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IRACM INTERVENED AS EXPERT DURING THE WHO NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SSFFC MEDICAL PRODUCTS IN ZIMBABWE (FEBRUARY 8-10, 2016)



IRACM participated to the WHO national workshop on fighting Substandard, Spurious, Falsely labelled, Falsified and Counterfeit (SSFFC) Medical Products, organized in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, by the Medicines Control Authority (February 8-10, 2016).

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TRAINING SESSION FOR A NIGERIAN DELEGATION (MARCH 30&31, 2016)

IRACM invited a delegation of 10 people from Nigeria (8 NAFDAC officers, 1 customs officer and 1

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Fake tablets seized in the El Potrerillo market square, in Colombia

A vast operation in the El Potrerillo market square in Pasto resulted in 4,500 illegal pills being seized. The pills were seven types of alleged "natural" medicines from Ecuador and Venezuela. [MORE](#)

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Seizure of more than one ton of fake drugs in apartments in Peru

Officials seized more than one



judicial officer) to participate to a formation on fake medicines on March 30 & 31 in its Paris offices. The Nigerian Health agency (NAFDAC) plays a key role in the fight against fake drugs and was keen to have a targeted training on combating fake drugs.

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FRENCH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE (EARLY APRIL)



The three Academies (medicine, pharmacy and veterinary) and the three professional associations, in view of the expansion of falsified medicines and its negatives consequences for patients, have declared war on fake drugs and lobby for a policy of prevention but above all of repression, for the sake of public health. They call on France to ratify the Médicrime convention at the earliest possible date.

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TRAINING SESSION ON COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES INVOLVING FOUR SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES (APRIL 11-15, 2016)



IRACM organized a training seminar in Dominican Republic. More than 70 people including customs officers, Ministry of Health officials but also prosecutors were trained. The aim of the training was to make participants aware of the various forms of drug counterfeiting but also of the fraud techniques used by counterfeiters and the hiding means.

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ton of medicines in a block of apartments in Chiclayo following an investigation which lasted several weeks. Most of the seized pills were wrapped in envelopes. Officials also discovered medicines which were to be used as painkillers, cold remedies and even prescription medicines. The police arrested six people in charge of manufacturing the medicines. [MORE](#)

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Almost 700 counterfeit dentist drills seized over the past four years in the UK

Several experts are of the opinion that hundreds of patients are at risk today when they visit their dentist. [MORE](#)

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SMS use to detect counterfeit medicines in Pakistan

The Pakistani pharmaceutical group Ferozsons Laboratories use for certain of its products the SMS technology to detect fake drugs. The patient can validate the authenticity of its medication by sending a unique number, affixed on the packaging, through a simple SMS. [MORE](#)

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World Malaria Day: One in five deaths caused by counterfeit medicines

In 2013, a study published in the

CORINNE HOFF JOINED IRACM AS HEAD OF COMMUNICATION (APRIL 18, 2016)



Corinne Hoff, 44, joined IRACM on April 18, 2016 as Head of Communication. Corinne is a trilingual pharmacist with 19 years of experience in the healthcare industry in both marketing and communication roles. Her areas of expertise include the various forms of communication, especially media relations, strategic communication, reputation management and crisis communication.

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medical journal, The Lancet, showed that a majority of counterfeit anti-malaria medicines are being manufactured in India and China. One-third of malaria medicines found in South East Asia, Africa and India are either poor quality or counterfeit.

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