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News

A new President for ESCP Change in a continuous process

Dear members

As the new President of ESCP I would like to present myself and share with you some thoughts on the future of clinical pharmacy and our Society.



Frank Jørgensen and Gert Laekeman

I am a Norwegian hospital pharmacist working at Haukeland Hospital Pharmacy in the city of Bergen. The pharmacy serves a 1000-bed teaching hospital. I have worked in hospital pharmacy for 20 years and have been engaged in the development of clinical pharmacy both locally and nationally. My enthusiasm for ESCP dates itself back to the eighties. The future of clinical pharmacy is in my view very promising. In USA and the UK clinical pharmacy has been established for decades.

Clinical Pharmacy development in Europe

The development in continental Europe is moving in the same direction, albeit at different paces. I believe that in many countries a turning point now is about to be reached; from a state of piloting to a

state where clinical pharmacy is to be regarded as a natural and integral part of healthcare.

This I think is due to an increasing recognition in society and amongst other healthcare professionals of the value of clinical pharmacy, first and foremost in terms of safety, quality and economic efficiency of care.

The mission of ESCP is to develop and promote the rational and appropriate use of medicines and medical devices in the individual patient and in the society at large.

Through being an arena for education, training, research and networking ESCP has fulfilled this mission for nearly 30 years, and thus supported the successful development of clinical pharmacy. How will we be able to do so in the future? The basis for the success of ESCP will continue to be the intellectual strength you as members possess.

Conferences, workshops, ESCP news, website, PWS

This makes it possible for the Society to arrange conferences, workshops and other educational events of a high and well-regarded scientific standard. The latest example of this is the just finished autumn symposium in Dubrovnik, which attracted more than 800 attendants.

Hence, the Society will continue to set up larger and smaller educational and training events, both on its own and in collaboration with other international and national societies.

Cooperating with pharmaceutical and other healthcare organizations both in this and other ways I believe will

further accelerate the development of clinical pharmacy.

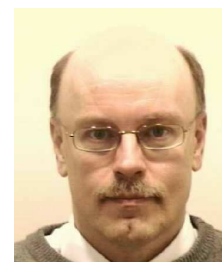
The cyberspace will play an increasing role as an effective arena of communication.

In particular, you can read every three months our tri-monthly letter "ESCP news".

ESCP will work towards developing its website (escpweb.org) towards becoming an ever more central place for information, education and networking for clinical pharmacists. An example will be the development of an e-learning tool.

Due to the importance of building and maintaining a sound evidence base for clinical pharmacy, research will continue to be a core area of ESCP. This is realized through the publication of the peer-reviewed journal PWS (PharmacyWorldScience), poster sections at our conferences and also through projects coordinated by the Society itself.

These were some of my thoughts at the outset of my Presidency. I am though very interested in your opinion on the future of clinical pharmacy and the Society.



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A Few Words



ESCP General Assembly, Dubrovnik, 23 October 2008 From the General Assembly

The General Assembly in Dubrovnik was held on the Thursday afternoon. The ESCP president Gert Laekeman gave a very much appreciated singing testimony as he was leaving his post after 2 years of outstanding presidency. The new president is Frank Jørgensen from Norway.



There have also been some other changes in the leadership of the Society. Cecilia Bernsten, Sweden, has replaced Frank Jørgensen as vice president and the treasurer Erik Gerbrands was also appointed as secretary. The General Assembly was informed that Mara Guerreiro from Portugal was stepping down from the GC and that the position held by Spain on the GC is still vacant. The treasurer, Erik Gerbrands, gave an overview of the finances of the society. We now have a positive result, but we still have to be careful.

The General Assembly approved some minor changes in the constitution put forward by the General Committee. The new constitution will be available on the ESCP website. The ESCP president, Frank Jørgensen reminded the General Assembly of the mission of the society; "TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE THE RATIONAL AND APPROPRIATE USE OF MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES". He also stated that the basis of the ESCP is the intellectual strength of its members. As for important activities he mentioned arranging educa-

tional events like courses and master classes, to act as a network arena, perform research within the scope of the society, publish journals and use also other means for communication, and act as an important partner to other health care organisations such as the ASCP, EAHP, EPSA and more. This can be accomplished if we build and maintain a sound economic basis, and continuously build and improve our own organisation.

