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## **Proud Hospital Pharmacy Accomplishments are Shared at BPP Meeting**

Hello, HPS Members!

March and April 2015 have been busy months for FIP HPS activities. The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP) met in Santpoort, near Amsterdam, for two days of meetings. Because our Hospital Pharmacy Section has at least 500 members, we are allowed to have 3 members of our ExCo attend the BPP Meeting. We shared our HPS Annual Report and 3 of our most important accomplishments in hospital pharmacy Practice:

- **Hospital pharmacist-managed medications for chronic diseases**
- **Integration of the hospital pharmacist in the inter professional patient care team**
- **Knowledge acquisition in personalized medication management (pharmacogenomics)**



Marianne Ivey, HPS President

Other sections of the BPP shared their accomplishments and in combination will result in an informational brochure useful in promoting membership and sharing widely what hospital pharmacists do. Look for the brochure in the future.

Further work was done on the 2016 Buenos Aires Congress. HPS ExCo officers also collaborated with FIP staff on determining preparatory work needed on readying the revised Basel Statements on Hospital Pharmacy Practice for the FIP website. A summary of the full BPP meeting is in this issue.

Important information on posters for the 2015 Dusseldorf Congress has been announced on the FIP website: "Delegates may choose to have their abstract considered for a short oral (podium) presentation or a poster presentation. There will be a limited number of short oral (podium) presentations, with abstracts selected on a competitive basis. Abstracts which are not selected for short oral (podium) presentations may be allocated to a poster presentation. Delegates who have been selected to give a short oral (podium) presentation will be required to register for the congress before 15 June 2015."

Hope you saw the HPS Webinar on Community Pharmacy Practice Accreditation Standards. A recording of the webinar is on the FIP website. Look for more HPS webinars in the future.

Thank you so much for your involvement in FIP HPS—we depend on actively participating members!

Marianne Ivey  
President; Hospital Pharmacy Section

## Report from the BPP Meeting

The Board of Pharmaceutical Practice (BPP) met in The Netherlands on 19-21 March 2015. Marianne Ivey, Jim Stevenson and Lee Vermeulen attended to represent the Hospital Pharmacy Section. The following summary provides updates for HPS members on a few key topics.



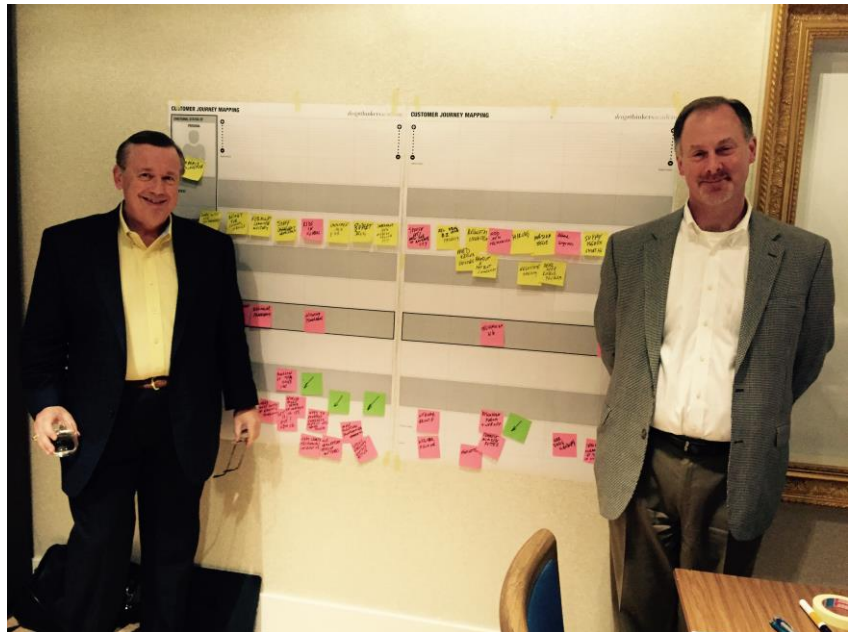
(left to right): Lee Vermeulen, Marianne Ivey, and Jim Stevenson  
Hospital Pharmacy Section representatives at the March BPP Meeting

