

Belgium UIIP-VAPI Country Report 2018

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 pharmacists (and other professionals working) in the 'Life Sciences' Industry
- 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 2018:

General Assembly: Seminar on New and Emerging Regulations

- **Mr. Philippe De Buck:** Head of Division Authorizations FAMHP
 - Role and view of the regulator
 - The new legislation on psychotropics and narcotics

- **Prof. Claude Farrugia :** President EIPG
 - Update and status of the Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)

- **Mr. Karel Verlinde :** Advisor BeMedTech
 - Medical Technologies in Belgium: overview and challenges

Board Meeting: 12 board meetings during the year

Joint Event with A3P: Integrity Testing and visual inspection with a visit of Datwyler Pharma Packaging

EIPG General Assembly in Morocco

Training:

- **GDP Training** (basic & advanced) hosted by:
 - Archemin in Mechelen
 - Eumedica in Manage
- **GMP Basic training** (Quality Systems introduction) hosted by Takeda

Workshop:

- New Annex 1 of EUDRALEX
- Falsified Medicines directive: The practical aspect of Serialization. A big success gathering authorities and pharma companies.

Students related activities: Increase of contacts with the universities. Students are invited for free to our events.

- Journée Declic Dag
- VFSSO (Vlaams Farmaceutisch Studentenoverleg) career day
- Pharma Career events & Information

Other activities:

- Board Dinner
- Te Deum in Gent and Reception Province House East Flanders
- Social Event – Swan Lake ballet

Communication:

- Increase of presence on social media: Creation of a Facebook page, regular Twitter account and LinkedIn page updates.
- New website
- Newsletter sent to members
- Article in the “Journal de Pharmacie de Belgique” which is celebrating it’s 100th year of existence. UPIP-VAPI has been asked to write the column on the history, evolution and future of the pharmacist in the Pharmaceutical Industry. Article was published in Dec 2018.
- New bylaws :
 - Belgium & Luxembourg
 - Pharmaceutical Industry → Life Sciences
 - Concept of “Leden en Rechtswege - Membres de Droit”

- Non-voting memberships for “Professionals of the Life Sciences”
- Board members 12→15

Collaboration with other associations:

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

Planning for 2019:

Date	Activity
Jan	GDP Certification Training (Parallel sessions Basic & Advanced)
Feb	Curalia Insurance for members
	Board Dinner
Mar	Lectures by UPIP-VAPI on the VFSSO congress (jobbeurs) for pharmacy students
	General Assembly CERPAN - Seminar on the Pharmacist of the Industry 4.0
	Pharma Career at UCL (Université Catholique de Louvain)
	Journée Déclic / Déclic Dag
Apr	Speed dating pharmacists University of Antwerpen
	First Youth Event
May	Information session about pharma careers at the University of Liège
	General Assembly EIPG in Hungary
	GMP training Advipro Turnhout
Jul	Reception for Royal Associations (Ghent – Province House)
Sep-Oct	GDP Certification Training
	NSF legislation update
Oct-Nov	Social Event
Nov-Dec	Workgroups : QP's, Universities, Communications & Social Media...

VAPI-UIP members

- Total number of members on 31/12/2018: 163
- Total number of honoured members: 9

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