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Clinical Trials Portal's New Pediatric Search Facility Underlines Industry Commitment to Develop Child Medicines Transparently

Geneva, 23 May 2008 – The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA) has added a special Pediatric Trials Search facility to its well-established Clinical Trials Portal, to facilitate finding on-line information concerning on-going and completed trials of new medicines developed or adapted especially for children.

IFPMA Director General Dr. Harvey Bale said: “Developing medicines for children presents a number of additional challenges, over and above those faced when working on medicine for adults. However, R&D-based pharmaceutical companies are committed to expanding the range of medicines which are specifically adapted and approved for children. For example, there are more than 20 antiretroviral medicines approved by US and European regulators to treat HIV/AIDS in adults; of these, 16 now exist in approved pediatric formulations.

The Pediatric Trials Search facility uses special filters to ensure that, regardless of which disease or other keywords might be entered, it will generate listings showing trials which are focused on children. For example: with “asthma” entered as the search criterion for ongoing clinical trials, the Pediatric Trials Search facility will list the 500 most relevant of some 1,220 entries. Those listed are either a registry entry for a specific trial mentioning “children”, “pediatric” or “kids” in the title, or – in a few cases - a compendium of asthma trials, including pediatric ones, carried on a particular registry site.

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The IFPMA Clinical Trials Portal exists in English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish. The new Pediatric Trials Search Facility can be accessed via the following links:

On-Going Pediatric Clinical Trials: [English](#) / [French](#) / [German](#) / [Japanese](#) / [Spanish](#)

Completed Pediatric Clinical Trials: [English](#) / [French](#) / [German](#) / [Japanese](#) / [Spanish](#)

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 44 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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