The vice president Cecilia Bernsten informed about the up coming workshops and conferences decided so far. There will be a joint conference with the American Society of Clinical Pharmacy, 24 to 28 April, 2009, in Orlando, Florida. The next yearly Symposium will be held in Geneva on the 3 to 6 November 2009. In 2010 the Symposium will be in Lyon, 20 to 24 October 2010.

The president gave an overview of the activities of the different committees and SIG's. The chair of the Research Committee is Marcel Bouvy. The main issues for the committee are workshops in research methodology which is to take place at every autumn meeting, the question of collaborative centres, and the handling of the research grant.



The new chair of the Educational Committee is Vincent Launay-Vacher. The main tasks of the educational committee are the development of an e-learning tool, ETC guidelines, the updating and maintenance of the speakers database, the maintaining and development of the glossary of terms, and the representation of the committee on the Scientific Committees of future conferences. The chair of the Communication Committee is Foppe van Mil.



The main tasks of the committee are the production of the Newsletter (edited by Marie Caroline Husson), the handling of the abstract submission and review process, to develop and hold one workshop on scientific writing at every autumn meeting, the updating and maintenance of the web site, and the publication of the guidelines for presentations at ESCP conferences and workshops.

The SIG council consists of all the different SIG's within the society. The chair of the SIG council is vacant, but is to be appointed soon. The main tasks of the SIG's are the provision of workshops for the conferences and workshops (SIG Oncology and SIG Geriatrics were both important contributors at the workshop in Leuven in May 2008).

The finances of ESCP, an update



During the General Assembly in Dubrovnik on October, 22nd, 2008, our treasurer, Erik Gerbrands, gave an update on the financial situation of the Society. After the transfer of the Office from Brussels to the Netherlands we faced many

problems regarding the transfer of bank-accounts: this is all sorted out now. The impossibility of processing of credit-card payments for the membership-fees is coming to an end: the implementation of a webshop-like system is in test and we hope to be able to start invoicing for the 2008 membership-fees within weeks.

After we terminated the contract with MCI in Brussels, ESCP was close to bankruptcy. Today we can face a much better situation.

We received income from the Istanbul Symposium and the Leuven Workshop, we expect a positive result from the Dubrovnik

Symposium. And at the other side: we do not have many expenses as we are back to a society of volunteers.

At the moment ESCP has a plus of about 60.000 euro in the bank. To be on the safe side, ESCP should have savings for a 2 year period, which means of about 120.000 euro.

The results of 2007 and the budget 2009 were agreed upon by the members at this General Assembly.

Erik Gerbrands
ESCP treasurer



ESCP General Assembly, Dubrovnik, 23 October 2008

The message of past President Gert Laekeman to the Committee members

Dear Committee Members,

ESCP was in a financial crisis when I became president in Vienna (2006).

The situation even got worse in January 2007. The contract with MCI was cancelled in February 2007 and from the very beginning we knew that Edinburgh would end with a financial loss. Again a loss for which nobody was to be blamed (the Edinburgh conference could even attract 65.000 euro sponsorship, that however could not compensate the costs of the expensive conference centre).

In June 2007 we undertook a charming operation and visited our Turkish colleagues in Istanbul. Istanbul ended with a benefit. Nevertheless the financial balance of ESCP remained very close to the bottom of our treasury. The Dubrovnik Symposium emerged from a kind of 'big bang'. When we turn the clock back one year nothing was materialized yet.

Visits to Zagreb in December 2007 and to Dubrovnik in February 2008 were useful

and necessary to shape the fall Symposium. The workshop in Leuven brought more than 50,000 euro to ESCP at the beginning of July 2008. Two months later we succeeded to transfer the 23,000 euro remaining on the ING-accounts in Brussels.

In the beginning of this month we had to close the registration for Dubrovnik with more than 800 participants. The future looks bright, thanks to the efforts made by all of you, and it is my pleasure to be able to pass an ESCP with more material perspective to my successor Frank than I received it two years ago.

The events of the past two years may look uncommon, but it is not the first nearly happening crash of ESCP in its history. ESCP remains more vulnerable than we think. We know that our financial structure is an ad hoc thing. We saw money disappear and we saw money come without really mastering the process.

We must convert our wealth in brains

and creativity into a firm material structure. We still have the strategic plan initiated on that inspiring Saturday morning at the end of the Edinburgh spring conference in May 2007. We are responsible for our society, for our ESCP. I would strongly recommend to be aware of this issue when meeting in the GC and in all the Committees and making decisions.

