

# Country Reports from the UK

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# The Industrial Pharmacists Forum

- **Who are we?**

- Gino Martini – Chair
- Janet Halliday – Vice Chair and GPhC link
- Jayne Lawrence – former Chief Scientist, RPS
- Carol Candlish – QP Relations
- John Jolley – Brexit Impact Assessment
- Jane Nicholson – Pharmacy Careers Advice
- Carol McCall – Faculty Relations and Development
- Sue Kilby - Medical and Scientific Affairs
- Janet Davies – Medical and Scientific Affairs
- Ciara O’Brien – Education and University Relations
- Joseph Onosenadia – BPSA representative
- Samuel Pygall – Co-opted

# Accomplishments

- The Chair took control June 2016 and the IPF structure revise accordingly
- The IPF have met twice face to face December 2016, February 2017 and plan to meet in May 2017 and December 2017
  - The meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February was attended by the President of the RPS and also by the Chair of the ENB as well as the Professional Development
  - Strong support for IPF and for the EIPG expressed at this meeting
- The IPF have published a paper on personalised medicine in the Pharmaceutical Journal
- The Chair presented at the British Pharmaceutical Conference on the topic of Precision Medicine
- The Chair presented at the Scottish Parliament in December 2016 on the subject of Precision Medicine
- A number of visits to Universities to discuss career opportunities for pharmacy students were conducted
- The IPF also initiated a number of LPF/Webinars for pharmacists working in Industry

# Issues affecting the UK

- RPS
  - The Society is undergoing a re-organisation with the appointment of a new CEO, an election of a new Board and the appointment of new Chief Scientific Officer
- Brexit
  - Clearly Brexit is causing concern for the Pharma Industry due to the relocation of the EMA
  - Impact on the QP and the release of Clinical Trial Materials
  - Impact on life sciences research still needs to be assessed
- Market Access
  - Continues to dominate with a new cost cap of £20 Million within 3 years post launch being implemented on new medicines
  - ABPI has expressed concerns of funding of new medicines in the UK and the potential exit of some pharma companies

## Wants from EIPG

- Understanding the role of UK Industrial Pharmacists & QP's post Brexit
- The impact of Brexit on Clinical Supplies Network and on the EU (if any)
- The impact of the EMA move and reallocation
- More Webinars as these were very informative
- Understanding the power of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence/Automation on our Industry

## What we will do

- To nominate (if appropriate) an individual for a Vice Presidency if a vacancy arises
- To continue to support the EIPG with representations at meetings and the use of webinars to educate colleagues
- To continue to help EIPG to support the professional development of the Industrial Pharmacists as best as we can
- To continue to contribute articles for EIPG proceedings and conferences