ESCP News has devoted issue 144 and 145 to the ESCP-GSASA Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy which was organized in Geneva, Switzerland 3-6. November 2009 with more than 650 attendants. First of all I would like to thank the Swiss Society of Public Health Administration and Hospital Pharmacists (GSASA) for working together with ESCP in making this joint venture a success. Likewise and equally important, I extend my thanks to the Symposium President, Johnny Beney, the Organisation and Scientific Committee along with MCI Geneva. My thanks also to our sponsors for making a good and well attended exhibition and interesting satellite symposia.

The title of the Symposium “30 years of clinical pharmacy – a bright future ahead” signified that ESCP this year celebrates its 30th anniversary. This was duly celebrated at the symposium dinner through speeches, toasts and cheerings. Quite befitting, at the opening ceremony ESCP awarded its first fellowships to six outstanding members of the Society. As President I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to Henk Buurma, Han de Gier, Yolandé Hanssens, Kurt Hersberger, Steve Hudson and Moira Kinnear!

The hopes and aspirations for the future were reflected through the main themes of the symposium; Approaches to multidisciplinary care, Patient oriented care and Technology and patient care.

It has for long been fashionable to talk about multidisciplinary care, but to what extent do doctors, pharmacists, nurses and other health professionals actually work together to obtain the best patient outcomes? Good examples were presented through the plenary lectures on the first day of the Symposium, but I think there is still a long way to go before true team work is commonplace. One of the most effective ways forward I believe is through multidisciplinary learning. When pharmacists, doctors, nurses and other health professionals learn together it becomes easier to work as a real team where the competencies of each profession blend to create the most beneficial result for the patient. This was well illustrated through one of the workshops.

Patient oriented care with emphasis on communication was addressed on the second day of the symposium. To motivate and coach patients towards making them able to make informed decisions on the use of their own medicines is one of the most important issues we can engage ourselves in. This was well illustrated through the plenary lectures and a number of workshops on themes like how to talk appropriately to patients on the risk of adverse effects and how to aid adherence.

The third day was devoted to the impact of technology on patient care. The rate of development of technologies related to information, safe and effective prescribing and distribution of medicines is accelerating and is becoming ever more sophisticated. At the same time the rate of successful uptake of these technologies into everyday practice is somewhat slower and varies from country to country. Through the plenary lectures on CPOE, E-prescribing and electronic patient dossiers it was shown that clinical pharmacists in primary and secondary care have got a central role in making these systems as efficient and secure as possible. I am convinced that the same holds true for other and similar medicines related technologies.

One of the main features of an ESCP symposium is the considerable deviations of time to workshops. One of the main aims of the workshops is to make the attendants think, discuss and reflect on the issue at hand and in the end have something that they can put to use in their own practice. This year’s joint symposium was no exception as there were 17 workshops to choose from. They were well-attended and the feedback was positive.

In addition there was a poster section comprising 250 presentations from all over Europe and beyond. Congratulations to the recipients of the awards for best poster and best oral communication!

Last, but not least I experienced the symposium as a very good networking arena, partly thanks to the more than 50 exhibitors. The exhibition area provided a very good atmosphere for informal chats, talks and discussions.

Regarding 2010 I would like to refer you to the event calendar at the end of the Newsletter. Welcome!!!

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Who's who: Anne Leendertse  
A new GC-member from Holland

My name is Anne Leendertse, a Dutch clinical pharmacist and I am very happy to be your new GC-member. In this newsletter I will introduce myself. I attended my first ESCP-symposium in Malta in 2001, which was a major event in my life.

I was working as a community pharmacy at that time, in the Netherlands, and was bored with logistics and dispensing. At the symposium it became clear to me that there are other things important beside the products we dispense in the pharmacy and I understood what pharmaceutical care was all about. But maybe the best part was to meet all these people from all over Europe who had so many interesting ideas and thoughts on how to make patients better.

Through ESCP I met Ruud Dessing and Steve Hudson. They made me enthusiastic for clinical pharmacy and for doing the MSc course Clinical Pharmacy at Strathclyde University in Glasgow Scotland. It was a very intense time, the course was very demanding and I learned loads, particularly from Moira Kinnear and Steve Hudson who you might know as enthusiastic members of the ESCP.