With a warm hug, you all are my friends forever,

Gert Laekeman
Your leaving president



What's on www.escpweb.org ?

On July 1st 2007, ESCP International Office (IO) moved from Brussels to Buitenpost in The Netherlands. This may look quite simple but it was a noticeable change. Activities previously done by our former IO are now performed by the members of the ESCP General Committee.

Among many others, the management of our www.escpweb.org site is one example of this radical shift. After having run our website ad hoc, while learning by doing, we start now to look at the future.

A subgroup of the Communication Committee, the former Publication Committee, will formulate our needs, and a budget is allocated for future improvements and developments of the ESCP website. On-line payment of membership fees will be available very soon. A reminder (and an invoice....) will be sent to you as soon as the on-line payment platform will be opened.

But what is already there? Our website is divided in two parts: the public

section and the members' only section. **All important news, even when it is announcing members' benefits, like on-line access to Pharmacy Word and Science, appears on the public home page.**

A quick look at this page gives you therefore also an overview on what became recently available in the members' only section and on the upcoming agenda of the society and its partners.

But in the public section, visitors can read information about ESCP and its aim, mission and the definition of Clinical Pharmacy.

The ESCP committees and SIGs are presented, with the contact e-mail address. Programs of upcoming symposia, workshops, or courses of ESCP are also displayed here.

To enter the members' only section, simply log-on using your family name and ESCP ID number. If you do not remember your ID, send an e-mail to info@escpweb.org.

In the members only section, you will there find:

- the link to PWS on-line,
- the Glossary of terms recently published by the Education Committee,
- most of the material of the Leuven workshop,
- links to video presentations of previous conferences,
- materials of the different special interest groups.

Every SIG has its own workplace which can be accessed by every ESCP member. SIG leaders or workshop organizers are welcome to send the material they use during workshops or meetings to the ESCP webmaster who will publish it in the announcement section of the SIG workplace.

Both the Communication and General committee of the ESCP consider our website as a strategic tool for our society. New developments are being prepared and planned, and any feedback or suggestion is highly appreciated.

Johnny Beney
ESCP webmaster
Member ESCP General Committee



The theme of this year's ESCP Annual conference was **'Pharmaceutical Care Models and Therapeutic Innovations'**. In pharmacy, innovation can be translated into new ways to reach out to patients to present new medications, new formulations, new patient monitoring techniques or new professional services.

An evening plenary lecture by Aleksander Danilovski from Pliva Croatia Ltd set the perspective towards looking at innovations. During this plenary lecture, participants could learn about Pliva Croatia which was the company that had discovered azithromycin within its Research and Development Department. The lecture gave insights into planning and targets that are being aimed for within the pharmaceutical industry.

Plenary Sessions

The plenary lectures were dedicated to three issues relating to therapeutic innovations namely 'Balancing Costs and Effectiveness', 'Translating Evidence into Practice' and 'Changing Risks in Patient Safety'. In the first day, Maurice Zarb-Adami, Malta, Mark Stuart, United Kingdom and Steven Simoens, Belgium described the current scenarios in the various countries with regards to approaching new therapeutic innovations, assessing clinical evidence and evaluating effective-

ness and accessibility to patients. During the second day, Philip Schneider, United States, Marcel Bouvy, The Netherlands and Marie-Paule Schneider, Switzerland presented aspects of implementing therapeutic innovations, the impact of clinical trials data on practical scenarios and described a program of monitoring patient compliance as an example of a new professional service.

In the third day, Steve Hudson, United Kingdom, Hubertus Cranz, AESGP, Belgium and Edith Dufay from France presented skills required to prepare for the changing risks in medicine safety, the implications of the shift of medicines to non-prescription status and described the development of systems and patient monitoring techniques to address patient safety.

Pharmacotherapy Updates and workshops

Pharmacotherapy updates presented concise and practical information on neurology with particular reference to Parkinson's disease and dementia, cardiovascular risk management, HIV and mental health disorders. Workshops were held on point-of-care testing, patient medication review for elderly patients, therapeutic innovations in critically ill children, adverse drug reactions management, clinical effectiveness of lifestyle

modifications, risks and safety of drugs, medication compliance, clinical community pharmacy, medication errors, evaluation of innovative drugs, study design in quantitative methods, scientific writing, and clinical pharmacy in Croatia. SIGs organized business meetings in the areas of Medicine Information, Education and Training, Pharmacoepidemiology, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases, Nutritional Support, Pharmacokinetics and Paediatrics.

