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## **EAHP launches major new initiative to increase hospital pharmacy service standards in Europe**

The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) has announced a major new initiative, the European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy, which aims to provide the foundation for long term development of hospital pharmacy services in Europe, and the continual improvement of patient care and outcomes in the hospital setting.

The Summit will take place in Brussels in May 2014, and will focus on the following goals:

- to put forward recommendations on the role and competencies of hospital pharmacists for ever-changing European healthcare systems, building on the work of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) 2008 Global Statements (“the Basel Statements”);
- to engage patients and other health professionals as equal partners in deciding the future direction of the hospital pharmacy profession in Europe; and,
- to develop a strong implementation focus by highlighting examples of Good Practice Initiatives in hospital pharmacy development already achieved across Europe; proposing a system of hospital pharmacy service metrics; and, issuing implementation guidance to help every country achieve step changes in the level and standard at which hospital pharmacy operates

More information [here](#) [2].



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In a special launch event at the International Pharmaceutical Federation Congress (FIP) in Dublin, EAHP President Dr Roberto Frontini explained the thinking behind the European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy, and why such an initiative is required to take practice and service standards forward.

View the video of Dr Frontini's presentation [here](#) [3] and [here](#) [4].



## Understanding the Summit voting process

The European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy will make use of established forms of Delphi consultation in advance, and final consensus voting, including hospital pharmacists, patients and other healthcare providers in the process.

EAHP Policy and Advocacy Officer Richard Price explains the voting process in a filmed presentation [here](#) [5].

## **EJHP: October edition of EJHP now online!**



The October edition of the European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy is now published, which has a special focus on the theme of generics use.

Articles in the edition focus on matters such as: the challenge of adopting generic medicines in specialised clinical areas; equivalence and interchangeability of narrow therapeutic index drugs in organ transplantation; a health economic perspective on generic therapeutic substitution; and, The use of generic immunosuppression for transplant patients.

October edition [here](#) [6].

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