



BULGARIA

Country Report

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Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacy Association

- Established in 2010th as Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacist Group
- BIPG in 2013th renamed to Bulgarian Industrial Pharmacy Association (BIPA)
- BIPA was re-registered under the new regulation for NGO which was adopted in Bulgaria
- Active members (till 31st of March 2019)
 - 15 Masters of Pharmacy
- Observers
 - 12 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



Pharmacy sector in Bulgaria 2018-2019



- ▶ Implication of the national medicines verification system
- ▶ Many changes in the field of pharmaceutical pricing
- ▶ Relocation of HTA process in NCPRMP
- ▶ NHIF implements the principle for cost effectiveness of drugs
- ▶ New regulation for the parallel trade of pharmaceuticals and actions to reduce shortages
- ▶ Establishment of rules for compassionate use of medicines
- ▶ New regulation for destruction of expired medicines
- ▶ Active creation and validation of variety of Pharmacotherapeutic guidelines



An year of increased PhD activity for BIPA members

- ▶ 2 members successfully defended their PhD thesis, including Vice-President Lilliya Bogdanova
- ▶ 3 members started their PhD education and research

At the moment 60% of BIPA members are holding a PhD degree and 30% are PhD candidates.

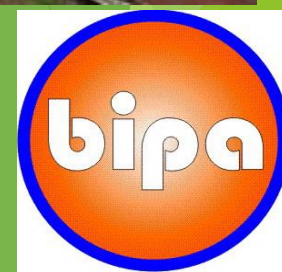




- ▶ Active collaboration with the Dean and Management board of the newest Faculty of Pharmacy at the Medical University of Pleven
 - ▶ In September 2016 was established of the First Faculty of Pharmacy in Bulgaria with industrial perspective of education
 - ▶ BIPA members helped a lot in the foundation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



Established Sep.2016



BIPA has an active agreement for collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University - Varna

E.Grigorov is senior lecturer in “Social pharmacy and pharmaceutical legislation” and “Pharmacoeconomics”

Members of BIPA participates in Varna pharmaceutical business forum - October 2018 and 2019

D.Marinov present a lecture devoted to the possibilities for career development for pharmacists in the field of Industrial pharmacy.

Other presentations including topics:

“Promotion and advertising of pharmaceuticals”

“Digital pharmaceutical marketing”

“Social aspects of vaccines”



BIPA participation in the annual National meeting of pharmaceutical students' associations in Bulgaria- April 2018

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

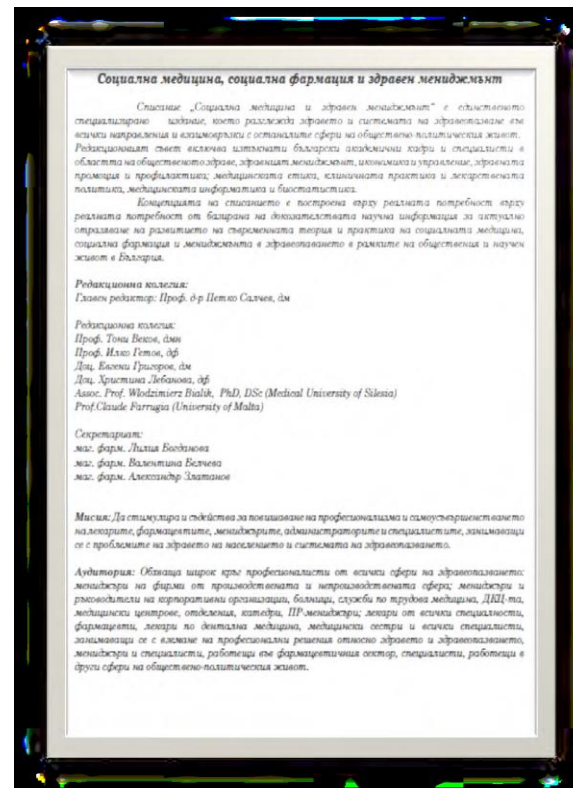
Presented topic:

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



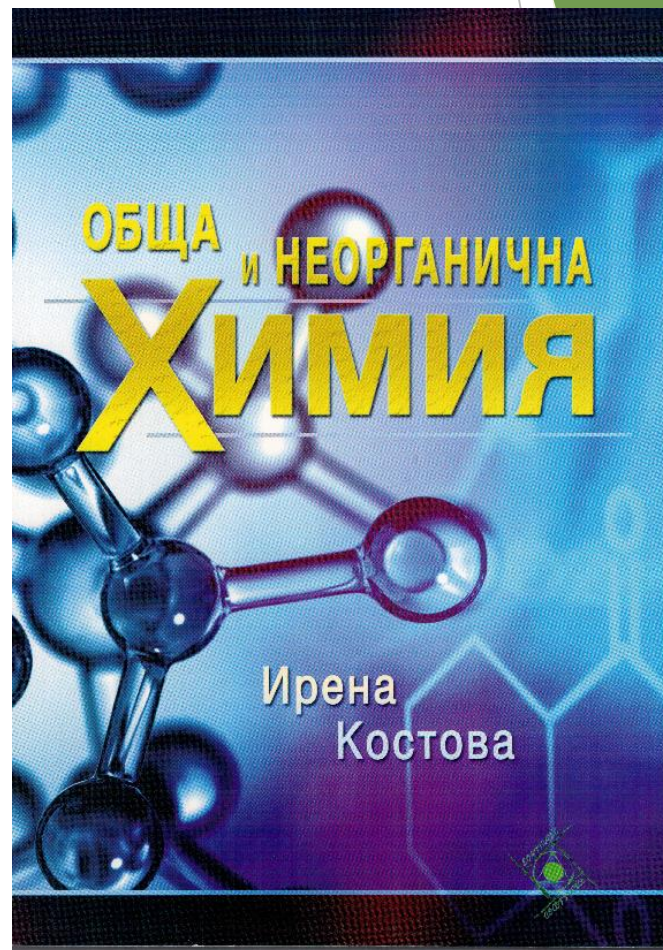
BIPA is continuing to run his own scientific journal

- For five years BIPA issued its scientific journal Social medicine, social pharmacy and healthcare management in Bulgarian language.



BIPA sponsored the 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:
 - "MEDICAL ABORTION - A MODERN HEALTH TECHNOLOGY FOR THE WOMEN IN BULGARIA"
 - Presented at III Scientific Symposium "Health Outcomes & Social Pharmacy" Central & Eastern European Symposium, Belgrade, Serbia, March 2018.
 - "THE SOCIAL MEDIA AND DISCUSSION FORUMS AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS "
 - published in Bulgarian Journal of Public Health 04/2018, 10(1):42-52.



BIPA research project on pharmaceutical manufacturing in Bulgaria

- ▶ In the beginning of 2019, BIPA started a big research project, aiming to collect and analyze information about the pharmaceutical manufacturers in Bulgaria.
- ▶ One of the main goals is to collect information about the number of master-pharmacists working in the pharmaceutical industry in Bulgaria and to try to attract them as BIPA members.
- ▶ The results are expecting to be published at the end of July.

BIPA relations





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