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***2014 EAFP Annual Conference,
22-24 May, Ljubljana, Slovenia
2015 EAFP Annual Conference Athens, Greece***

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**Prof. José Morais,
former General Secretary of
EAFP, receives important
award**

José A. Guimarães Morais, former General Secretary of EAFP and Professor Emeritus at the Faculdade de Farmácia, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, was awarded the Alumni Distinguished Career Achievement Award by the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, where he obtained his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 1980. The award was delivered by Dean Frank Ascione during the Commencement Ceremony on the 27 April 2013, held every year for the ca. 80 PharmD graduates of the College as well as for other Master (MSc) and PhD graduates.



Editorial



Prof. Dr. Bart Rombaut, President of EAFP

Once again EAFP had an exciting Annual Conference, this year in Ankara (Turkey). For the first time we had colleagues present from the five different continents. For more information, see our new website. This new website was also officially launched during the conference (www.eafponline.eu). EAFP is now also running a new European program funded by the European Commission. All information on this program dedicated to Quality Assurance in Pharmacy Education (PHAR-QA) can be found on the PHAR-QA website (www.pharmine.org/PHAR-QA/).

Finally, EAFP was also working closely together with the other stakeholders in pharmacy (PGEU, EIPG, EAHP and EPSA) on the revision of the European Directive 36/2005 EC. Here, you can find one of the statements EAFP prepared during the revision process.



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Statement by EAFP on the six-month traineeship in a pharmacy which is open to the public or in a hospital, under the supervision of that hospital's pharmaceutical department (Article 44 2(b) EU Directive 2005/36 EC on the recognition of professional qualifications)

EAFP would like to emphasise the value in maintaining flexibility in terms of the time frame for the implementation of the six-month traineeship in the five year pharmacy programme. Such a flexibility will support the development of the traineeship within a framework that looks at the development of skills and competences by the candidate that ensure safe practice.

In view of this EAFP would like to suggest the statement hereunder:

During or at the end of the theoretical and practical training, a six-month traineeship in a pharmacy which is open to the public or in a hospital under the supervision of that hospital's pharmaceutical department

Justification(s)

There is no need to determine, at directive level, the placement of the traineeship at the end of studies. The scheduling of practical traineeship, should be left for Universities to decide, as they are a matter of pedagogical arrangements falling under the authority of Universities.

Professor Bart Rombaut

President, EAFP

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The 2013 EAFP Annual Conference



Lilian M. Azzopardi, Malta

The 2013 EAFP Annual Conference was organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Ankara, Turkey between the 16 and 18 May. It was an opportunity for our colleagues from the different faculties of pharmacy in Turkey to host in their country EAFP and the over 200 participants hailing from countries in Europe and from around the world. During the Opening Ceremony, participants were welcomed to Ankara by the Balance String Quartet which is constituted of students from the faculty of pharmacy of the University of Ankara. Dean Professor Coskun Maksut and Professor Bart Rombaut, President of EAFP addressed the participants. Bart Rombaut shared his enthusiasm that the EAFP conference is being held in Turkey, the country which is a bridge between Asia and Europe and noted that it is the first time that the conference has been to Asia.

The theme of the conference was 'Curriculum Optimization, Towards Learning Outcomes: Practical Experiences'. Andries Koster from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands gave examples of learning outcomes and methods to evaluate curricula that are adopted in Utrecht, Australia and the USA. Peep Veski from the University of Tartu, Estonia reflected on the goals of pharmacy education to train versatile and highly educated specialists in pharmacy. Buket Aksu from Turkey, gave examples of changes that affect pharmacy and proposed methods to approach and adapt to changes. Julianne Johnson from the University of Strathclyde presented experiences of curriculum development that encompasses aspects of clinical pharmacy in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Julianne Johnson proposed that academics should achieve a purpose of acting as facilitators of learning and encouraging students to identify their learning needs. During the conference examples of educational activities undertaken in Germany and in the Netherlands to enhance the students skills in medication use were presented by Isabel Waltering (University of Munster) and Annemarie Heersche (University of Utrecht) respectively. Jouni Hirvonen from the University of Helsinki, Finland and Giuseppe Ronsisvalle, University of Catania, Italy looked at curricula development to encompass lifelong learning activities. Ruth Nemire from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy shared reflections on the use of information technology in pharmacy education.

