

“GREEN PHARMACY” vibes during the second Pharmacy Game international symposium

The second Pharmacy Game international symposium was held from 5-6 of June 2023 in Groningen, the Netherlands. It united participants from 12 different universities around the world to discuss around the topic “Green pharmacy”.



Participants shared experiences of how they made their Pharmacy Game (<https://pharmacygame.education>) greener. This year, a sustainable pharmacy initiative was implemented into the Pharmacy Game in Leiden (Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands). At the University of Bath, UK, they play the Pharmacy Game completely paperless. Three sustainable elements, openness, resources, and modularities, were accounted for at Vilnius University, Lithuania, where they have the leading role of training their students for online pharmacy services. In Brussels (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), practices such as recording patient case videos or using double screens to measure the skills gained were presented during this symposium. Various green initiatives mainly driven by students' ideas were part of the games at the University of Nottingham, Griffith University, and Utrecht University. University of Oslo will follow these examples. Groningen's new educational module, "Reducing pharmaceuticals in water," complimented the recent Pharmacy Game.

Overall, students and educators showed interest in the more active involvement of sustainable elements in pharmacy education, looking into the initiatives undertaken within the Pharmacy Game educational model globally. As the Pharmacy Game is suitable for accommodating current practices, it gives opportunities to accommodate the new trend of teaching our students to become leaders in greening our pharmacy practice and profession.

