

**PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF LATVIA
SECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PHARMACISTS (IPS)**

COUNTRY REPORT 2022–2023



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GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

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Membership:	Total of 32 members (including full members and supporters) 2 newcomers



MISSION

- TO PROMOTE BETTER INTEGRATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS.
- TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY.
- TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS WITHIN THE INDUSTRY.
- TO INFORM THE PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF ISSUES TO IMPACTING INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY.
- TO PROMOTE THE PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF PHARMACISTS IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.



MAIN ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

- EVENTS ORGANIZED BY IPS LATVIA (AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. RFS MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY BEING SURVEYED ON TOPICS THEY WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN).
- ACTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH IPS MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS (BOTH BY E-MAIL AND PHONE) INVITING MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS AND WEBINARS, AS WELL AS TO COMMENT ON EIPG DOCUMENTS.
- PARTICIPATION IN THE 2022 YEAR-END BOARD MEETING OF THE PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF LATVIA (LFB), PRESENTING IPS ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS, AS WELL AS REQUESTING FOR LFB SUPPORT FOR RFS ACTIVITIES.
- PARTICIPATION IN WEBINARS ORGANIZED BY EIPG.
- ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS.
- COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF LATVIA, E.G. CLINICAL PHARMACISTS, HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS AND ONCOLOGY PHARMACISTS.



FUTURE CONTRIBUTION

- ACTIVE COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH EIPG, PARTICIPATION IN WEBINARS ORGANIZED BY EIPG;
- COOPERATION WITH EIPG IN ORGANIZING A WEBINAR INVOLVING LECTURERS FROM LATVIA.
- IMPROVEMENT OF THE RESPONSE AND LOCAL INSIGHT ON REFLECTION PAPERS RECEIVED FROM EIPG.
- CONTRIBUTION IN THE PREPARATION OF THE EIPG'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.



HOT TOPICS

- SINCE JANUARY 2022, THE PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF LATVIA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY EXPERTS.

ON JANUARY 26, THE PHARMACEUTICAL WORKING GROUP STARTED ITS ACTIVITY WITHIN THE EXPERT COUNCIL OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ITS RELATED INDUSTRIES (CHEMISTRY, PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOTECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT) COORDINATED BY THE CONFEDERATION OF LATVIAN EMPLOYERS. UNTIL THEN, PHARMACY WAS NOT SEPARATELY REPRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY EXPERTS. ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF LATVIA IS TO DEFEND THE PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS OF PHARMACISTS AND TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, WHICH IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE COMMON GOALS OF INDUSTRY EXPERT COUNCILS.

- NEW NATIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATIONS.
- MEDICINE SUPPLY SHORTAGES.
- AMENDMENTS TO THE PHARMACEUTICAL LAW, SUPPLEMENTING IT WITH A NEW REGULATION IN THE FIELD OF CLINICAL TRIALS OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS.

