EAHP present common training framework at SIFO National Congress

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Representatives from EAHP's common training framework (CTF) project recently presented at the annual Congress of the Italian Society of Hospital Pharmacy (Società Italiana di Farmacia Ospedaliera -SIFO) and encouraged all interested individuals and organisations to register to participate in the February 2017 consultation on its content.

Dr Roberto Frontini, Immediate Past President of EAHP, facilitated a dedicated panel session about the CTF at the Congress in Milan on Saturday third December. The event heard the perspectives of providers of hospital pharmacy education in Italy, an Italian hospital pharmacist working in Spain, a representative of the European Pharmaceutical Students Association (EPSA), and Professor Ian Bates, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Common Training Framework.

EAHP Policy and Advocacy Officer, Richard Price, gave a presentation on the background to the common training framework, and the intended practical value to be achieved by its creation.

Dr Andreia Bruno, leader of the working group developing the draft content of the framework, gave a presentation on how her pan-European group of hospital pharmacists embarked upon the project of defining core competencies of the hospital pharmacy profession common across European countries.

Speaking after the event, Dr Andreia Bruno said:

'It was so encouraging to receive the enthusiastic support of so many at the SIFO Congress for what the common training framework project is aspiring to create: a pharmacy development tool that all countries and all hospitals can make use of in driving continuous improvement.

Via the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy there is a clear sense of what hospital pharmacy strives to be, and via the common training framework a clear sense of the individual competencies required for pharmacists to deliver it.

However the more input we can receive on the content from those in practice, those

in education and those pharmacy works for and works with, such as patients and other healthcare professionals, the better.

FACILITATOR OF EUROPEAN SUMMIT ON HOSPITAL PHARMACY RECEIVES AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL PHARMACY PRACTICE ACHIEVEMENT

The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists sends its warmest congratulations to Professor Lee Vermeulen on being awarded the prestigious Donald E. Franke Medal for his contributions to international pharmacy practice.

The American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) present the accolade each year as recognition to those pharmacists who drive improvement of pharmacy practice across international borders.

In addition to playing an inspiring role in the creation of FIP's 2008 Basel Statements on international hospital pharmacy practice, Prof Vermeulen was a lynchpin of good advice and event facilitation when EAHP and its members created the subsequent European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy in May 2014.

Commenting on the award, EAHP President Joan Peppard said:

'Forming the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy, a vision for practice to guide EAHP's practice development mission, was no easy task. Without wise and experienced guidance from contributors to the project such as Professor Vermeulen, the consensus we achieved between our membership representatives, and patient and other healthcare professionals, would not have been possible. It's a richly deserved honour, and on behalf of the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists, I add our thanks for all that he provides to international cooperation on pharmacy development'.

FIRST EAHP MEETING OF IMPLEMENTATION AMBASSADORS

The first EAHP Meeting of Implementation Ambassadors was held in Brussels on October 15 2016, and 26 countries were represented at the meeting through their national ambassadors. EAHP President Joan Peppard attended the meeting.

EAHP and ambassadors discussed strategies and the next steps to move towards

Statement Implementation within all member countries.

The main role of the ambassador can be summed up on the following:

- ▶ Act as primary link in between EAHP, their national associations and the work that is done within their countries;
- ▶ Convey to EAHP the needs and priorities of their countries when it comes to Statement implementation;
- ▶ Build resources that will help hospital pharmacists, healthcare professionals and other relevant stakeholders to implement the Statements.

EAHP AND GS1 COLLABORATE ON SPECIAL BEDSIDE SCANNING SESSION IN BERLIN

EAHP is delighted to be collaborating with barcode standards organisation GS1 in facilitating a special session of the annual GS1 healthcare conference on the topic of bedside scanning. Taking place in Berlin on Tuesday 4th April, the event will learn from the experiences of Gelre Hospital in the Netherlands in taking up the patient safety and life-saving practice of bedside scanning, how challenges to implementation were overcome, and the results achieved. Ms Peggy Staver, Director of Product Integrity at Pfizer, will give a manufacturer's perspective about how postulated barriers to barcoding medicines to the primary package can be surmounted.

GS1's healthcare conference is free for hospital pharmacists in practice and contains many more sessions of interest to practitioners over its 3 days programme including sessions focusing on traceability, patient safety, supply chain management, the Falsified Medicines Directive, and medical devices.

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