

Establishment of the Ton Hoek Endowed Scholarship

Fund to support a student or resident pharmacist's participation in annual FIP Conference

The APhA Foundation announces the establishment of an endowed scholarship to memorialize Mr. A.J.M (Ton) Hoek's commitment to the global community of pharmacists. The Ton Hoek Endowed Scholarship will provide an annual stipend for a student or resident pharmacist from the United States to attend the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Congress.

In his role as CEO and General Secretary, Mr. A.J.M (Ton) Hoek (1955-2012) built many global relationships in the pharmacist community. He welcomed pharmacists and their professional societies from around the world to participate in global pharmacy activities and to join the FIP family. His leadership efforts resulted in positive collaboration for FIP, both within pharmacy and at the broader level of world health. Ton Hoek believed in international involvement and a global commitment to the profession's advancement.

To officially establish this scholarship, an initial fund target of \$25,000 is needed, building to a long-term goal of \$50,000. This endowed fund will be used to generate the annual stipend for FIP Conference attendance expenses for the selected student or resident pharmacist. The criteria and process will be developed and administered each year by a selection committee. This committee will consist of the representatives from many of the national pharmacy associations.

Through participation in the FIP Congress, the honored student/resident will learn firsthand of global health issues and how pharmacists working through both FIP and American pharmacy organizations can address these issues. The individual will be encouraged to participate in the FIP Congress networking opportunities, presentations, posters and reports. Results of this international experience, with the knowledge and relationships developed, will advance the career of participating individuals and further the relationship of FIP with American pharmacy.

"I am happy to honor Ton Hoek's legacy with this endowed scholarship," stated APhA President, Jenelle Sobotka, PharmD, FAPhA. "Ensuring the advancement of the pharmacy profession on a global scale is an important issue. Pharmacists need to collaborate internationally to ensure our seats at the health care discussion table. By opening access of these programs to student and resident pharmacists, we continue to assure better discovery, development, access to and safe use of appropriate, cost-effective, quality medicines worldwide."

If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund - please donate through the APhA Foundation – www.aphafoundation.org/donate. Please click "other" then indicate Ton Hoek Endowed Scholarship in the dropdown menu.

Checks are also accepted at the following address:

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