

COUNTRY REPORT 2011

Antigua and Barbuda

On behalf of the Executive and Members of the Antigua & Barbuda Pharmaceutical Society (ABPS) it is a privileged to welcome Mr. Bassil Scantlebury and team to Antigua & Barbuda.

ABPS Activities

The new executive was elected for period 28th October 2010 to 27 October 2012, at the Annual General Meeting. The executive comprised the following persons:

Mr. Algernon Roberts	President
Mr. Keegan Goodwin	Vice President
Mr. Alfred Athill	Treasurer
Ms. Candine Roberts	Assistant Treasurer/Secretary
Mr. Kester Gibbs	Secretary
Mrs. Sandra Jonas- Margetson	Executive/Trustee
Mr. George Jarvis	Executive/Trustee
Mr. Jason Sealey	Executive/ PRO

Previous President

Mr. Fitzmorris Martin was complement his leadership, and congratulated by the general body on his appointment as Director General of the Antigua Red Cross

Focus of the New Executive

The Executive was faced with three critical issues which were:

1. Regularization of the Society status according to the Friendly Society ACT, and Regulations.
2. Reorganization and re-vitalization of the Society
3. CAP conference.

Regularisation of the Society:

The executive worked on a new constitution which was approved by the General Body in January 2011. In April the Executive got the general body approval to change the Society's name from Antigua Pharmaceutical Society to **Antigua & Barbuda Pharmaceutical Society**.

On 8th July 2011 the Registrar of Friendly Society's approved the new Constitution and name change of the Society. Notwithstanding the Executive is still working on an historical data required by the Registrar.

Reorganization and re-vitalization

The Society now have once monthly meeting of the Executive, and the General Body on the last Thursday of each month. The meetings focus were use to reach out the all pharmacists in Antigua & Barbuda to re-build the membership base, working closely with the Pharmacy Council, Ministry of Health, seeking assistance from the Ministry to utilized one a building in the former Hospital compound for a Headquarters. ABPS is still awaiting a formal response. A structure is now in place for clear line of communication; well define responsibilities, and proper documentation.

CAP Conference

The CAP conference is been held at a time of significant financial challenges for ABPS, and Antigua & Barbuda as a whole. There have been several discussions between CAP President and ABPS Executive for the materialisation of the conference. These discussions are a work in process. The following committees were established to oversee preparations for the CAP conference.

- Entertainment & Opening Ceremony
- Transport, Communication & Education
- Secretariat & Fundraising

Meetings were held at least twice monthly where the ABPS Executive was update by each committee chair. Subsequent to these meetings Mr. David Pellow Executive Secretary and Bassil Scantlebury President of CAP were update.

The following were put in place for the success of the conference:

- ABPS was able to establish a partnership with the Antigua & Barbuda Diabetes Association to be a partner with CAP and us in the PE forum on Wednesday 10th August 2011
- An official transport team
- Tour of Barbuda for 9th August
- A dedicated list of about 14 -16 volunteers assist with the conference operations; with at most 4-6 per day
- Radio and TV interviews
- A mechanism is in place to respond to any request for CAP during the conference

Training and Professional Development

Presently ABPS represented by the President is partnering with the Pharmacy Council & Antigua State College Pharmacy School in reviewing the current pharmacy program.

The Society plan for regular local Continuing Education seminars for this year has been delayed due to the volume of work to prepare for the CAP conference.

Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) Board of Directors

In July of this year the ABPS nominate for the first time one of its members to sit on the Board of Directors of MBS according to the MBS ACT 2010 for a period of 3 year.

Laws & Regulations

The Pharmacy Council was successful in getting the Government to amend the Pharmacy ACT 1995 in June. However, they are still awaiting the approval of the Pharmacy ACT Regulation.

Algernon Roberts

President

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