



Welcome

Dear IPEC Federation members and friends,

Welcome to the first ever edition of the IPEC Federation Connect, a bulletin providing all IPEC sisters association with a periodic round-up of what the IPEC Federation and other IPECs have been up to! We want to raise the awareness of the IPEC Federation across the globe so please share this with your members and colleagues!

Enjoy it and as always, any feedback is welcome.
IPEC Federation Secretariat

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Priority Objectives 2020

- 🌐 Create/revise/publish/promote IPEC Guides and Position Papers
- 🌐 Support scientific innovation of excipients
- 🌐 Fulfill commitments with stakeholders
- 🌐 Regional opportunities for cooperation
- 🌐 Direct harmonisation towards compliance with divergent compendia
- 🌐 Develop new communication tools
- 🌐 Direct support to regional IPECs
- 🌐 Monitor the environment

The newly-elected Board

President

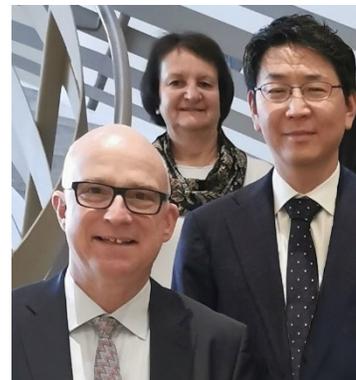
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IPEC-Americas
Priscilla Zawislak

Treasurer

IPEC Japan
Wataru Ohama



The Federation meets in Aix-en-Provence

The IPEC Federation had a face-to-face meeting and held its Annual General Assembly in Aix-en-Provence, France on 4 and 5 February. Delegates travelled from Europe, Japan and the United States to discuss the results of the past year and 2020's objectives (*see above*).

After a two-year term, the leadership baton formally changed hands from IPEC-Americas to IPEC Europe. The new Administrators of the Management Body (formerly known as the Board!) are President Frank Milek representing IPEC Europe, Vice-President Priscilla Zawislak representing IPEC-Americas and Treasurer Wataru Ohama representing IPEC Japan.

The outgoing President Priscilla Zawislak marked the 10th anniversary of the Federation alongside IPEC Europe's Chair Frithjof Holtz during the cocktail reception at the 2020 IPEC Europe Annual Excipients Forum on Thursday 6 February. Time certainly has flown and it was good to look back on what's been achieved, not least the growth from three to five members.

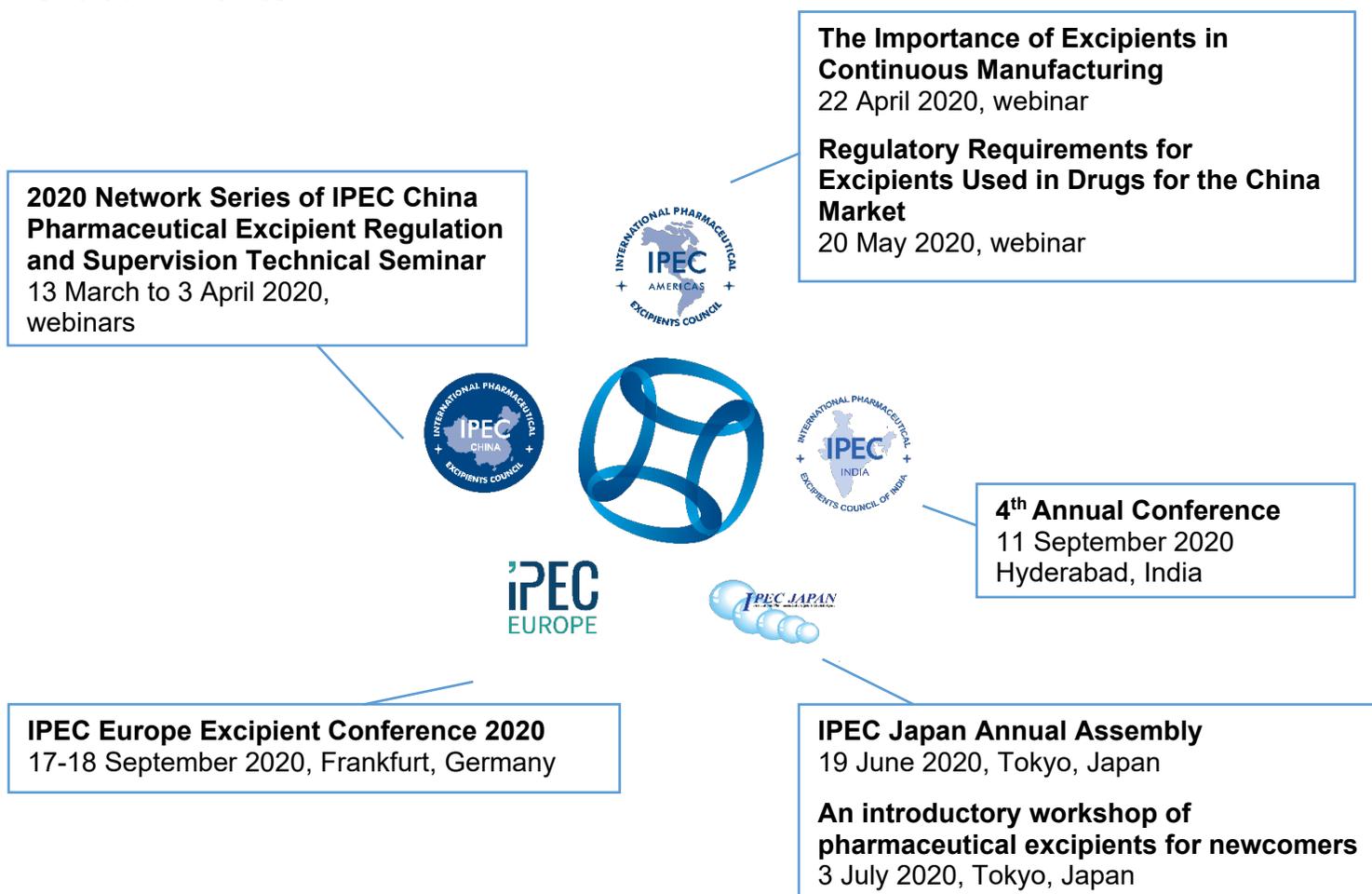
2019 was a productive year for the Federation, which steered with the publication of the [Technical Report 54-6 on risk assessment with PDA](#) and [two position papers](#) on the Supply Chain Security and on GMP for Atypical Actives. A lot of support was provided to regional events within the IPEC family. There was a strong Federation presence at IPEC China's Excipient Conference where it was also possible to discuss compendial matters with ChP and USP representatives.

The Federation submitted many comments on new draft regulations as well as monographs and General Chapters for ChP 2020. We also participated in a workshop in Japan sponsored by IPEC Japan, another first for 2019. A new website (www.ipec-federation.org) and an [infographic](#) were launched, too, in line with the goal for our activities to become more visible.

2020 will be no less busy, with a very aggressive programme to publish several new and revised IPEC Federation Guide such as the GMP Audit Guide, the Qualification Guide for Pharmaceutical Excipients and the GMP Audit Guide.

The long awaited Data Integrity position paper is nearing completion and we'll be seeking to maximise our contributions at ICH as an observer, highlighting the importance of excipients in that forum. We will also identify common ground to expand cooperation with regulatory stakeholders and industry association partners to broaden our global scope.

Global Events



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