After having obtained the diploma Clinical Pharmacy I took on a research project in medication safety to get an MSc. This project aimed to research hospital admissions due to medication (the HARM-study) and was also the start of a PhD project. At the moment I am still working on my PhD and I am based in the academic hospital in Utrecht (UMCUtrecht) where I am working for the patient safety centre and the clinical pharmacy department. In this centre we work with people from different backgrounds (medical doctors, nurses, psychologists, researchers and others) to improve patient safety in our own hospital and outside the hospital.

The first part of the PhD project focuses on drug related hospital admissions, about the magnitude of the problem, the risk factors of these admissions and the medication errors. The second part is about how to prevent them. The hypothesis is that the GP (general practitioner) and the pharmacist can achieve this by conducting and executing a pharmaceutical care plan together. More than 40 pharmacists and 40 GPs have been working on the intervention in this study. At the moment we’re collecting and analysing the data of the included patients. We will know more in the coming year and I hope to present the result on the next ESCP workshop patient safety in Uppsala.

With the experience outlined above, I wish to help the ESCP to inspire pharmacists to develop and promote the rational and appropriate use of medicines in Europe.

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The General Assembly approved the changes of Article 10.1 and 11.2 in the constitution as suggested by Erik Gerbrands, ESCP Secretary-Treasurer:

The three remaining seats shall be reserved for representatives from other European countries.

The general committee shall appoint from amongst its members a President of the Society, who shall also act as chairman of the committee, a Vice-president of the Society, who shall also act as Vice-chairman of the committee, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The office of vice-president and Secretary or Treasurer, or the office of Secretary and Treasurer, can be held by the same person.

Role of Clinical Pharmacists in Therapeutic Patient Education (PTE)

The education of the patient is an instrument of therapy that is equal to and ranks alongside other types of therapy and is an important tool in health care, especially in relation to the treatment of chronic diseases. This requires profound sensitivity towards aspects connected with interpersonal relationships, the needs of individuals, their expectations and the real possibilities of recovery and rehabilitation.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) definition, “therapeutic patient education is designed to train patients in the skills of self-managing or adapting treatment to their particular chronic disease, and in coping processes and skills”. Patient educational processes may involve disclosure, explanation, discussion, reflection, projection, evaluation and/or decision-making. Just providing oral or written information, and advice, is not TPE.

At a time when personalised care of all patients (through the involvement of all healthcare providers at all times) will become very difficult if not impossible, in light of the continuously increasing number of people suffering from chronic conditions, the challenge is to ensure that patients and carers will acquire a self-managing competence, whilst maintaining regular contact with their health professionals.

Such competence does not solely involve the appropriate use of medication but also modifying certain behaviours. In addition, it will be also important to ensure patients will learn to recognise warning signs in order to adjust their treatment. Different actors are involved in TPE; among these actors, pharmacists are particularly well placed within such an educational framework which aims at putting patients in the centre of their own care.

With an expertise in medicines, pharmacists are close to their patients, know their personal and family history, their social environment and their overall medications. Easily accessible and always available, pharmacists are recognised as a valuable resource to face this public health challenge.

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Changes in the Constitution of the ESCP
ESCP News meets Manal Hamed El-Hamamsy

Manal Hamed El-Hamamsy, Associate Professor at the Clinical Pharmacy Department within the Faculty of Pharmacy at Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, participated at the 3rd ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy held in Orlando last April. Manal benefitted from ESCP financial support to participate at the congress.

Manal graduated in pharmacy in 1985, pursued post-graduate studies and obtained a Masters and a doctorate degree in clinical pharmacy. She is currently involved in teaching of clinical pharmacy, clinical pharmacokinetics and pathophysiology to students following a degree in pharmacy. Her research interests are in the areas of infectious diseases and use of drugs in cardiovascular disorders.

The joint ACCP-ESCP conference in Orlando was not Manal’s first experience of an ESCP conference. In 2005, she had participated at the 34th ESCP Annual Congress held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. During the joint congress in Orlando, Manal found the sessions on improving medication safety and error assessment very fruitful.

