



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN PHARMACEUTICAL PRACTICE 2007

Beijing China, 2 September 2007 - The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has awarded the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award for Pharmaceutical Practice to Prof. Dr Zoltán Vincze. The FIP Lifetime Achievement Award is given to those individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to the advancement and improvement of Pharmaceutical Practice worldwide.

Prof. Dr Zoltán Vincze received his Masters of Science in Pharmacy in 1966 from Semmelweis Medical University in Budapest, Hungary. He remains closely tied to the school along with the Institute for Pharmacy Administration, of which he has been a professor and director since 1992. In 1969 he followed with a PhD, and in 1985 a CScM from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Along with being appointed as Dean of his alma mater from 1996-2002, Dr Vincze was the General Manager of Pharmafontana from 1990-1996, Hungary's exclusive pharmaceutical wholesaler and proprietor of Budapest's retail pharmacies. He played a significant role in the privatization of pharmacies in light of political shifts after 1989.

From 1986-1996, Dr Vincze served as the Secretary General of the Hungarian Pharmaceutical Society, after which he was elected president; he has upheld Honorary status since 2004. He served as a Vice President of FIP from 1992 to 2000, contributing to the establishment of the EuroPharm Forum and serving as its first Vice President from 1992-1994.

Dr Vincze has a longstanding reputation for tirelessly contributing to and facilitating collaboration between the Hungarian Pharmaceutical societies and other Central European countries and FIP. He has fostered long standing relationships between the two that see dedicated FIP patronage to conferences of the Hungarian Pharmaceutical Society, held every three years, which have greatly helped establish the status of pharmacists in Hungary. The Polish and Slovakian Pharmaceutical Societies have named him an Honorary Member in acknowledgement of his international efforts to gain recognition for pharmacists.

Furthermore, Dr Vincze was the Founder and first president of the Hungarian Chamber of Pharmacists in 1989 and sits on the Editorial Board of various Hungarian and international journals. His research and teaching interests include Pharmacy Administration, Pharmacoeconomics and Clinical Pharmacy, on which he has published numerous articles and books. A highlight of his efforts in this area was the introduction of pharmacoeconomics into the Hungarian pharmacy curriculum, complemented by a textbook publication.

Dr Vincze is highly respected for his longstanding contribution to a vast history of leadership roles within the profession and to the establishment of a privatized pharmacy sector in Hungary. His dedication to the improvement in the quality of pharmacy practice and advocacy of pharmacists' roles in Hungary make him well deserved of this honour.

FIP would like to extend sincere congratulations to Prof. Dr Zoltán Vincze and thank him for his continued efforts on behalf of Hungarian and international pharmacists.

The FIP Lifetime Achievement in Pharmaceutical Practice has been presented to Prof. Dr Zoltán Vincze during the Opening Ceremony of the FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Beijing, China.