2017 EAHP Statements survey results are online

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The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) released the results of the 2017 Statements Survey that measured the progress of the implementation of the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy. The 2017 edition of the survey focused on Sections 2, 5 and 6 of the Statements linked to selection, procurement and distribution, patient safety as well as education and research.

The European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy express commonly agreed objectives that every European health system should strive for in the delivery of hospital pharmacy services. Since 2015, EAHP is evaluating the barriers and drivers of Statement implementation by means of the Statement surveys. The Results of the 2017 survey activity revealed that while education opportunities are sought by hospital pharmacists, many still struggle with the participation in and the publication of research. Concerning patient safety activities, the reduction of medication errors through the use of computer decision support proved difficult, mainly due to the lack of capacity and capability or because the hospital management did not consider such activity as a priority.

The least positive responses in Section 2 were, however, received in relation to the question inquiring about reason to contact the medicines authority because of medicines shortages. Around 60% of the respondents had to contact their national competent authority to inform them of a medicine shortage, to ask for details about the reasons for a shortage or to acquire details about the likely timeframe of the shortage.

Overall, the survey results showed that awareness and the importance given to the Statements is beginning to increase significantly. This trend can partially also be attributed to the work of the EAHP Statement Ambassadors and the successful realisation of the implementation strategy.

EAHP would like to thank all hospital pharmacists who supported the publication of the 2017 EAHP Statements Survey by inputting to the survey activity. The contributions received are essential for

the development of the hospital pharmacy profession in Europe.

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SYNERGY MASTERCLASS

On 5 and 6 October 2018, the EAHP will be holding its first Synergy Masterclass on management and leadership. This newly developed Synergy event aims at providing healthcare professionals and industry professionals, regardless of their position, with continuing education on the most ground-breaking issues and most needed topics in the hospital setting.

Healthcare professionals participating in the Synergy Masterclass—Management and Leadership will explore innovative approaches to management and techniques that help with the development of individual team members. Through a mix of presentations and workshops, each attendee will learn more about the elements that constitute management and leadership and be enabled to recognise applicable management levels. The practical elements of the Masterclass will trigger thinking about which approach to deploy in any given situation and allow for the direct application of tools and strategies.

Registration is open to both EAHP members and non-members interested in improving their management and leadership skills. The following fees apply:

- Non-members €400 (VAT excluded)
- EAHP members €200 (VAT excluded)

Don't miss the opportunity to join the first Synergy Masterclass. Registration for this 2-day event taking place in Brussels, Belgium is open until 10 August 2018. Sign up quickly because only limited seats are available!

In case you have questions, please send an email to registration@eahp.eu for more information.

EAHP'S 23RD CONGRESS: CONTRIBUTING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL PHARMACY PROFESSION

Hospital pharmacists from all over the world gathered from 21 to 23 March 2018 in Gothenburg, Sweden to hear more about the achievements of their profession and to get inspired for future developments. Like every year,

the programme of the 23rd Congress of the EAHP was packed with information. Three keynotes focusing on global health, marketing and the profession itself drew over 3400 hospital pharmacists to the second largest city in Sweden. Workshops, seminars and EAHP's synergy programme—which featured five synergy satellites on biosimilars in cancer and breast cancer care, biologics, anticoagulation and automation—rounded off the 3-day event.

Commenting on the Congress, EAHP's President Joan Peppard remarked that "European hospital pharmacists met the challenge presented at the 23rd EAHP Congress—Hospital Pharmacists—show us what you can do. Building on this evidence the challenge is now for healthcare managers to maximise the benefit of the skills and knowledge of hospital pharmacists for patients in hospitals. Evidence that every €1 invested in hospital pharmacy service results in a benefit of €7 to the health system can no longer be ignored".

The scientific programme was built around the 44 Statements of European Hospital Pharmacy which express commonly agreed objectives that every European health system should aim for in the delivery of hospital pharmacy services. To better monitor the uptake of these Statements and to help EAHP national associations to move towards Statement implementation on the national level, the EAHP implementation team launched the Self-assessment tool and the Statement Implementation Learning Collaborative Centres (SILCC) programme. The online Self-assessment tool will allow hospital pharmacists to assess the level of implementation of the Statements within their hospitals, while the SILCC programme will provide hospital pharmacists (SILCC Fellows) with the opportunity to visit hospitals (SILCC hosts) from other EAHP member countries to learn about pharmacy procedures linked to the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy. With the help of both of these tools, the EAHP hopes to improve patient outcomes throughout Europe.

EAHP's poster walk, a unique Congress feature, brought together participants and poster authors to discuss the latest research innovations. The Scientific Committee awarded the 1st prize for poster submissions to Xènia Fernández-Sala for her work on 'Linezolid dosing in patients with liver cirrhosis: standard dosing risks' toxicity'. The 2018 Good Practice Initiative award went to Kim Florean Green for the abstract and poster entitled 'Algorithm to develop an essential drug list'.

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Reflecting on the programme, President-Elect Petr Horák stated that “The 23rd European Congress of Hospital Pharmacists was a great opportunity for hospital pharmacy professionals from all over the world to share knowledge and experience, to be inspired by the latest trends and scientific outcomes, to learn new approaches in many fields of hospital pharmacy for delivering the best care to our patients. This is what we always aim for, although we have not always been the best advocates of our own contribution to public health and individual patients. In line with our theme ‘Hospital pharmacists—Show us what you can do’,

I believe we showed what we can achieve and me like all of this year’s Congress attendees will bring this experience back home to patients, managers and colleagues in the multidisciplinary hospital teams. The Hospital pharmacists’ role grows with the current trend of personalised medicine. Pharmacy was very personalised from its roots and I am sure that we will show our preparedness for this new trend at our next Congress. See you in Barcelona!”

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