

Chairman's Communique

It is my great pleasure to present to you the first issue of the revamped Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya Journal - The Pharmaceutical Journal of Kenya (PJK) as well as welcome everyone to the 2012 Annual Congress.

Both the journal and the conference are quite timely as they come against a backdrop of significant changes that have occurred in the Pharmaceutical Industry, chief among them is Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) becoming a Parastatal with an expanded mandate. The process of delinking the Board from the parent Ministry is in speedy progress and we hope this will make it a more effective regulator in Pharmaceutical Practice.

PSK has additional great news to celebrate as well because the policy paper was approved by cabinet and is now a working document being used as the initial document for making new Pharmacy Laws which will address the industry in a more comprehensive manner compared to the existing CAP 244 of the laws of Kenya. The making of the general Health Law is also at an advanced stage and the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya has greatly participated in it to ensure our views are incorporated.

We are all also aware of the bottlenecks that are standing in the way of the implementation of the NHIF Outpatient Scheme and PSK is consulting with other stakeholders to ensure the Practice of Pharmacy at the Retail level is recognized and is part of the accreditation. PSK is also working hard to implement some of its programs through its various Committees. For instance, the establishment of the PSK investment arm and the starting of our Sacco is a top priority of the Investment Committee.



I wish to thank all members of PSK and more so the Working Committees for the tremendous support they have given to the Society.

Dr. Paul Mwaniki
PSK National Chairman

What's new

Finally, PSK has moved online!

Ever thought of social media for pharmacists? Well, the new look PSK website www.pskonline.com set to be launched during this year's Annual Symposium promises to be one.

Members will:

1. Create profiles of themselves and follow other professionals in fields that interest them and discuss topical issues that affect the profession. And yes, it will link up to your Twitter and Facebook.

2. Be able to log in and access online journals of PSK as well as other international journals that PSK has subscribed to.
3. Be able to undertake their CME articles online and get their scores instantaneously as well as have their points updated.

4. Be able to track their total CPD points.
5. Be able to access updates from PSK via the calendar of activities of the society.

Looking forward to the PSK online

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