Organisations and individuals invited to register for common training framework consultation

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The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) is inviting all interested organisations and individuals to register to participate in an online consultation on a common training framework (CTF) for hospital pharmacy.

A common training framework for hospital pharmacy education in Europe will represent an agreement on the competencies, knowledge, skills and attitudes required by the profession in order to deliver the 44 European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy. These statements represent a vision for hospital pharmacy practice development in all countries for the purpose of improving patient care.

The consultation on the framework's initial content will be conducted according to Delphi principles. The online portal will enable contributors to participate anonymously and continuously, as well as be informed by the ongoing contributions of others. Consecutive rounds of consultation, facilitated by an independent moderator team, will aim to achieve a consensus on the content in time to be voted on at the EAHP annual General Assembly in Malta in June 2017.

The registration portal for the consultation will close on 31 January 2017, with the first round of consultation commencing in February 2018.

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Joan Peppard, EAHP President, remarked:

"Transparency and wide consultation are fundamental to the common training framework. In the process of finalising the content of a common training framework for hospital pharmacy we want to ensure all perspectives are drawn upon in order to enrich the outcome. The perspectives we are searching for include those from different national health systems, the various healthcare professionals that hospital pharmacists work with, system managers, education providers, other branches of pharmacy, and, of course, the patients we serve. The more we collaborate in the process of creation, the stronger the result will be. On behalf of hospital pharmacy, I want to convey encouragement to ALL interested individuals and organisations to register to participate today!"

EUROPEAN ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY: WE SHOULD ALL BE STUDENTS IN PRUDENT USE

On European Antibiotic Awareness Day (18th November), the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) has issued a call for all citizens to become students in prudent use.

Speaking in Brussels, at an event organised by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Tajda Miharija Gala, EAHP Vice-President and policy lead on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), said:

"Working together at the European level to tackle the cross-border health

threat of antimicrobial resistance, a relentless focus must be placed on achieving prudent use of antibiotics.

Succeeding in this endeavour has many components, including continuing to educate the public about the importance of appropriate use of antibiotics. Hospital pharmacists, alongside other healthcare professionals, need to assist patients in becoming students of prudent use, via direct counselling. In addition to this, all health systems can still achieve more in respect to antimicrobial stewardship in hospitals. Within multi-disciplinary teams the hospital pharmacist can lead on matters such as reviewing antibiotic serum levels and duration of therapy, advising on the cessation or amendment of inappropriate antibiotic treatments, educating other healthcare professionals on the restricted use of certain antibiotics, and counselling patients on their antibiotic therapy.

Combating antimicrobial resistance involves everyone, including those in other sectors such as farming and veterinary care. We therefore encourage the European Commission to be bold in defining the roles of different professions within the next EU Action Plan on AMR. A team works best when there is total clarity on individual responsibilities."

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