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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Essay Writing Competition

Topic

The Role of Regulatory Affairs in Shaping Access to Safe, Effective, and High-Quality Medicines Across Borders

Introduction

As part of our partnership with the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS), we are pleased to launch an Essay Writing Competition **open exclusively to Kenyan participants** registered for the 70th IPSF World Congress.

The IPSF World Congress is the Federation's flagship event that annually convenes over 400 pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences students, and recent graduates from more than 100 countries to engage in global health dialogue, policy shaping, professional development, and inter-cultural exchange. This year's Congress will be hosted by the Pharmacy Students Association of Kenya (KEPhSA) under the theme **"Advancing Pharmacy Education and Practice for Global Health Impact"** in Nairobi, Kenya from 7th to 15th August 2025 at the United States International University Africa.

As we prepare to host the world in Nairobi, the Reception Committee (RC) recognises the financial barriers faced by many passionate and qualified students—particularly those from underrepresented and low-income regions. To address this disparity and promote inclusivity, the RC in partnership with RAPS are excited to invite Kenyan delegates to participate in this essay writing competition under the **"Adopt-a-Delegate" Initiative**: a financial assistance programme that enables broader participation through full or partial sponsorship of eligible applicants.

Background

This competition aims to explore the critical role of regulatory affairs in advancing access to medicines—particularly within Africa and other Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)—by addressing regulatory harmonisation efforts such as:

- The African Medicines Agency (AMA)
- Collaborative registration procedures
- Regional regulatory networks and partnerships

Prizes

- Top essay will receive conditional event registration grant (flexi ticket sponsorship) to attend the 70th IPSF World Congress.
- Reimbursement awarded upon successful participation in the event.
- Winner will be announced ahead of the Congress.



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Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Kenyan Bachelor of Pharmacy students or recent graduates (up to 2 years post-graduation).
- Participants must be either already registered for the Congress or planning to attend upon selection.
- Participants must submit an accompanying a signed Contact Person Confirmation Letter (CPCL) of Membership.

Essay Guidelines

- The essay MUST follow the **IPSF Editorial Code**. Lack of this leads to automatic disqualification.
- The essay should be submitted in **English (UK)**
- Only **one submission per person** is allowed. If multiple submissions are made, only the first submission will be reviewed.
- The essay must be within the range of **800-1000 words**. Submissions outside this range will not be considered.
- Submissions should be **highly relevant to the given topic**, and incorporate elements of the main theme and subthemes of the 70th IPSF World Congress.
- Claims and statistics should be backed by reputable, publicly accessible references.
- Submissions MUST be **original unpublished works**. Plagiarism and/or use of AI-generated content will result in instant disqualification.

Submission Instructions

- Submissions should be made through the **Essay Writing Competition Form**.
- The final submitted essay should comply with the following specifications:
 - Font type: Times New Roman
 - Font Size: 12
 - Spacing: Single-spaced
 - Alignment: Justified text
 - Document format: PDF (.pdf)
- The submitted PDF MUST be renamed as follows:
 - RAPS Essay Submission - [full name]
 - *For example, RAPS Essay Submission - John Kasongo*
- Key documents to be submitted alongside the essay include:
 - Single page **motivation letter** explaining how they will benefit from attending the Congress and how they contribute to the Congress programme and activities.
 - Scanned copy of **valid student ID card** or **completion/graduation certificate**

Deadline

- All entries must be submitted by **11:59 PM EAT, on Monday 30th June 2025**.
- Submissions sent past the deadline will not be accepted.





Evaluation Criteria

- Essays will be judged on:
 - Relevance to the theme
 - Depth of analysis and understanding of regulatory harmonisation efforts
 - Originality and critical thinking
 - Clarity of expression and organisation
 - Use of credible references

Evaluation Process & Additional Information

- The submissions will be reviewed by the Reception Committee in collaboration with RAPS.
- The winner will be announced within the last week of July 2025 on the official event website, as well as social media platforms.
- Top three (3) essays will be published in the Congress Report.

NB:

- The full scholarship will be awarded conditionally as either pre-financing for the Congress and or as reimbursement to the winner upon successful participation in the event.
- Participants will have to fulfill their minimum event participation requirements. Failure to do so will cause the withdrawal of the award.

Contact Details

- In case of any inquiries, don't hesitate to contact us via the following:
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