

## *Country Report of Hungary 2014*

### • *Name of organization:*

**Association for Pharmaceutical Industry (API) of the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences** represents pharmacists working for pharmaceutical and related industries. It was founded in 1968. The Executive Committee is formed by seventeen persons including the President, the Vice President and 3 Secretaries.

### • *Mission and goals:*

The objective of the Association is to promote and develop the professional background of industrial pharmacists in order to maintain the requested high standards in their work. Therefore the Association undertakes the following activities:

- organising professional meetings
- working with internal professional groups (clinical pharmacists, technologists and researchers)
- establishing contact with foreign professional Associations such as the Industrial Section of the FIP since 1980 and EIPG since 2008 as official observer, then full member since 2009.

### • *Activities:*

#### ***10-12 April 2014: Congressus Pharmaceuticus Hungaricus XV.***

This is the largest meeting of pharmaceutical industrial pharmacists in Hungary, it is held every 3 to 5 years. The program included a Quality by design pre-congress workshop organized by the Industrial Pharmacist Group and we also organized 2 co-chaired sessions with the Pharmaceutical Technology Section and the Pharmaceutical Analytics Section of the Society. There were sessions on the issues of gradual and post-gradual curricula, generic substitution, counterfeit medicines, nanotechnology, safety in oncology, innovative medicines in practice, pharmacology, life cycle of biologics and the role of the internet in informing patients.

#### ***7 November 2014: Symposium in memory of György Bacsa***

Topics were the new safety features on medicines, pharmacovigilance and analytics, planning and optimisation in company processes.

### ***Relevant publications of the Society:***

Scientific periodicals: **Acta Pharmaceutica Hungarica** publishes research articles in English and Hungarian for research workers as a target population. It is published quarterly in 900 copies. **Gyógyszerészet** (Pharmacy) contains postgraduate educational articles in Hungarian for practising pharmacists. It also serves as an information source for public affairs. It is published monthly in 2500 copies.

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