During the congress, Manal presented three posters on: ‘The effect of desferrioxamine as supplement to cefotaxime in the treatment of spontaneously bacterial peritonitis’, ‘Pharmacokinetic study of amikacin in Egyptian neonates with sepsis’ and ‘The efficacy and toxicity of two different regimens of amikacin in neonatal sepsis’.

Passion flower can be a symbol, representing passion for care. It is a short-lasting beautiful flower. Once it is gone, only the colorful impact on your mind remains.

Empty Hands

...freely you have received, freely give.

Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses...

ESCP remains a big family. Once again we could experience that in Geneva. Coming to the Symposium was coming home to meet friends from all over Europe, all sharing the same concern: caring for patients in a professional and human way. The essentials of caring are difficult to materialize, and even more difficult to standardize.

Tailoring care to the need of patients asks for fine tuning of our feelings. Before we can do so we have to realize how helpless patients can be. We have to ponder within an interdisciplinary context the importance of technical pharmaceutical interventions (the clinical pharmacy part) and the importance of the well being of the patient (the pharmaceutical care part). One aspect goes not without the other.

How will be our approach to Guillaume (86 years) who lost his wife one year ago? Suffering from heart insufficiency, he has to move from a house full of space with a marvelous garden (a propriety becoming too big for mastering the daily life) to a tiny apartment. He feels disoriented, anxious and stressed by every unforeseen event, whether it be an envelope with an invoice or an early repair of the heating system of his new living environment.

The nervous tachycardia can to a certain extent be managed by a soft cardiotonic like hawthorn extract. Passion flower extract, sulpiride and lorazepam can counter the unrest and sleep disturbances. But all these pills have to be accompanied by a human compound. Communication starts with repeated attention and patience to listen to Guillaume’s story all over again. With this caring attitude, medicines are doing miracles, at least for some hours. How far do we have to go with this patient, knowing that there is no real perspective, and that both, patient and caregiver will end with empty hands?

This type of process neither can lead to hard therapeutic outcomes for Guillaume, nor will it result in an extra rewarding for the caregiver. It is left to our feelings and reasoning how much time and effort we will spend.

In Geneva it was my last General Committee (GC) meeting. I had the opportunity to assist at GC meetings for seven years, of which two years as a president. A member of the GC starts with empty hands. ESCP needs caring, as patients do. Caring for the Society becomes hard when outcomes seem far away, but mutual attention and solidarity are doing miracles. Then the illusion grows that efforts can be materialized, that you will end up with something that can be touched and will remain as a reward that you can carry to the outer world as a kind of compensation for intellectual and human input. But this is not the case: ... you will not carry gold or silver in your purse ... Being a GC member means giving freely and ending up with empty hands, because the kingdom of those who are caring is not of this world.

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Current composition of the Communication Committee: F. van Mil (Chairman), L. Mallet (Secretary), J. Beney, E. Gerbrands, M.-C. Husson, L. Azzopardi, P. Poldori, J.-B. Rey. During this period, Jacqueline Grasins stepped down as a member and Daniela Scala and Maria Ruscica were accepted as new members. Cecilia Bernsten became the observer on behalf of the GC.

Abstract review process
The chairman of the Communication Committee also chairs the Abstract submissions of the annual Symposia, with the help of Jean Baptiste Rey. In spring 2009, a new scoring system has been implemented and a new contract was signed with MCI-Geneva for the coming 4 years. One of the major problems with some the abstracts submitted is the English language. Some abstracts are difficult to understand and would need to be rewritten. From 2009 onwards we give the opportunity to the participants to revise their abstracts for proper usage of English. In 2008 total of 433 abstracts were received; 273 accepted; 160 rejected. A total of 210 posters were presented.

Website and its content management system
A number of problems have been identified with the website and its management, partially due to the change in office. Johnny Beney is doing an excellent job of keeping the current website up-to-date and in the air, and Piera Poldori and Daniela Scala have helped out where needed. But the website does need a total redesign. The contacts with the old content management system of Fisher will be terminated by the end of 2009. There has been an active contact with a firm KESAKO in Switzerland. Payment of the annual ESCP fees by members through the website has now been re-implemented. We do need a better definition of what ESCP wants to do with its website.

