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*Hospital pharmacists encouraged to share their successes*

**7TH OCTOBER 2013**

EAHP has today announced it is creating a new section of its annual Congress titled '**Good Practice Initiatives**'<sup>[1]</sup> (GPIs). The section of the Congress will inspire hospital pharmacists to strive for the next high standard in practice by identifying how colleagues in other countries overcame commonly presented challenges to making improvement happen. The section will include a special poster display area and an oral presentation session. At the presentation session GPI leaders will share in more detail the achievements of their initiatives, and how hospital pharmacy colleagues might emulate and learn from their experiences.

**The new Congress section**<sup>[2]</sup> builds on a previously announced project of EAHP to create an **online inventory map of GPIs**<sup>[3]</sup>. However, in order for a GPI to be included within **the 19th Congress of EAHP in Barcelona**<sup>[4]</sup> (26th to 28th March 2014) **submissions must be made by 4th November 2013.**

The submission portal is available **here**<sup>[5]</sup>.

**EAHP Director of Education, Science and Research, Cees Neef** described the recent decision:

*"Reviewing the GPIs already submitted, the EAHP Scientific Committee was impressed by both the range and quality of improvement endeavours taking place. We were therefore determined that the projects be shared as widely as possible. That is why we are now creating a new section of our Congress: to put recognised change-makers in the spotlight and to demonstrate that the obstacles everybody can face in the workplace when trying to make improvement **CAN** be overcome."*

*"Although the GPI submission portal will remain open well into 2014 as we build the online GPI map, we actively encourage colleagues to submit by 4th November 2013 in order to be displayed and highlighted at our next Congress."*

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**1.** EAHP is an association of national organisations in 34 countries which represents hospital pharmacists at European and international levels. More information about the EAHP and its history **here**<sup>[7]</sup>.

**2.** EAHP announced the Good Practice Initiatives project in April 2013, with the first call closing in June 2013. Over 40 submissions were made from countries across Europe and are now in the process of formal review by the EAHP Scientific Committee. The full results of the first call will be published at the 19th Congress of the EAHP in Barcelona (26th-28th March 2014). More information about the first call **here**<sup>[8]</sup> More information about the Congress **here**<sup>[4]</sup>.

3. The GPI project is an initiative born of **the European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy 2014** [9] which has as one of its workstreams the creation of an online inventory map of good practice initiatives in hospital pharmacy across Europe. The purpose of the workstream is to help hospital pharmacists match aspirational statements of practice with real life examples of their achievement. More information about the Summit is available **here** [9].

4. The portal for submitting a GPI example before the 4th November 2013 deadline is available **here** [10].

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#### **Links**

[1] <http://www.eahp.eu/practice-and-policy/good-practice-initiatives-european-hospital-pharmacy> [2] <http://www.eahp.eu/practice-and-policy/good-practice-initiatives-european-hospital-pharmacy/GPIs%20at%20the%20congress> [3] <http://www.eahp.eu/practice-and-policy/good-practice-initiatives-european-hospital-pharmacy/Newpage> [4] <http://www.eahp.eu/congresses> [5] <http://www.eahp.eu/practice-and-policy/good-practice-initiatives-european-hospital-pharmacy/submit> [6] <https://www.eahp.eu/contact/info/eahp/eu> [7] <http://www.eahp.eu/about-us> [8] <http://www.eahp.eu/press-room/eahp-launch-search-good-practice-initiatives> [9] <http://www.eahp.eu/events/european-summit/intro> [10] <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JD8NR2K>