

BaltPharm Forum 2015

17-19th April, 2015 Pärnu, Estonia

BaltPharm Forum is an annual conference of representatives of professional pharmaceutical organisations, state institutions, community and hospital pharmacies and universities from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. BaltPharm 2015 was the 18th conference and joined about 170 participants. The conference title was: Community pharmacy services today and tomorrow.

The conference supports communication and sharing experience on pharmaceutical field between different countries and organisations. Exchange of information on following topics is planned: operation of and services at community pharmacy, pharmaceutical legislation, continuing professional education, professional competency of pharmacists etc.

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21st EAFP Annual Conference

14-16/05/2015 University of Athens, Greece

Quality Assurance in Pharmacy Education

PHAR-QA activities as well as the initial results of the Delphi survey round 1 were presented on a poster at the 21st EAFP Annual Conference on May 14-16, 2015 in Athens, Greece.

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The PHAR-QA survey results were also discussed at the conference session: **“Pharmacy Education and Training I: Listening to the Stakeholders”**.

Chair: Christos Panagiotidis, Professor Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Daisy Volmer, University of Tartu, Department of Pharmacy, Estonia

The stakeholders: Evdokia Korakianitou, EMA, Jacqueline Surugue-, France, President Hospital Pharmacy Section, FIP, Round Table Discussion: Listening to the Stakeholders Representatives from EIPG, PGEU, EAHP, ESCP.

**Nordic Social Pharmacy and Health Services Research Conference & The
Nordic Networking Group of Clinical Pharmacy**

June 3-5, 2015

Dorpat Conference Centre

Tartu, Estonia

The Nordic Social Pharmacy Conference and the Nordic Networking Group of Clinical Pharmacy Conference (NSPC&NNGCP 2015) welcomed about 150 participants from all the Nordic and Baltic countries as well as from Malta, New Zealand, Turkey, Germany, Scotland, Netherlands and Poland.

The main focus of the joint conference was patient care and the role of specialists in pharmacy and healthcare in contributing more efficiently to this process. The conference theme was **Innovative, Integrated and Individualised Care**. Described complex approach was emphasized while presenting and discussing the following topics: professional education and training in pharmacy, IT-solutions in healthcare, integration of social and clinical aspects in pharmacy for the wellbeing of patients, evidence based pharmacy practice, contribution of pharmacoepidemiology and pharmaceutical policy to patient-centered care and importance of sustainable development of healthcare systems.

PHAR-QA activities as well as the initial results of the Delphi survey round 1 were presented as a poster presentation (abstract and poster are included).

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Background and Objectives The goal of the PHAR-QA (*Quality assurance in European pharmacy education and training*) project is the production of a European framework of competences for pharmacy practice. This PHAR-QA framework (www.phar-qa.eu) will be European and consultative *i.e.* it will be used for harmonization - but will not to replace existing national QA systems.

Methods Using the proposals for competences produced by the previous PHARMINE (*Pharmacy education in Europe*; www.pharmine.eu) project, together with those of other sources, the authors produced a list of 68 personal and patient care competencies. Using internet survey tools the stakeholders - European pharmacy community (university department staff and students, community, hospital and industrial pharmacists, as well as pharmacists working in clinical biology and other branches, together with representatives of chambers and associations) - were invited to rank the proposals and add comments.

Results and conclusions Pharmacology and pharmacotherapy together with competences such as “supply of appropriate medicines taking into account dose, correct formulation, concentration, administration route and timing” ranked high. Other topics such as “current knowledge of design, synthesis, isolation, characterisation and biological evaluation of active substances” ranked lower.

Implications for practice In the short term, it is anticipated that this survey will stimulate a productive discussion on pharmacy education and practice by the various stakeholders. In the long term, this framework could serve as a European model framework of competences for pharmacy practice.

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PHAR-QA activities as well as the initial results of the Delphi survey round 1 were presented at the 75th FIP Congress 29.09-03.10.2015 Düsseldorf, Germany, an abstract and poster presentation were introduced. The abstract is available at: www.fip.org/abstracts. The poster was presents on 2-3 of October. The number of participants approx. 2000.

PHAR-QA activities as well as the initial results of the Delphi survey round 1 were presented as a poster presentation at the Annual Research Conference of the Faculty of Medicines, University of Tartu, Estonia on 9-th of October, 2015. The number of participants approx.. 200.

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PHAR-QA activities as well as the initial results of the Delphi survey round 1 were discussed with the workshop participants in Strasbourg, November 26-27, 2015. The workshop “QUALITY INDICATORS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL CARE: OUTCOMES OF THE EDQM PROJECT AND NEXT STEPS” was organized by the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare. The number of participants approx. 50.