1. The FIP ExCo has asked that BPP consider discontinuing the Lifetime Achievement in Pharmacy Practice award, as it is duplicative with the Andre Bedat Award. That change was supported by the BPP.
2. The FIP Bureau has rejected our request to name our HPS poster prize after Colin Hitchings. While there is at least 1 other named award given by another Section (the Mike Howe Travel Award given by the Industrial Pharmacy Section), the Bureau now wishes to reserve named awards for those given by the entire organization, not a Section.
3. Phil Schneider presented a report on an upcoming Global Conference on the Future of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science Education, which will be held in China in 2017. It will be hosted by FIPed, and will be modeled similarly to our HPS Global Conference on the Future of Hospital Pharmacy as a 2-day session aimed at identifying a desired vision for education. Phil is chairing the Conference Steering Committee. Current plans are to invite 4 representatives from each country: one dean/educator, one government official, one professional leader, and one scientific leader. It is still undecided whether additional attendance will be open versus invitation-only.
4. A new brochure has been developed by the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences that highlights key aspects of drug and therapeutic development. You can find the content of the brochure at: [http://fip.org/files/fip/Pharmaceutical\\_sciences\\_change\\_the\\_world.pdf](http://fip.org/files/fip/Pharmaceutical_sciences_change_the_world.pdf).
5. Dusseldorf and Buenos Aires Congress plans were discussed. Information is available and will be updated on the respective Congress websites.
6. Reports from various Working Groups were presented, and a new Working Group on Social Science and Practice-Based Research is being developed.
7. Jennifer Marriott from Australia provided an update on FIPed. The new Chair of the FIPed Steering Committee has been named and will start in August 2015. Also, the structure of the Steering Committee will soon change, to include two members from the BPP in addition to the President of the Academic Section. Those two members will be elected from

members of the BPP, and strong support was mentioned for drawing those members from the delegations from the Hospital and Community Sections.

8. A report was given on upcoming changes to the FIP Statutes. In addition to some office title changes, a decision was made to reduce the number of FIP Vice Presidents coming from each Board from two to one. To accomplish that, when Eeva Teräsalmi completes her term in 2016 we will not elect another Vice President from BPP (will leave Phil Schneider as our only VP from BPP). The next election for a VP from BPP will be in 2018 when Phil completes his second term in that office.

In addition to the BPP meetings, we had the opportunity to meet with Lin-Nam Wang, FIP Communications Manager, about our web sites and other ways we communicate with Section members. We provided her with an overview of our needs for the Section area of the FIP web site (both the public side and the “members only” area), and clarified that the Basel Statement site is separate from our Section site.



Jim Stevenson (left) and Lee Vermeulen (right) address HPS membership services including a more informative and interactive website.

We will be working closely with the HPS Communications Committee to develop additional content for the overall Section web site, and work with Lin-Nam to finalize both the public and members-only pages.

Lee Vermeulen  
Secretary; Hospital Pharmacy Section



## Updates from the EuroPharm Forum:

### Patients and Professional Agree the Future of Hospital Pharmacy

A robust set of hospital pharmacy practice standards for Europe has been agreed at an international Summit in Brussels. These standards should be met across European health systems to ensure safe, effective and optimal use of medicines in collaboration with multi-disciplinary teams. The standards, comprising 44 statements of practice, were agreed at the **European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy** which concluded on 15th May 2015, and was attended by more than 100 persons.

The statements were subject to open Delphi consultation with national hospital pharmacy associations, European patient groups, doctors and nursing organisations. The organisations then gave their final joint approval to each statement individually by a weighted voting method at the Summit event. **The European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy** include:



- All hospitals should have access to a hospital pharmacist who has overall responsibility for the safe, effective and optimal use of medicines.
- Hospital pharmacists should be involved in all patient care settings to prospectively influence collaborative, multidisciplinary therapeutic decision-making.
- All prescriptions should be reviewed and validated as soon as possible by a hospital pharmacist.
- Hospital pharmacists should play a full part in decision making including advising, implementing and monitoring medication changes in full partnership with patients, carers and other health care professionals
- Hospital pharmacists should have access to the patients' health record. Their clinical interventions should be documented in the patients' health record and analysed to inform quality improvement interventions.
- Clinical pharmacy services should continuously evolve to optimise patients' outcomes.

The 44 European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy are available on the EAHP website at [www.eahp.edu](http://www.eahp.edu).

## **Forming a Common Training Framework for Hospital Pharmacy Specialisation**

Following a meeting on 10th November 2014, the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) is now constructing a formal steering committee to oversee its project to form a common training framework for hospital pharmacy specialisation in Europe.

A common training framework is a new tool that allows 10 EU countries to agree a set of competencies that should be delivered by a particular qualification. This can then form the basis of automatic recognition of that qualification between the participating countries. It takes a legal meaning through a Delegated Act of the European Commission under the authority of the revised Professional Qualifications Directive.

