

# EAHP News

## EAHP launches new logo

As announced in *EJHP Practice* 2009, Issue 4, EAHP has been looking for a new association logo. Designs were submitted to a vote of EAHP delegates over the summer. The requirement was for elements that clearly state the nature of the EAHP: pharmacy, hospital, Europe, an association. Symbols of pharmacy (cross, mortar, snake, drugs) hospitals (bed and blue cross) a pan-European association and the European Union (blue and stars) and the association's acronym were welcomed. It was a difficult decision as the vote was very tight but a final choice was made (see



side new logo). EAHP trusts that this design will accurately represent its members, purpose, aim and scope — and that you like it.

## Preparation of next EAHP congress well under way

In 2010 we celebrate the 15th Congress of the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists. EAHP's congress scientific committee has once again established an appropriate theme: 'Focus on pharmacotherapy — hospital pharmacists advancing patient care'. The subject will be developed through seminars, keynote presentations and three workshops: hands-on interactive sessions are invaluable to participant learning. New this year and based on the importance of clinical pharmacy to hospital pharmacists, ESCP, the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy will contribute a workshop during the EAHP congress on the subject 'Clinical Pharmacy for Hospital Pharmacists — Therapeutic Education in Cancer Care'.

The congress exhibition also promises a dynamic new event called 'showcases'. They will take place within exhibitors' stands during coffee breaks and lunches and will feature unique shows prepared by industry sponsors. Audience interaction and prizes will make these showcases a hit with participants.

Members of both the scientific and organising committees are exploring ideas to create additional value for participants. The responses received via the Barcelona congress survey were helpful and provided useful ideas. Venues are being visited for future events based on this survey and other suggestions. Do not forget to register before 1 December 2009 if you want to benefit from the early-bird rate.

## EDQM update

EAHP is actively involved in a reflection led by the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare (EDQM) of the Council of Europe on the standards for pharmacy-prepared medicinal products. Professor Vagn N Handlos, representing the association, attended the initial

project meeting in April 2008 and invited Mr Henk Scheepers at EAHP June 2009 General Assembly to give delegates a thorough presentation on the status of European development in this field and informed the assembly of the steps undertaken by the Council of Europe to enhance the quality of magisterial preparations across Europe.

In September 2009, EDQM held a workshop in Strasbourg, France, to further develop the project titled 'harmonisation of quality — and safety standards for small-scale preparations in European pharmacies'. Professor Handlos was among the organisers and an active participant in the workshop as EAHP is a key stakeholder in the project. Based on a European survey ran by EDQM in the past months and its results, several conclusions were drawn and needed to be discussed after the September 2009 meeting in order to prepare suggestions for quality standards and thereby harmonising patient safety and quality issues concerning preparations in both pharmacies open to the public and in hospitals.

The next step will hopefully be a resolution or a guidance document from the Council of Europe/EDQM concerning quality assurance and quality standards for small-scale preparations in European pharmacies, reflecting what is going on on hospital wards. EAHP is sincerely thankful to Professor Handlos for demonstrating the instrumental role of the European hospital pharmacists in this standard-making process.

## EAHP becomes a member of FIP

On 3 September 2009 EAHP was unanimously accepted as a member of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) by the federation's council. EAHP has already been represented at FIP congress seminars and via projects such as the 2008 FIP statements on the future of hospital pharmacy, which was co-piloted by Mrs Jacqueline Surugue, then President of EAHP. By joining the FIP, EAHP gains visibility and exposure but more importantly, becomes part of the largest network of pharmacists at a global level and can consult the FIP on all matters pertinent to medicines. This will give EAHP advocacy power and greater influence on global hospital pharmacy policy making.

## New staff at EAHP office

Miriam Ravel, EAHP Administrative Assistant, and Chantal Dille, Events Coordinator, left EAHP recently for new jobs. Replacing them are, Isabelle Beauchamp, Office Manager, and Annalisa Gardella, Events Assistant, who bring new skills and talents.

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