During the conference, participants presented interesting examples of pharmacy education activities in the form of posters and oral presentations. On the third day an international student session was organised in collaboration with the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation and the European Pharmaceutical Students Association. Tiia Meianinen, President and Jorge Batista, Vice President for Education from EPSA presented EPSA initiatives and organised seminars for the students on leadership and teamwork. Radoslaw Mitura, IPSF President presented activities undertaken by IPSF. The perspectives of undergraduate and postgraduate

students from Turkey were presented by Burcu Kelleci from Hacettepe University, Goktug Mert Karalti and Enver Kaan Atikeler from University of Ankara. The session which was moderated by Lilian M. Azzopardi from the University of Malta was followed by a round table discussion where students could exchange experiences and views about pharmacy education in different European countries.

During the conference Jose Guimaraes Morais, Immediate-Past General Secretary, Carlo Rossi, Immediate-Past Vice President and Panos Machera, Immediate-Past Executive Committee Member were presented with a recognition for their contributions to EAFP over the past years.

During the General Assembly, the new website was launched. Please visit at www.eafponline.eu. You will find presentations from the 2013 EAFP Annual Conference and updated information on the 2014 EAFP Annual Conference which will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Pictures of the 2013 EAFP Annual Conference



Balance String Quartet during the Opening Ceremony



The panel during the International Student Session



Julienne Johnson, UK, and Buket Aksu, Turkey, chairing a session on “What are Learning Outcomes?”



Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ankara students during the Welcome reception



Christian Cave, Giuseppe Ronsisvalle, Panos Macheras, Lilian M. Azzopardi and Jose Guimaraes Morais (l-r), ExCo members, during recognition ceremony

EAFP participating in GAPE (Global Alliance for Pharmacy Education)



Lilian M. Azzopardi, Malta



EAFP participating in GAPE

EAFP is a member of the Global Alliance for Pharmacy Education (GAPE). GAPE is an alliance of national and regional associations of pharmacy educators and other stakeholders that are committed to maximizing the contributions of pharmacy education to advance pharmacy practice globally.

GAPE's mission is to support partnerships to advance the quality of pharmacy and pharmaceutical education around the world. The American Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is a partner within GAPE. Within the alliance EAFP is joined by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC), [Conferencialberoamericana de Facultades de Farmacia](#) (COIFFA), and the Ethiopian Association of Colleges of Pharmacy as members.

Lilian M. Azzopardi, General Secretary of EAFP participated at the GAPE session organised during the 2012 AACCP Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, Orlando. This session which was attended by colleagues from colleges of pharmacy in the USA as well as from other countries, was chaired by Rosalie Sagraves from AACCP. Other speakers in the session included Harold Lopatka from the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada who gave an overview of pharmacy education in Canada and Magaly Rodriguez de

Bittner who shared the experiences from the Pan-American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education. Lilian M. Azzopardi presented background to EAFP and information on pharmacy education in Europe, particularly data collected through the PHARMINE project.

In October 2012, Bart Rombaut, President of EAFP and Lilian M. Azzopardi participated at the GAPE Meeting for members and partners where collaboration and networking activities were discussed.

Rosalie Sagraves, Emeritus Dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois, Chicago was the consultant on global pharmacy with AACP and supported GAPE up to January this year. We would like to thank Rosalie for her commitment and vision to GAPE. EAFP looks forward to collaborating with Ruth E. Nemire, the new AACP Associate Executive Vice President who will be taking up this activity.

Quality assurance in pharmacy education and training in Europe (PHAR-QA)

J. Atkinson presented the PHAR-QA project to the full assembly at Ankara 2013 Annual Conference. See : <http://eafponline.eu/conferences/past-meetings/annual-conference-2013>

PHAR-QA newsletter : www.phar-qa.eu

About the revision of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications - PGEU and EAFP proposal – EUA Update

End of 2012, PGEU and EAFP, in a joint declaration, provide a

proposal of amendment of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications. About 20 amendments are suggested to better describe current pharmacy practice.

See also : PGEU Statement on Why Pharmacies Need Fully Qualified Pharmacists (376.95 KB)

PGEU Consultation Response on Professional Qualifications Directive-FINAL (261.37 KB)

Recognition of professional qualifications

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“The European Parliament’s Internal Market Committee (IMCO) report on the revision of Directive 2005/36/EC was finally adopted in January.”

Member states agree that the current rules regarding traineeship for pharmacists should not change.