

# FIP-Pharmabridge

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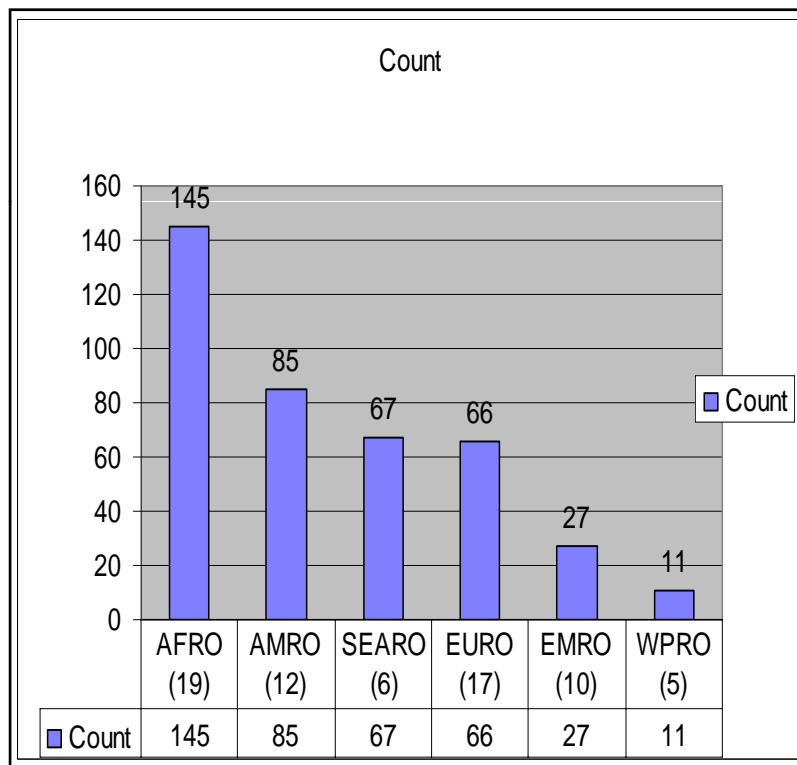
# Introduction

- Objective: strengthening pharmacy services in developing and transitional countries (promoting contacts, networking)
- Private initiative started in 1999 endorsed/supported by FIP and CPA
- Intent to supplement, not duplicate other support schemes
- Support to institutions and individual pharmacists

[www.pharmabridge.org](http://www.pharmabridge.org)

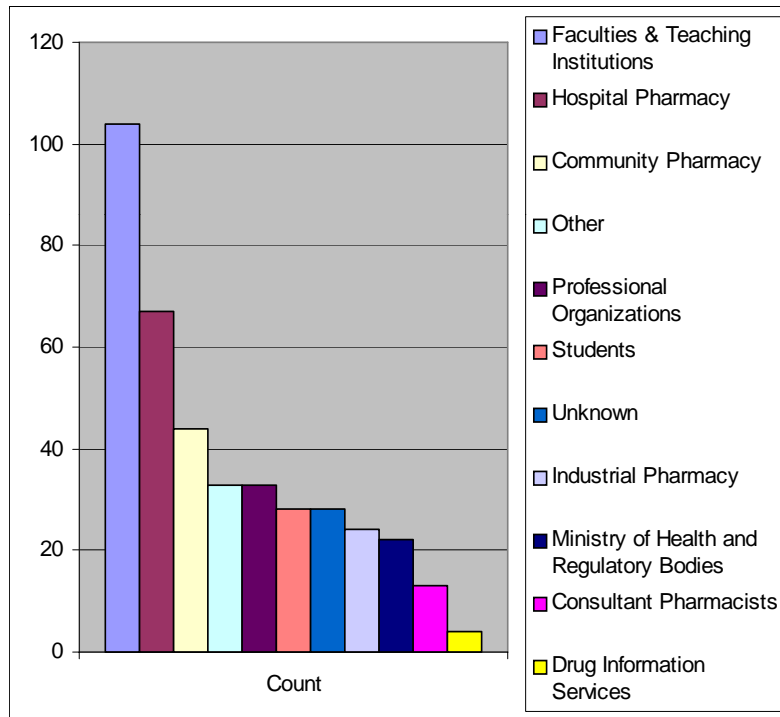
- Info and online registration
- Guidelines for book donations
- Links of particular relevance to DC

# Nos and % of applicants (401 from 69 countries) per world region



- AFRO 36%
- AMRO 21%
- SEARO 17%
- EURO 16%
- EMRO 7%
- WPRO 3%

# Practice category of applicants



Fac/Teach. Inst.	104 (26%)
Hospital	67 (17%)
Community	44 (11%)
Profess. Org.	33 (8%)
Other	33 (8%)
Students	28 (7%)
Unknown	28 (7%)
Industry	24 (6%)
MoH/Reg. Bodies	22 (6%)
Consultant pharm.	13 (3%)

# Links established:

- ASHP: more than 560 copies of AHFS and 5000 copies of The Pharmacists Drug Handbook
- APhA: 20 sets of 5 reference books
- Merck: 50 sets of Merck publications
- Facts and Comparisons: 50 books
- CD on formulations for pediatric use
- Individuals (12) on forwarding books and journals
- Addresses provided for visits while abroad (8)
- Visits to practice sites and Internships (7)

# Links established (contin.)

Ohio Northern University Students (linked 21 parties):

- books, computers, visits
- Pharmabridge credit programme

*See also ACCP News December 2002*

# Ohio Northern University Course Catalogue Academic Year 2004-2005. **PHPR 225 - Pharmabridge**

- **Credits:** 1.00

\*PHARMABRIDGE A service-oriented program focusing on making relationships with pharmacists in developing countries and providing those pharmacists with needed reference materials for their practices. Research on the chosen country, assessment of the practice of pharmacy standards in that country, communication with the pharmacist noted, and provision of reference materials, if needed. May be repeated indefinitely. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

**Other:** 1.00

**College:** Pharmacy

**Department:** Pharmacy Practice

# Links established (contin.)

## Exchange of information

- Drug Information and Research Centre, Ontario Pharmacists' Association (13)
- Exchange of Information: several linked in topics like HIV/AIDS, compounding, drug dependence, oncology, pediatric pharmacy, telepharma

# Major Unlinked Needs

- Exchange between institutions/faculties: 40  
(13 hospital, 27 faculties)
- Visits to learn about pharmacy practice: 15  
(some around FIP Congresses)
- **Need for offers**

# Unlinked offers from developing countries

- Sharing local practice research data
- Accomodation for exchange visits:
  - Ghana (4), Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe
  - Bangladesh, India, Nepal
  - Canada

# Conclusions

- Pharmabridge provides concrete support to pharmacists in underprivileged countries
- Depends on participation of pharmacist in affluent countries
- Acknowledgements