

PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE
on
PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Within the framework of the Declaration of Alma-Ata *Health for All by the Year 2000* (HFA/2000), that aims at attaining a level of health for all the citizens of the world allowing them to lead a socially and economically productive life, the first Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education took place in Miami, January 9-12, 1990. Attending the Conference were delegates from 23 countries throughout the Americas including deans, university professors and leaders of professional associations. Also attending were representatives of the Pan American Health Organization and special guests from Europe and the United States.

The Conference delegates unanimously subscribe to the following principles:

1. To support the position taken by the Ministers of Health of the Americas making primary health care the basic strategy for attaining the goal HFA/2000, and to support government initiatives to reorganize and reorient health care services in order to attain equity, efficiency and efficacy in the coverage and quality of care.
2. To encourage the participation of pharmacists throughout the Americas in the strategy of Primary Health Care and the achievement of the goal HFA/2000 consistent with the pharmacist's responsibility for appropriate availability, quality and use of essential drugs.
3. To promote the role of the pharmacist as the expert on medication use and dissemination of information.
4. To foster cooperation, at the national level, among universities, professional associations and governmental organizations in order to assure that the professional education and training of the pharmacist meets the health care needs of their respective countries and allows active participation in design of national health policy.
5. To espouse the integration of the pharmacist as a vital member of the health care team.
6. To promote international cooperation and exchange among schools of pharmacy in order to strengthen their faculties, revise and update their programs, and consolidate their participation in national and international health affairs.

On the basis of these six principles and the recommendations from this Conference, the delegates of the Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education requests that PAHO and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) coordinate the preparation of a proposal for a *Plan of Action* to improve pharmaceutical education in the Americas.