In order to facilitate the mobility of hospital pharmacists, create a common benchmark for hospital pharmacy specialisation across Europe, and facilitate the continuous raising of standards of practice and patient care in all its member countries, EAHP is working with its member associations to scope out how such a framework for hospital pharmacy specialisation in Europe might be created.

The initial stage of the project is being led by a partnership of EU countries with legally mandatory specialisation programmes for hospital pharmacy in place. A first meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with those countries undertook to construct a formal steering committee to oversee the project and recommended a robust mapping exercise of Europe's hospital pharmacy specialisation programmes be conducted. The new Committee will meet in early 2015 and report to the EAHP membership on the first stages of its work at the EAHP Congress in Hamburg (25-27th March 2015).

## **EAHP's 2014 Medicines Shortages Report Now Published**

A new report on medicines shortages experienced in European healthcare systems reveals that over 86% of hospital pharmacists are experiencing difficulties in sourcing medicines with 66% reporting this as a daily or weekly problem. The top affected areas are medicines to fight infection, cancer drugs and anaesthetics.

The report by the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP), surveyed the experiences of over 600 hospital pharmacists in 36 European countries, and presents a striking picture of how medicines shortages are affecting the treatment of patients across the continent. 75% of surveyed hospital pharmacists either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "medicines shortages in my hospital are having a negative impact on patient care".

Consequences for patients included delayed or interrupted chemotherapy treatment, unnecessary experience by patients of side effects, heightened clostridium difficile risk and deterioration in patients' conditions.

In addition to this, hospital pharmacists reported the enormous costs in time diverted to sourcing alternative supplies, increased stress and confusion within safety critical working environments, the frequent high costs of procuring alternative medicines than those prescribed, and the cancellation of service improvements due to resources needing to be reallocated to deal with medicines shortages.

Launching the report at the Brussels Press Club, EAHP President Dr. Roberto Frontini said:

*"Two things always shock me about the medicines shortages problem in Europe: its scale, and the known impacts it is having on patient safety and welfare. For too long this problem has been brushed under the carpet. It is time for those with responsibility for protecting European citizens from cross-border health threats to address the issue. We need improved systems for ensuring early reporting of medicines supply disruptions, with causes, likely duration and available alternatives notified to healthcare professionals. We need a step change in the recording of information about the problem. This could be addressed by the European Medicines Agency developing a database of medicines in shortage across Europe replicating that of its counterpart in the USA. We need criteria for a fair distribution in case of shortages based on patient's needs and not on commercial interests. Finally, we need an urgent sense of responsibility to be adopted by the European Commission in leading both investigation and resolution of the problem. As our report makes clear: medicines shortages are a cross border health threat to patient welfare and the time for EU action is now."*

## **Joan Peppard next EAHP President**

Joan Peppard has been elected as the next President of the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP), commencing a 3 year term of office from June 2015. She will now serve one year as President Elect during the final 12 months of Dr Roberto Frontini's Presidency of the Association.

The election took place at the General Assembly of the EAHP in Sofia. The General Assembly is the annual occasion at which the 34 member countries of EAHP meet in person to determine policy, elect the Board, scrutinise the activities of the Association and conduct other decision making activity.

Joan, a chief pharmacist in a hospital in the Irish midlands, currently serves on the EAHP Board as Director of Professional Development and has twice been the head of the Hospital Pharmacists Association of Ireland in the position of President. Prior to joining the EAHP Board Joan was for many years one of the lead delegates for Ireland within the EAHP annual General Assembly, and played an active role in the conduct of EAHP educational and research activities at the national level.



Speaking after her election, Joan Peppard, President-Elect of EAHP said: *"It is with a sense of great humility that I begin to take on the primary leadership role of the EAHP, knowing that*

*under the stewardship of predecessors a real momentum of energy and experience has been established to make EAHP the driver for hospital pharmacy practice improvement across Europe that it is today. With the new European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy recently agreed between the profession, patients and other healthcare professionals, the number one challenge for the forthcoming EAHP Board is evident – how to turn that clear vision for the future of the profession into a reality in every European country. Working with my colleagues on the Board, the secretariat and our dedicated membership, I know we have the commitment, insight and enthusiasm to achieve it. I again thank members for the confidence they have placed in me and look forward to working with them in delivering our shared aspirations for the profession we all love.”*

Dr Roberto Frontini, President of EAHP added: *“Knowing very well Joan’s professional background, and her proven ability to make change happen on the ground, even in the most difficult practice environments, I am completely assured EAHP will continue to go from strength to strength in the achievement of its mission under her leadership. I’m therefore looking forward to assisting in the handover period, and introducing her personally to the many partner, friend and allied organisations we work with in ensuring the continuous improvement of all that the hospital pharmacist does across our member countries.”*

## **The State of Hospital Pharmacy in Europe in 2015: EAHP Open New Look Practice Survey**

In the run up to its annual Congress, the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) has issued a new format practice survey to heads of hospital pharmacy across Europe. The survey aims to shine light on the current state of practice in EAHP's member countries, and where attention for practice development is most required.

