

## Belgium VAPI-UPIP Country Report 2016

### **Mission and goals**

- To prepare, guide, inform, support and represent the pharmacist in the 'Life Sciences Industry'
- To represent the members' interests (pharmacists) at national and international bodies
- To liaise closely with complementary professional associations and competent Authorities
- To provide expertise to continuously improve National and European legislation
- To create a forum aimed exchange on technical assessments and industrial experience
- To enhance networking and social contacts amongst members.
- Help young pharmacists that want to go in the Industry and help healthcare professionals from other EU Countries to be recognised as QP in Belgium.

### **Activities 2016:**

#### **GA: February: Implementation of the new Delegated Act on Falsified Medicines**

- Philippe De Buck - FAGG-AFMPS (Belgian agency)
- Andreas Walter - EMVO (European Medicines Verification Organization)
- Prof. Claude Farrugia - University of Malta & VP Communication of EIPG
- Jan Depoorter - Spokesman of APB (Association of Belgian Pharmacist)
- Thomas De Rijdt - Spokesman of Hospital Association

**Board Meeting:** 12 board meetings during the year

**Training:**

- **May:** "Overview of recently revised and draft pharmaceutical legislation and guidance from the EU EMA, the US FDA and ICH (includes Data Integrity)" by Rachel Carmichael, former MHRA inspector
- **October:** GMP basic training In Genzyme Geel by Jean Scouvert former Senior GxP Training Expert at UCB
- **December:** "How can lean support quality and compliance in Pharma?" by Mr Frederic Lombardo Lean Six Sigma trainer and auditor at CVO-Europe.

**Working group:**

- QP working group presentation given by Belgian inspector Karin Froidbise (AFMPS-FAGG)
- Working group on new Annex 1
- Auto-control : Brainstorming session and workshop on auto-Control to Co-Responsibility

**Achievements:**

- New Website
- Recognition as a Belgian Royal association
- Creation of UPI-VAPI flyers mainly for students
- Green Book update: fully updated with new data (roles of pharmacist in the industry In FR, NL & EN available on the website)

**Collaboration with other associations:**

- BRAS (Belgian Regulatory Affairs Society)
- EPSA (European Pharmaceutical Students Associations)
- A3P
- EIPG

**Social Event:** Lord of the dance in November

**Ideas for 2017:**

- **Workshops & Training:**
  - Stress management – QP discretion
  - Interpretation of Annex 16 – Field Examples - Meet the Inspectors

- **Working groups:**
  - Medical Devices
  - Pharmaceutical advertising, vigilance
  
- **Follow-up:**
  - Auto Control Meeting with Belgian Competent Authorities, New GMP Annex 1, changes into Belgian framework for healthcare professionals (KB-78/AR-78)
  - Falsified Medicines – Safety Features – Unique Barcode
  
- Joint meetings with other associations
- A3P, EIPG, EPSA, Universities...
- Salary Survey for Pharmacists in the industry
- Prepare GA 2018: 65 years of UPIP-VAPI...

### VAPI-UIP members

- Total number of members on 31/12/2016: 217
- Total number of honoured members: 6

### Contact name

President name: Frank Peeters

Vice President name: Mounir Rizovsky

EIPG responsible: Thomas Lion

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