Conclusion

During the symposium, 17 papers from 8 different countries were presented as oral communications while 33 papers from 12 different countries were presented during poster discussion forum sessions. The over 800 delegates that participated in the ESCP conference participated actively in all the sessions of the scientific programme.

Delegates felt that the programme offered them an insight into 'innovations' in different aspects of clinical pharmacy that could be useful in their practice. Also the scientific programme provided a good platform for the discussions that ensued between delegates during the networking sessions.

Anthony Serracino-Inglott, Malta
Chair, Scientific Committee

ESCP Poster Award and Oral Communication Award 2008

During the annual conference, ESCP presents two awards, the best poster award and the best oral communication award.

The jury had a very hard time deciding about the poster and oral communication award as there were so many good presentations and posters. For the oral communications the jury started with the score given by the chairs of the oral communications and poster discussion forums on 3 consecutive days. For the posters the jury focused on those posters that received the highest scores during the abstract review process.

For both awards the following criteria were taken into consideration:

1. Originality
2. Clarity of the study design
3. Presentation of results and conclusions
4. Value to Clinical Pharmacy

Moreover both awards should preferably stimulate relatively young pharmacists and researchers. Pharmacists and researchers from countries that

have only recently started with clinical pharmacy have also had extra chances to be rewarded.

The winners of the two awards for the 37th ESCP Annual Symposium were announced during the closing ceremony.



Juri Arjakse

The recognition for the best poster was awarded to Juri Arjakse, Kristijan Kongi and Toomas Marandi from the North Estonia Medical Centre Foundation, Tallinn, Estonia for their poster on the **'Evaluation of deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis with nadropanin in surgical wards'**.

The award for the best oral presentation was given to Paul Wright, Sotiris

Antoniou, Hasanin Khachi and Saskia Vercaeren from the Pharmacy department of the London Chest Hospital, United Kingdom for their paper on **'Pharmacist involvement in a multidisciplinary clinic for elective percutaneous coronary intervention patients'**.



Paul Wright

This year's members of the jury were Lilian M. Azzopardi (Malta), Vesna Bacic Vrca (Croatia), Marcel Bouvy (The Netherlands), Maja Jakševac Mikša (Croatia) and Foppe van Mil (The Netherlands).



37th ESCP European Symposium Clinical Pharmacy
Dubrovnik, Croatia, 22-24 October 2008

Impressions after the symposium

Saturday morning, 25 October 2008, dawned in Dubrovnik as clear and sunny as on all the days of the 37th European Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy. After seeing off a group of colleagues on their way to the airport, I sat down and relaxed at the unusually empty terrace of the Libertas Rixos Hotel, which on previous days was swarming with symposium participants. I had an odd feeling; suddenly I had no obligations and was in no hurry to go anywhere. I looked at the blueness of the sea whose calm and silence were disturbed only by a small fishing boat passing by. I had time to recall and evaluate the preceding four days of the symposium, during which, as symposium president, I felt great responsibility for each possible omission. It was with pleasure that I came to the conclusion, judging from my own aspect and from comments of a number of participants, that the symposium had gone very well.

The symposium was attended by 821 participants from 39 countries of Europe and other continents. The most numerous were our colleagues from France, then from Croatia, Belgium and the far-away Thailand. Croatia, the host country, had 87 representatives, most of them hospital or community pharmacists.

The official programme started on Tuesday, 21 October, with the very interesting evening plenary lecture, given by Dr Aleksandar Danilovski of Croatia, on the rela-

tions between innovative and generic pharmaceutical industries and the vision of further development of the global pharmaceutical industry. This was followed by the welcome reception at the hotel terrace overlooking the sea, where most participants met for the first time.



The opening ceremony on Wednesday, which marked the official beginning of the symposium, was somewhat out of the ordinary and exuded special warmth. Namely, after my introductory speech as symposium president and on behalf of Croatian organizers and the address of the representative of the host city of Dubrovnik, Mr Duro Marketa, the ESCP president Gert Laekeman presented the organization and work of ESCP and proclaimed the symposium open.

And then, accompanying himself on the accordion, he started to sing a song that he had specially composed for ESCP. After the initial astonishment, everybody present joined in and we were all singing together.