Since the 1990s, EAHP has conducted landmark surveys of practice on a quinquennial basis in order to:

- monitor the changes occurring across Europe in relation to what the hospital profession does and how it does it;
- locate where best and good practice exists; and,
- identify where progress may be below aspiration level.

The last survey was conducted in 2010 with results published via a series of articles in the European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy.

2015 sees a new departure for the EAHP practice survey, with its basis now firmly routed in the 44 European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy. The statements were agreed at a 2014 Summit with hospital pharmacy organisations, patients and other healthcare professionals, and now form the principal platform for EAHP's practice development activity. The 2015 'baseline survey' now issued to EAHP's member associations for circulation, will take a picture of how hospital pharmacy in Europe stands overall against the 44 aspirational European statements. From autumn 2015 EAHP's survey activity will then move to an annual calendar, focusing on 2 of the 6 statement areas.



Speaking about the changes to the survey, and its importance, Jennie De Greef, EAHP Chief Operating Officer, said:

*"EAHP's survey of practice has always been an important tool for our members in comparing how practice in their country and region relates to the European whole. It can provide a powerful stimulus for renewed development effort, and a spotlight for learning from good practice.*

*However, just as time does not stand still in the way hospital pharmacy delivers its services, so technology and feedback are enabling us to continually improve how we conduct our survey. The 2015 survey is therefore entirely electronic, can be saved and returned to, and will be opened, closed, analysed and published within a much faster turn around period than we were previously able to achieve.*

*We're excited to publish the results later this year, and believe, with the new underpinning of the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy, which gives us the directional road map of where we all want the profession in Europe to head for, the utility and importance of this survey in driving change will be stronger than ever."*

## **EAHP's Hamburg Conference Puts Patients Safety at the Heart of the Hospital Pharmacist's Agenda**

Bringing an action-packed 20th Congress of the EAHP to a conclusion, EAHP President Dr Roberto Frontini reminded the 3,500 attendees of the critical mission of the hospital pharmacy profession: putting patient safety first. The entire Congress took this theme as its guiding subject with keynotes, seminars, and Synergy events including:

- Developing a safety culture: how to progress effectively;
- Safety in high reliability industries – what health professionals can learn;
- Barcoding the single dose of drugs to improve patient safety;
- Improving patient safety through multidisciplinary teamwork;
- Evidence and pharmacovigilance of monoclonal antibody reference and biosimilar products;
- Targeted drugs, scattered goals, an examination of new approaches to cancer therapy

In addition, the Congress provided an opportunity recognise to achievements with the following prizes awarded:

- 1st prize poster abstract: Natalia Navas Iglesias, Long-term stability of diluted solutions of the monoclonal antibody Infliximab
- 2nd prize poster abstract: Rianne Zaal, Evaluation of a systematic tool to reduce inappropriate prescribing (STRIP) in adults with intellectual disability: a pilot
- 3rd prize poster abstract: Carlota Salazar, Parenteral Nutrition (PN) in premature infants: risk analysis after redesigning a production process
- 1st prize Good Practice Initiative: Patricia Ging, Innovating and collaborating – synergy between the hospital pharmacy and the University

- EAHP-EPSA Student Science Award: Claudine Aziz, Compliance with the health information and quality authority of Ireland national standard for patient discharge summary information

EAHP Director of Education, Science and Research Prof. Dr. Kees Neef closed the Congress by describing the programme for the **2016 Congress in Vienna** with the guiding message: "Hospital Pharmacists taking the lead: partnerships and technologies".

EAHP Chief Operating Officer Jennie De Greef commented: "I want to express thanks to all those who make the continuing growth and impact of the EAHP Congress possible, including the Board of Directors, Scientific Committee and our industry partners Bayer HealthCare and Roche (Platinum partners), Amgen and Novartis Oncology (Gold partners) and Pfizer and Baxter (Corporate partners). We already have lots of new ideas and initiatives lined up for our 2016 Congress and look forward to sharing these in the coming months. Registrations and abstract submissions open on the 1st August 2015."

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