

## Belgium UPIP-VAPI Country Report 2017

Union Royale des Pharmaciens de l'Industrie Pharmaceutique  
Koninklijke Vereniging van Apothekers van de Pharmaceutische Industrie  
Royal Association of Pharmacists of the Pharmaceutical Industry



Founded in 1953

From an association of

“Industry Pharmacists” (QP’s)

To an association of Pharmacists working in the Pharmaceutical Industry



## **Mission and goals**

- To prepare, guide, inform, support and represent the pharmacist in the 'Life Sciences'
- To represent the members' interests at national and international bodies
- To liaise closely with complementary professional unions
- To provide input to continuously improve national and European legislation
- To create a forum aimed at exchanging technical assessments and industrial experience
- To enhance networking and social contacts amongst members.

## **Activities 2017:**

**GA: February: Reform of the Royal Decree 78 relating to the practice of the health care professions**

- **Dr Maggie De Block** : Belgian Federal Health Minister
- **Prof. Em. Herman Nys** on the preparation of the reform and its legal aspects
- **Thomas De Rijdt** on the opportunities for hospital pharmacists
- **Johan Van Calster** on the impact for the pharmacists in life sciences industries
- **Jan Depoorter** on the view of the community pharmacist and the patient

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

**Training:**

- **2 x Audit - Regulations & Best Practices** – CVO Waterloo
- **Leadership** – EPSA – Archemin Mechelen

- **GDP Training** (1st yearly training) – Archemin Mechelen
- **GMP Basic training** (Quality Systems introduction) – Purna Puurs

#### **Working group:**

- Review of QP Code of Conduct with EIPG
- New Annex 1 of EUDRALEX

#### **Other activities:**

- FAGG-AFMPS Information Session on **Auto Control of Medical Devices**
- GS1 Workshop on **Traceability – Aggregation Barcodes**
- **Pharma Career** events & Information sessions for pharmacy students
- Board Dinner
- Reception Province House East Flanders – Predicate **Royal Association**
- Social Event - TOTEM

#### **Communication:**

- New version of "the green book": Roles of pharmacist in the industry, a guide to describe the different opportunities for a pharmacist inside the pharmaceutical industry
- New Website available
- Newsletter sent to members

#### **Collaboration with other associations:**

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

## Planning for 2018:

Date	Activity
25 January	GDP Certification Training (Janssen Pharmaceutica - La Louvière)
20 February	General Assembly 65 years Anniversary Edition (MHKA-HMRA) Seminar on New & Emerging Regulations
April	GMP basic training – Introduction to Quality Management Systems
4-5 May	General Assembly EIPG in Casablanca, Morocco
7 jun	Common event with A3P Belgique: Integrity testing and visual inspection
27 Jun	Jury member for the future pharmacists' Poster presentations
July	Reception for Royal Associations (Ghent – Province House)
September	GDP Certification Training (Eumedica)
Oct-Nov	Social Event
Nov-Dec	GMP advanced training (on Qualification & Validation)
All year	Workgroups: Annex 1, QP's, Universities, Communication, ATMP's...

### *VAPI-UIPI members*

- Total number of members on 31/12/2017: 265
- Total number of members paid members: 143
- Total number of honoured members: 9

### *Contact name*

President name: Frank Peeters (president@upip-vapi.be)

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