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News Release

IFPMA Creates “MyPortal” to Allow Users to Request e-mail Alerts when New Clinical Trials in Specified Areas are Posted on the Web

Geneva, 31 January 2008 - The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA) has further improved the ease-of-use of its Clinical Trials Portal (www.ifpma.org/clinicaltrials). The main new feature is “MyPortal”, which allows users to record search criteria, to simplify repeat searches and to request e-mail alerts when new trials are posted that match criteria they have specified. To make information found by the Portal more readily understandable, explanations in everyday language are now available for technical expressions, via convenient mouse-over-activated text balloons. The entire portal interface has been redesigned for greater clarity and the display of search results has been refined, to help users find trials of interest more quickly.

Dr. Harvey Bale, IFPMA Director General, said: “Patients, especially those with serious long-term conditions, have an interest to keep themselves informed about trials of new candidate medicines, as do their treating physicians. “MyPortal” will make it easier for them to do so. The improvements to the Portal that we are unveiling today confirm the IFPMA’s determination to translate clinical trials transparency into a more accessible, practical self-help health tool for patients and doctors.”

The IFPMA Clinical Trials Portal (CTP) provides an easy-to-use, single point of access to a comprehensive array of online information about ongoing clinical trials sponsored by R&D-based pharmaceutical companies, and summary results of completed trials. The source sites accessed by the CTP include www.ClinicalStudyResults.org (sponsored by the US industry association PhRMA), www.ClinicalTrials.gov (sponsored by the US National Institutes of Health), www.controlled-trials.com (set up by Science Navigation Group), www.clinicaltrials.jp (sponsored by the Japanese industry association JPMA) and www.cmrinteract.com/clintrial/ (by CMR International and the UK industry association ABPI). Most companies post their trial registration details and results on these centralized sites, but some have elected to post this information them on their own, so the portal also links to 13 company sites.

The CTP was launched in September 2005, in English with a simple search interface. In a second stage of development unveiled in March 2006, French, German, Japanese and Spanish language interfaces were added, along with an advanced search facility, designed to make it easier to perform multiple criteria searches, including by geographical location. In May 2007, the IFPMA demonstrated a technology package that facilitates provision of access to the Portal via other Internet sites in other languages. This feature was pioneered in collaboration with the Swedish-language medicines website www.fass.se.

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About the IFPMA:

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations is the global non-profit NGO representing the research-based pharmaceutical, biotech and vaccine sectors. Its members comprise 25 leading international companies and 45 national and regional industry associations covering developed and developing countries. The industry's R&D pipeline contains hundreds of new medicines and vaccines being developed to address global disease threats, including cancer, heart disease, HIV/AIDS and malaria. The IFPMA Clinical Trials Portal (www.ifpma.org/clinicaltrials), the IFPMA's Ethical Promotion online resource (www.ifpma.org/EthicalPromotion/) and its Health Partnerships information (www.ifpma.org – Developing World) help make the industry's activities more transparent. The IFPMA strengthens patient safety by improving risk assessment of medicines and combating their counterfeiting. It also provides the secretariat for the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH).

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