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### Giant step for clinical pharmacy



The Turin conference leadership team with Professor Vulto (middle)

speakers such as ESCP President Frank Jørgensen, Professor Silvo Garratini and senior EAHP Board members. In the afternoon speakers from the UK and US presented their countries' models of clinical pharmacy. Further discussion concluded that The Netherlands and Spain may have built the most consistent training systems for hospital pharmacists in Europe.

On the second day it was the turn of the San Giovanni Battista Hospital to explain their policy and how they designed their model of clinical team pharmacist, together with some interim results. A round table discussion followed with simultaneous translation throughout.

The meeting placed the Turin initiative in the context of both European and Italian clinical pharmacy. It needs to be followed up in two years to see how this project is progressing in attaining real patient-driven end points. More information can be obtained from the authors.

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The historical Fiat factory in Turin, Italy, was the location of a memorable meeting for hospital pharmacy 21–22 May 2009. Under the leadership of Pharmacy Director Silva Stecca, pharmacists at the San Giovanni Battista Hospital have become members of the multi-disciplinary team – a pilot scheme started in 2004. The way the plan was developed and objectives set makes this project a leading example of how hospital pharmacy can be further developed.

The first day opened with brief presentations from local authorities, such as the regional health counsellor, who expressed their support for the project. The morning session, chaired by the *éminence grise* of Italian hospital pharmacy, Professor Giuseppe Ostino, included