



**BULGARIA**

**Country Report**

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# Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacy Association

- Established in 2010<sup>th</sup> as Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacist Group
- BIPG in 2013<sup>th</sup> renamed to Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacist Association (BIPA)
- Active members ( till 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2017)
  - 13 Masters of Pharmacy
- Observers
  - 13 Masters and Students of Pharmacy



# Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacy Association

## OBJECTIVES

BIPA shall realize its activity towards the achievement of the following objectives:

- popularising and protecting the interests of industrial pharmacy in Bulgaria
- popularising and protecting the interests of European Industrial Pharmacists Group in Bulgaria
- motivating industrial pharmacy work
- conducting public health campaigns and training courses
- promoting the improvement of industrial pharmacists skills, helping towards their professional realisation and scientific advancement



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## MEANS

The means to achieve these BIPA aims shall be as follows:

- Membership in national, European and World professional and scientific industrial pharmacy organisations
- Popularising the BIPA's goals among the state and public authorities, other pharmaceutical organizations, the faculties of higher education establishments and society in general
- Organising professional and scientific sessions and seminars, participating in professional or scientific projects
- Organising and participation in training courses, practice work and specialisation
- Taking part in specialized forums at home and abroad;
- Publishing a printed organ of the BIPA with materials on the BIPA projects



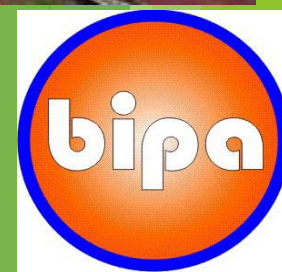


## BIPA in close collaboration with the newest Pharmaceutical faculty in BG

- ▶ Active collaboration with the Dean and Management board of the newest Faculty of Pharmacy at the Medical University of Pleven
  - In September 2016 was established of the First Faculty of Pharmacy in Bulgaria with industrial perspective of education
  - BIPA members supported the curriculum process and courses selection



Established Sep.2016



# BIPA participation in Varna pharmaceutical business forum - October 2016

- Assoc.Prof. E.Grigorov was invited lecturer to one of the biggest pharmaceutical business forum in Bulgaria.
- Presented topics:
  - „Health technology assessment process in Bulgaria”
  - “Code on disclosure of transfers of value from pharmaceutical companies to healthcare professionals”



# BIPA participation in the annual National meeting of pharmaceutical students' associations in Bulgaria- April 2017

L.Bogdanova was appointed for a lecturer at the annual National meeting of pharmaceutical students' association in Bulgaria.

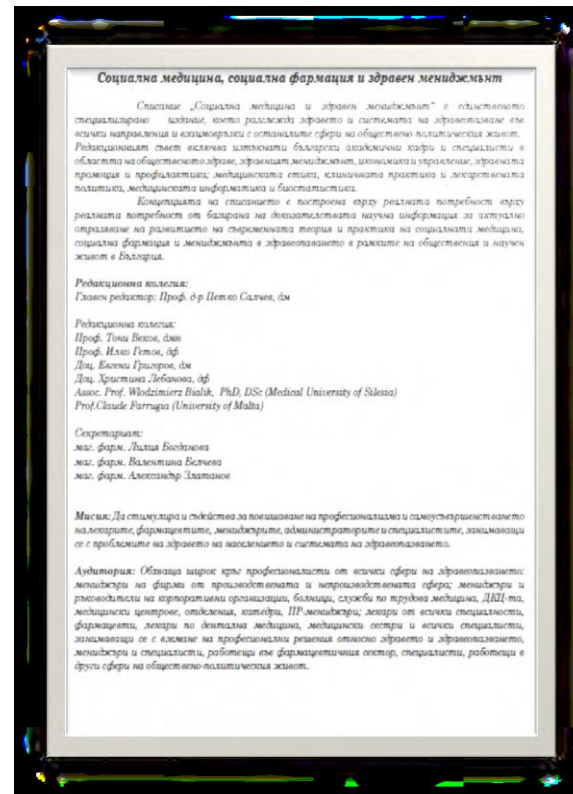
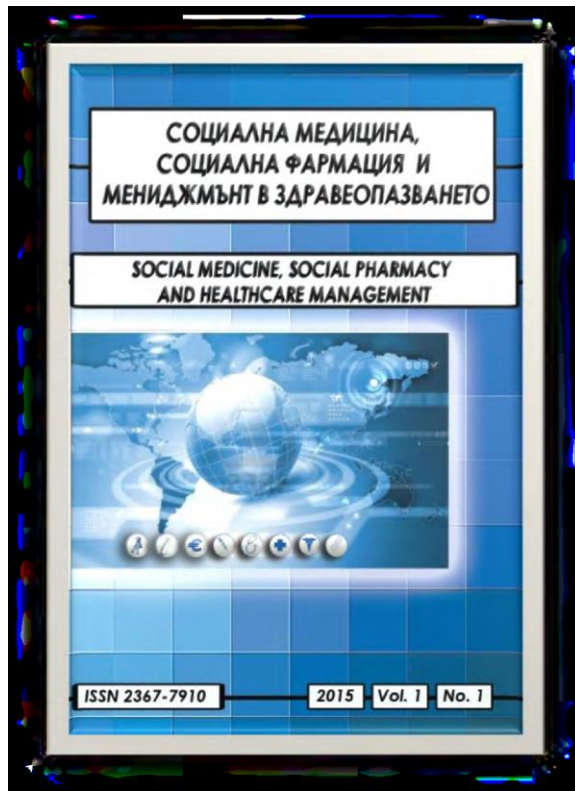
Presented topic:

„Clinical trials as an opportunity for professional realization of the pharmacist”



# BIPA is continuing to run his own scientific journal

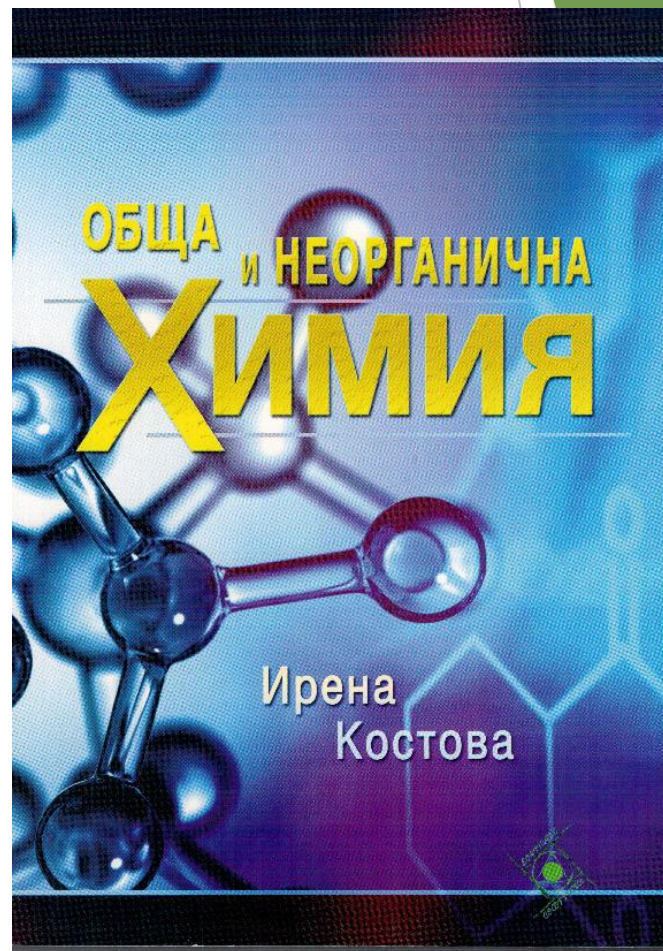
- For a second year BIPA issued its scientific journal Social medicine, social pharmacy and healthcare management in Bulgarian language.





# BIPA sponsored publication of a textbook

- ▶ For the first time in its history BIPA sponsored the publication of a textbook.
- ▶ The textbook is for “General and inorganic chemistry”, written by prof. Irena Kostova, DSci and it is intended for the education of pharmacy students in their first year of the Curriculum.
- ▶ The edition is in Bulgarian language.



# BIPA and science

- ▶ BIPA members realized 2 small scientific research projects:
  - "Health economic impact of some major Rx-to-OTC switches in Bulgaria “
    - Presented at the 6th Congress of Pharmacy with International Participation, Sandanski, Bulgaria.
  - "Study of Bulgarian patients’ awareness on the process of medicines reclassification in terms of drug safety and effectiveness “
    - published in Health policy and management 01/2017; 17(1):18-20.



# An year of increased PhD activity for BIPA members

- ▶ 2 members successfully defended their PhD thesis, including President V. Belcheva
- ▶ 5 members started their PhD education and research

At the moment 40% of BIPA members are holding a PhD degree and 40% are PhD candidates.



# BIPA's member at institutions

- ▶ General Secretary of BIPA  
assoc.prof.Evgeni Grigorov was appointed  
General Secretary HTA committee in  
Bulgaria



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