Then came three days of interesting scientific and professional presentations, along with a series of workshops. Many posters were displayed and viewed by the participants. The working part of the symposium ended on Friday afternoon. At the closing ceremony, the newly elected ESCP president Frank Jorgensen introduced himself and awards were announced for the best oral and poster presentations. We celebrated this on the hotel terrace with farewell drinks watching the sunset. In the evening hours, about 120 participants gathered once again for the gala dinner at the Arsenal Club in the centre of the old part of Dubrovnik and spent some pleasant time talking, enjoying the music and dancing.

In conclusion, I think the symposium was very successful in both its working and social parts. The carefully selected scientific programme of the symposium allowed the participants to extend and acquire new knowledge of clinical pharmacy, and in the social part meet and socialize with colleagues in an international environment. Contributions to the success of the symposium were also the nice and warm weather as well as the uniqueness of Dubrovnik, the most beautiful city of the Mediterranean, which I believe many participants will revisit.

Maja Jakševac Mikša, Ph.D.
ESCP Symposium President

Workshop SIG Medicine Information Vital role of the clinical pharmacist in the management of adverse drug reactions

This workshop was organized in collaboration with Sophie Sarre, Professor Drug Analysis and Drug Information from the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Drug Analysis and Drug Information and the Research group Experimental Neuropharmacology of the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Belgium).

Our main objectives were for the participants to describe and identify the role of the clinical pharmacist in all aspects of the management of adverse drug reactions (ADRs). These include:

- 1) prevention (& patient counseling),
- 2) detection,
- 3) treatment,
- 4) reporting,
- 5) alerting healthcare providers and patients.

About 75 attendees participated. The motivation and enthusiasm of this rather large group made it a pleasure for us to run the workshop.

A short introduction provided standard definitions, data obtained from (pre-marketing) clinical drug trials and described the magnitude within healthcare. The participants were divided in small groups to study and discuss two consecutive patients. The different groups gave their opinions and views about the causes, management and further follow up of the ADRs identified.

The sessions continued with looking into potential questions healthcare providers have about reporting ADRs.

Then the participants were involved in the evaluation of 2 more patients. The workshop was concluded with a review of pharmacovigilance data from around the world.

Finally, participants were given a handout listing useful websites and the slides will be posted on the ESCP website.

Sophie and I enjoyed preparing this session and we thank all the partici-

pants for joining us on a sunny afternoon and sharing their views.

We hope everybody realizes that pharmacy staff has an active role in preventing, identifying, managing and reporting ADRs.

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Pharmacy museum in monastery in Dubrovnik Old City



37th ESCP European Symposium Clinical Pharmacy Dubrovnik, Croatia, 22-24 October 2008

Workshop : SIG geriatrics

The SIG in geriatrics held a workshop in Dubrovnik on the following theme: *Systematic approach to review medications in elderly patients*. The workshop was presented on Wednesday October 22 from 13h30 – 15h30 and repeated from 16h00 – 18h00. A total of 70 participants were present for the first workshop and 60 participants for the repeat workshop. Annemie Somers from Ghent in Belgium and Louise Mallet from Montréal in Canada were the facilitators for the SIG workshop.

The workshop began with a brief discussion of *predictors of adverse drug reactions in geriatric patients* which are: consuming 4 or more prescription medications; having 4 or more active medical problems; having a hospital admission to a general medical unit; experiencing a

length-of-stay in the hospital greater than 14 days; having a history of alcohol abuse; living with the presence of confusion or dementia; and having > 2 new medications added to a drug regimen during any hospitalization. Problems associated with prescription cascade, drug misuse, drug overuse and drug underuse were presented.

Measures of appropriateness of prescribing were then discussed. These measures include explicit and implicit criteria. Explicit criteria are based from literature review, expert opinion and consensus techniques. They include the Beers and McLeod criteria, the Improved Prescribing in the Elderly Tool (IPET), the Screening Tool of Older Persons' Prescriptions (STOPP) and the Screening Tool to let doctors to Right Treatment

(START). The ACOVE (Assessing Care of Vulnerable Elders) criteria, a comprehensive set of quality-of-care indicators were also presented. Implicit criteria are judgement based and depend on the user's knowledge and attitudes. They include the NoTears questionnaire, the MASTER questionnaire and the MAI (medication appropriateness index).

Participants were then divided in small groups where they used the MAI tool with two case studies. A discussion followed on how the MAI could be used in clinical practice. This workshop was very dynamic and interactive.

