlights over the weekend, with 83% of attendees rating the Plenary as excellent/very good. We are delighted to be running this event once again. This session will allow pharmacists and pharmacy stakeholders to recognise the necessity for the community pharmacy profession to develop a broader scope of practice in the future and be fully engaged in the wider health system. We will have three high-profile speakers present at the Plenary: Dr Ross T. Tsuyuki, Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta; Margaret Wing, CEO, Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA); and Terence A. Maguire, Pharmacist and Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, Queen's University Belfast.

Dr Tsuyuki has received several awards for teaching and mentorship, as well as appointment as a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (FCSHP), the American College of Cardiology (FACC) and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (FCAHS). In 2005, he was recognised as the Canadian Pharmacist of the Year by the Canadian Pharmacists Association. His interests include improving public health through engaging community pharmacists as primary care providers (interventional pharmacy practice research). He is also very involved in the provision of support for other researchers and training the next generation of health researchers.



Margaret Wing is a passionate leader in pharmacy and throughout her career this passion has led her to continue to evolve her contribution to pharmacists. Margaret's experience as a community pharmacist in urban and rural settings, regional manager of pharmacy operations for a major retail corporation and as a pharmacy owner for a number of years, has given her the depth of knowledge for her current role as CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association. Since 2010, Margaret has been advocating for pharmacists across Alberta and has provided leadership over many important initiatives that have significantly advanced the practice of pharmacy.



Dr Maguire has co-authored articles published in journals including the *European Journal of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics*, *International Journal of Smoking Cessation*, *Addiction*, *Hospital Pharmacy Practice*, *International Journal of Pharmacy Practice*, *PharmacoEconomics* and *The International Journal of Clinical Practice*. He authors a number of professional journal columns, including a monthly column for *Irish Pharmacist*, a quarterly column in *Pharmacy Magazine* and regular contributions to the column *Broad Spectrum* in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. He owns and runs two community pharmacies in Belfast and has authored three books and one book chapter, as well as presented at numerous conferences on subjects such as the future regulation of OTC nicotine products, obesity management in the pharmacy and pharmacy-based smoking cessation services.



We welcome the return of the **Panel Discussion** to next year's conference, an event we last ran at the conference in 2016. The Panel Discussion is renowned for opening up stimulating conversations and debates. The theme for the upcoming Panel Discussion will be **Sláintecare – the Future Shape of Healthcare**. Further details on this exciting session will be available in the New Year.

The **Exhibition Hall** is the ideal place for community pharmacists and industry suppliers to come together and discuss pharmacy business. With over 30 exhibitors, the Exhibition Hall is your go-to place for information, networking and business solutions for the latest in community pharmacy.

The annual **IPU President's Dinner & Ball** will take place on the Saturday night of the conference and is our main social event of the weekend. After an exciting, but busy, agenda on the Saturday, the

Ball is the perfect time to relax, unwind and catch up with colleagues. It is also a great opportunity to meet up with friends that you may not have seen in a while; you can even arrange to have your own table – get in contact with us closer to the time and we will organise this for you. A raffle will also be held in aid of the Pharmacy Benevolent Fund Draw, where you could be in with a chance of winning some great prizes, while supporting a worthwhile cause.

The **AGM** provides members with detailed updates on how the organisation has delivered, on your behalf, in the previous 12 months. The motions presented will shape how we will continue to develop the organisation, in line with the Statement of Strategy 2017 – 2020, and we will also discuss current issues facing community pharmacy and answer any concerns you may have. Like last year, the AGM will take place as one event (two

hours long), with Reports and Motions taken together, and will be on the Sunday morning of the conference before we wrap up the weekend.

Every year, we strive to up the conference's game and provide pharmacists and pharmacy staff with a memorable event. We hope you join us in Galway for a fully-packed weekend of pharmacy fun. Where else would you find the chance to engage in your CPD, catch up with your colleagues and meet with companies who want to help enhance the success of your pharmacy business? There is something for everyone at the IPU National Pharmacy Conference.

Registration opens in January – keep an eye out for further details in IPU communications. If you have any queries in relation to the conference, please email conference@ipu.ie. See you in Galway!