



11th March 2015

The Steering Committee overseeing the development of a common training framework (CTF) for hospital pharmacy specialisation <sup>[1]</sup> is today issuing a call for interest to all EAHP member associations <sup>[2]</sup> to put forward suitable candidates to join the 3 principal working groups for delivering the project:

- **Competency mapping;**
- **Evidence gathering; and,**
- **Communication.**

This comes ahead of the first full meetings of the new working groups to take place over the weekend of 16-17 May 2015 in Brussels.

Each EAHP member platform may nominate a maximum of one individual for each working group, by attaching a CV and an accompanying statement describing the attributes held by the nominated individual that make them suitable candidates to assist the named working group in delivering its tasks.

Current EAHP budget necessitates a maximum of 30 working group members beyond the Steering Committee membership. The Steering Committee will therefore make a selection of the most appropriate candidates according to a set criteria. <sup>[3]</sup>

Reimbursement of expenses related to an individual's participation in a working group will be available (e.g. accommodation and travel to meetings).

**In order to assist preparations for the first meeting of the working groups on the weekend of 16-17 May, Members are asked to respond to this call for interest by a deadline of 1800 CET Wednesday 15 April at the latest.**

## Further information on the working groups

The tasks of the competency mapping working group can be understood as:

- to provide the clearest picture yet achieved of the manner in which hospital pharmacy education is provided for across Europe, and the competencies achieved;

- to conduct an analysis of the commonalities and differences between the competencies taught; and,
- on the basis of the above, to publish an initial common framework of competencies that a European hospital pharmacy CTF could be composed of.

The Group will be chaired in the initial stages by Andreia Bruno (Portugal) and include among its members Alfons Verbruggen (Belgium), Aurelie Guerin (France), Antonio Gouveia (Portugal), Paola Serra (Italy), Kees Neef (The Netherlands, EAHP Board Member).

**The tasks of the evidence base working group** can be understood as supporting the achievement of the hospital pharmacy CTF by accumulating and publishing available evidence for:

- the benefit of hospital pharmacy education programmes to patient care and health systems;
- the benefit of achieving a more common understanding across Europe in relation to hospital pharmacy education needs and modes of provision; and,
- the labour mobility picture for the hospital pharmacy profession in Europe (e.g. attitudes, barriers, experiences etc).

The Group will be chaired in the initial stages by Roberto Frontini (Germany) and include among its members Ian Bates (UK, FIP Education), Jos Kosterink (The Netherlands), and Eduardo Echarri (Spain).

**The tasks of the communication working group** can be understood as supporting the achievement of the hospital pharmacy CTF by:

- overseeing transparent communication of the work of the CTF Steering Committee and its working groups;
- engaging EAHP member country associations, European national governments and competent authorities in the activities of the CTF project, and maintaining and enhancing positive support for the project from these audiences;
- leading relationships between the project and relevant parts of the European Commission, and any other relevant EU institutions and supra-national level stakeholders; and,
- communicating regular progress reports about the project.

The Group will be chaired in the initial stages by Joan Peppard (Ireland, EAHP President-Elect) and include among its members Petr Horak (Czech Republic, EAHP Board Member), and Juraj Sykora (Slovakia, EAHP Board Member).

### ***Time commitment***

Working group members should be prepared to make a maximum 3 weekends per year available for meetings, most likely one-day meetings on a Saturday. Between times, evening conference calls are expected on at least 3 other occasions in the year with potentially one a month, depending on the stage of the working groups' activities. EAHP recommends that working group members be prepared to contribute a minimum of 4 hours per month to activity beyond meetings and teleconferences. The working groups are expected to have an initial 2-year duration, with review of any further required activity thereafter.

### ***Responding to the call for interest***

Response to the call for interest should be received by **a deadline of 1800 CET on Wednesday 15 April 2015.**

An email containing the CV of the nominated individual, and a supporting statement from the relevant EAHP national member as to their suitability for the named working group, should be sent to [info\[at\]eahp\[dot\]eu](mailto:info@eahp.eu) <sup>[4]</sup>

### ***Further Background information***

- [Information on November 2014 meeting](#) <sup>[5]</sup>
- [Record of 18 January CTF Steering Committee meeting](#) <sup>[6]</sup>
- [CTF background information](#) <sup>[7]</sup>

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### **Links**

[1] <http://www.eahp.eu/content/background-reading-common-training-framework-kick-meeting> [2]  
<http://www.eahp.eu/about-us/members> [3]  
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