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Meeting pharmacists from Serbia, Montenegro and the Czech Republic

ESCP News met with pharmacists who satisfied the criteria to received financial support as a help for participating at the 2008 ESCP conference

Ivana Illickovic (Montenegro), Katarina Vucicevic (Serbia), Sandra Vezmar (Serbia)

Ivana, Katarina and Sandra are three pharmacists that were interested to participate in this year's symposium organised in Dubrovnik because they were attracted by the theme of the conference, and they wanted to share experience with pharmacists from other countries. They are very conscious that for clinical pharmacy to develop in their countries, pharmacists need to be very pro-active and steer where they want the profession to go. This congress was the first ESCP conference that Ivana and Katarina attended. Sandra was in Stockholm in 2005.



Ivana, Sandra and Katarina

Katarina and Sandra are academic staff members at the department of pharmacy and pharmacokinetics at the University of Belgrade in Serbia. As from next year the school of pharmacy will be presenting a new curriculum which will include practical aspects of pharmacy practice and clinical pharmacy. Students will be following didactic courses and practical sessions in clinical pharmacy. Katarina and Sandra

are parts of the group that develops this new curriculum and they felt that participation in this congress and meeting with other pharmacists would help them in this activity.

Ivana has finished her Masters in Clinical Pharmacy from the Robert Gordon University of Aberdeen. She is currently working within a pharmaceutical company as a medical detailer but has an interest in the developments in clinical pharmacy in her country.

Ivana and Sandra presented a poster together with Branislava Mijlkovic on the use of evidence-based medicine by primary care physicians in the management of myocardial infarction in Montenegro. All the eight interviewed primary care physicians showed a positive attitude toward evidence-based medicine but the information sources they used revealed inadequate perception of evidence-based medicine (EBM).

Katarina Vucicevic together with Branislava Mijlkovic, Milena Pokrajac and Iztok Grabnar presented a paper on the effect of patients' weight and carbamazepine daily dose on carbamazepine clearance. The study was carried out amongst 311 patients and showed that carbamazepine clearance increased non-linearly with patients weight and daily carbamazepine dose.

Veronika Vckova, Czech Republic

Veronika studied pharmacy and is now in her third year of her PhD studies at the department of social and clinical pharmacy at the faculty of pharmacy at Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic. She decided to come to the conference to present some work

from her PhD studies and to experience the scientific programme of the conference. She felt that her expectations were greatly met. She mostly enjoyed the workshops because of their interactive nature.

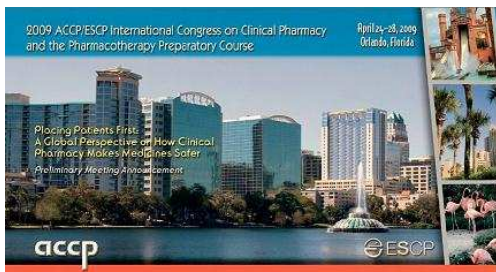


Veronika

Veronika presented a paper during a poster discussion forum session entitled Hypoglycaemia with rosiglitazone, pioglitazone, nateglinide and repaglanide. The aim of the study was to quantify incidence of hypoglycaemic events during the first nine months of treatment. It showed that the incidence of hypoglycaemia was not the same for all drugs, with nateglinide and repaglanide showing a higher incidence.

It was a pleasure to meet Ivana, Katarina, Sandra and Veronika during the ESCP conference and we hope that they will continue their activities in clinical pharmacy.

Lilian M. Azzopardi
Malta



ACCP/ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy

Orlando, USA
24-28 April 2009

Placing patients first: a global perspective on how clinical pharmacy makes medicines safer

Welcome to the 2009 ACCP/ESCP congress in Orlando, Florida

Every 5 years, clinical pharmacists from around the world come together to exchange knowledge and best practices and to discuss global health care issues. Be there from April 24 to 28 to join the international clinical pharmacy community at the international Congress on Clinical Pharmacy, cosponsored by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the European Society for Clinical Pharmacy. Meeting events will be held at the Orange County Convention Center and the Rosen Centre Hotel in sunny Orlando, Florida.

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WHO Winter meeting 8 and 9 January 2009

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Abstracts for presentations must be submitted before 15 December 2008.
The conference will be held in the Academiegebouw, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
Registration is free.



ESCP/GSASA Joint Symposium 38th ESCP European Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy

Geneva, Switzerland, 4-6 November 2009

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