

The third National Congress of the Algerian Pharmaceutical Federation FAP was held on November 2-3 in Algiers. It was a very successful meeting that gathered more than 600 participants from Algeria.

One of the important activities during this event involved the FAP ISPOR Algeria Chapter and participation of a special guest from the U.S. – Prof. Lou Garrison who delivered a short course on “ Managed Entry Agreements.” Prof. Garrison also participated in a panel session with Dr. Djouad Bourkaib, the head of Social Security in Algeria, both discussed the affordability of innovative products. Prof. Garrison presented international perspective on different mechanisms to improve affordability of new therapies, including ‘affordability thresholds’, price volume agreements or caps on individual product sales, and special budgets for innovative drugs. Dr. Bourkaib discussed about the problems that his institution is facing regarding the cost of the innovative drugs comparing to the alternatives existing in the market, he presented the new risk sharing contracts as a new model of negotiation in order to make the innovative products accessible.