

**Message from the IFAPP President to the Presidents and  
Delegates of the National Member Associations and to the Individual Affiliates**

**An update on the collaboration between IFAPP and IFAPP Academy**

Dear Presidents and Delegates, Dear Individual Affiliates,

By this memo I would like to inform you that IFAPP and IFAPP Academy, both non-profit organisations, are going separate ways with immediate effect.

At the inauguration of IFAPP Academy in 2016, a subcontract agreement was executed between IFAPP and IFAPP Academy aiming at formalising the collaboration between both institutions and describing IFAPP Academy's task to develop an online training course in Medical Affairs for the members of IFAPP and external professionals. The partner for this training course has since been King's College London (KCL), UK. Whilst the first contractual agreement was drawn up between IFAPP and KCL including the organisational payment of certification fees, the subsequent contracts were only between IFAPP Academy and KCL.

In the course of 2021, it came to light that the original subcontract agreement between the two organisations had become invalid due to the expiration of the first contract between IFAPP Academy and KCL. As such, there was no contractual agreement anymore between IFAPP and IFAPP Academy.

Several efforts have been undertaken to formalise the future collaboration between IFAPP and IFAPP Academy beyond 2021 in the form of a renewed partnership agreement between both institutions. Unfortunately, the process of these negotiations has demonstrated that the interests of IFAPP and IFAPP Academy are no longer aligned and that there is no longer sufficient common ground to continue the collaboration as was initially envisaged in 2016. As a consequence, IFAPP has now decided to cancel the collaboration with IFAPP Academy.

IFAPP wishes to point out that any activities or courses organised by IFAPP Academy using the IFAPP name and/or logo are not organised or endorsed by IFAPP.

Despite the fact that IFAPP and IFAPP Academy are parting ways, IFAPP is confident that membership of IFAPP is and shall remain valuable. Furthermore, IFAPP will continue to focus on its core values, certification, and career development of scientific professionals in Pharmaceutical Medicine. Addressing this mission, IFAPP is, since June 2021, in close collaboration with PharmaTrain\*, focusing on identifying a series of educational learning programmes in Pharmaceutical Medicine. This collaboration will certainly benefit all IFAPP members. News and updates on this collaboration will be posted on the IFAPP website.

IFAPP looks forward to welcoming its members to the International Congress of Pharmaceutical Medicine in Athens Greece, held 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 (ICPM 2022).

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\*PharmaTrain : <https://www.pharmatrain.eu/>