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New FIP Professional Secretary

On the last day of the Vancouver Congress, the Council appointed Mr. Colin Hitchings, Great Britain, as new Professional Secretary for FIP – in which capacity he will serve as member of the FIP Executive Committee as well as secretary of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice.

Colin Hitchings, with many years of experience within hospital pharmacy, replaces Gilles Aulagner, France, who resigned due to ill health last spring.

Chairman of the Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP), Community pharmacist Peter Kielgast, Denmark, says:

‘ Having performed the double role as Chairman and Secretary, I am looking forward to working with Colin and I am pleased that BPP is now back to a normal situation. I already have experience in working with Colin as he has been a member of our BPP Executive Committee. FIP will get a very committed, hard working and competent Professional Secretary. During my three years as chairman Colin has given me very valuable support.’

Colin Hitchings is already a well known face within FIP. For six years he has served as secretary for the Hospital Pharmacy Section and another five years as its President.

‘Being responsible for the FIP activities within pharmacy practice, where the majority of the individual members of FIP are active, it is of importance that the Board takes an active role in supporting its members. During this challenging time of change, it is of vital importance that FIP focus on the role of the pharmacist in the process of how health care will be structured in the future. This will be reflected in the revision of the Board’s mission and plans of action, which is a part of the tasks of the new elected secretary.’

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