

**ROYAL
PHARMACEUTICAL
SOCIETY**

EIPG

UK Country Report

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Chair Industrial Pharmacy Advisory Group (IPAG), Royal Pharmaceutical Society

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Chief Scientist (to Sept 2021)

Royal Pharmaceutical Society Great Britain

Industrial Pharmacy Advisory Group— who we are

- Sunayana Shah – Chair. Regulatory policy, Medicines Safety, Global Health
- Gino Martini – Chief Scientist, RPS
- Neel Bhatt – Medical affairs
- Ciara O’Brien - Schools of Pharmacy, Early careers
- Jeremy Clarke - Manufacturing
- Vito Constanza - QA
- Diar Fattah - Market access and pricing
- Sarah Goffin - Schools of Pharmacy, Early careers
- Hari Harrar - Business Development
- Pervaise Khan - Digital
- Sue Kilby - Market access, Health economics
- Yetunde Kolade - Med. affairs
- Jenifer Mains - Formulation
- Stephen Makin – Pharma R&D/Academia
- Ricardo Martinez-Moreno-Davila – Unlicensed meds/global sourcing
- Jane Nicholson – EIPG
- Mine Orlu – Academia
- Robert Smith - QP
- Marco Picone – Release /QA
- Kendal Pitt- Pharma R&D/Academia
- Rebecca Stanbrook – Regulatory Policy, Clinical Trials
- Pratik Thakkar – Medical Affairs

Members from across nations,
industry, consultancies, stages of
career

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- 8th December 2020; 23rd March 2021; 11th June 2021 – IPAG/Pharm Press meeting; 8th September 2021; **Upcoming**:15th December 2021 – IPAG Meeting
- Good attendance and engagement from all IPAG members
- **Dec 2021 meeting will focus on discussing 2022 Plan. Defining max. 3 topic themes for webinars given by IPAG experts, articles/blogs careers showcasing career pathways, and supporting RPS events.** IPAG have started to work closely with the JPAG and have volunteered to participate in events.
- Chair and volunteer members of the IPAG have taken part in RPS early careers pharmacist advisory group.
- IPAG volunteer members participating in sessions for the UCL School of Pharmacy MSc Programme (Nov /Dec 2021 and June 2022)
- Chair and IPAG volunteer members participating in webinars on ***Careers in Pharma Industry - 2 Nov 21*** (Event chaired by Sunayana Shah Chair IPAG with support from IPAG members) - further events planned for 2022
- IPAG member participation stakeholder meeting discussion on new GPhC IETS reaccreditation MPharm degree (Portsmouth) – from employer company perspective
- Sunayana Shah (Chair, IPAG) gave a 1 hour presentation to EIPG/EPISA students on ***Understanding Advanced Therapies*** – received positive EIPG-EPISA member feedback.
- **IPAG Chair issued press release welcoming the UK Life Sciences Vision and 7 Critical Healthcare Missions as well as write to George Freeman MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy**
- IPAG Chair promoted Women in Science and “choose to challenge” on the theme of STEM

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- IPAG has continued to find speakers for Schools of Pharmacy career events on an ad hoc basis.
- Links with the QP panel were established through IPAG representatives
- During 2020/2021 the IPAG chair attended RPS National Pharmacy Board meetings, Education/early careers group meetings
- Chair IPAG has attended all 2021 meetings of the RPS SRC Safe use of Medicines Group
- Chair and volunteer members have attended meetings to shape RPS Consultation Responses (e.g. MHRA Point of Care Diagnostics)
- IPAG Chair issued press release welcoming the UK Life Sciences Vision and 7 Critical Healthcare Missions and followed up by writing to George Freeman MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy on behalf of RPS/IPAG

Priorities 2022

- Agree Vice Chair when new Chief Scientist in post and Agree 2022 priorities for IPAG

When agreeing priorities the following should be considered:

- The RPS wants to increase membership which includes pharmacists working in industry and pharmaceutical scientists – they need to identify why those individuals would want to join and remain members of the RPS
- There is a clear interest by students and pharmacists to work in industry – this can be supported by RPS and IPAG through interactive webinars and publication of articles or blogs on the career pathway
- Support pharmacists in early stages of career as well as middle and late stages
- Advise RPS on industry matters affecting members working in industry
- Advise RPS on matters affecting members across pharmacy – including **Sustainability, Pharmaceuticals in the Environment, Green Pharmacy, Supply Chain, homecare, digital/AI, diagnostics, genomics, therapeutic and regulatory, medical ,pharmacovigilance, and market access,**

EIPG moving forward

What we would like from EIPG

- EIPG newsletter
- Webinars - “Hot topics for Industry”
- Information on opportunities and challenges for pharmacists in the industry in other countries

How can RPS/IPAG support EIPG

- Webinars (IPAG members to volunteer)
- Working groups
- Consultations of high relevance
- Providing information on opportunities and challenges within the industry for pharmacists

Regular EIPG update provided at IPAG meetings