PWS
The contract with PWS—Springer scientific has been re-negotiated year. The journal is published mainly electronically. Foppe van Mil is the editor in chief. The impact factor is increasing again, and new strategies for improving the impact factor have been discussed. The communication committee together with the editorial board is also looking into the options for a new name for the journal.

Future
In 2009-2010 the Communication Committee will have a look at its own goals and procedures, based on a discussion paper of M.-C. Husson and the outcomes of the brainstorm sessions of the ESCP General Committee.

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ESCP at the frontline of Education and Training: New concept in Europe
A report from the Chair of the ESCP Education and Training Committee
Following several other European Countries, France has recently changed its definition of Continuous Medical Education (CME) which, from now on, should be considered only as a part of a more general concept called “Continuous Professional Development” (CPD). This CPD of course includes CME, which is also dedicated to pharmacists, but adds to those scientific education requirements, other ways and topics to improve practitioners’ skills, more practical and not only scientific or medical. This may include theoretical learning, but on non scientific topics such as organisation or management, and also different ways of learning, such as visits to other facilities, in the same country or abroad, or interactive sessions to learn different practice habits and organisations.

Not only ESCP will follow this evolution, but our society accompanied it and even preceded it. For the past ten years, the Education and Training Committee (ETC) has supported and helped put in place activities within and besides ESCP conferences which are in line with this concept of Continuous Professional Development.

Regarding the scientific aspects of continuous education, the ETC has acted as a consulting and advisory body for all ESCP conferences scientific programs.

Concretely, at least one ETC member has been actively involved in the Scientific Committee of every ESCP conference, linking and reporting to the ETC about discussions within the Scientific Committee of a conference, and bringing back the views and advices of the ETC.

E-learning and distance-learning are also two important projects on which the ETC has been working, and will keep on working. To ensure the continuity of education, having one annual conference is not enough, even with adding annual workshops on a specific topic, such as on Oncology in 2008 in Leuven, Belgium, and on Patient Safety in 2010 in Uppsala, Sweden. E-learning and distance-learning may provide ESCP members with continuous access to educational activities.

There are however numerous barriers, technical, organisational, and financial, to deal with. Such activities should however be offered soon to ESCP members.

To improve communication between pharmacists from different countries, where English is not necessarily the mother language, a Glossary of Terms has been developed by the ETC. It aims at providing definitions of the most common English terms used in the field of Clinical Pharmacy. The Glossary of Terms, version 1, has been made available on the ESCP website. It will be published soon, so that anyone may have access to this important document which will facilitate communication and understanding between pharmacists in Europe.
Regarding professional development, i.e. theoretical education on practical aspects of our work, the ETC has supported a number of activities of that kind at ESCP conferences. Among those, the Education and Training Special Interest Group workshops aiming at “teaching teachers how to teach”, to paraphrase Moira Kinnear’s favourite claim, who is the chair of the Education and Training SIG, have been good examples of this new way to consider professional development.

The Communication Committee has also organised workshops in line with this concept, aiming at teaching how to write abstracts and articles the right way to improve the scientific perception and thus the recognised value of the results of our scientific works.

The Research Committee has developed specific workshops on the methodology of research in Clinical Pharmacy to educate people on how to appropriately design and run such studies in our common field of interest: Clinical Pharmacy. Such workshops will be organised on a regular basis, at least one of each, at every ESCP conference, to provide attendants with Professional Development activities.

Continuous professional development also promotes other means for learning/teaching, more practical. ESCP has been developing activities of that kind for years now, and a number of them are currently being discussed and will be put in place soon:

- Patient Centered Teaching courses (PCT courses): several sessions have been organised in the past, either as European sessions (in Malta and Sweden, for instance), or locally in one country, such as the two sessions run in France, in collaboration with the European Fellowship for Pharmacists (EFP).

Those sessions are aiming at teaching Clinical Pharmacy practice, in a real environment, involving real patients, and providing participants with the opportunity to learn by doing themselves real medication reviews, real patient interviews, and real discussions with physicians and nurses regarding one patient care.

Those PCT courses have been run as pre-conference courses, the days preceding an ESCP conference, or as stand-alone sessions. The ETC will work on having more PCT courses organised in the future.

- Exchange Program: the ETC has worked on the creation of an exchange program which would allow ESCP members to travel to another country to participate in the daily activities of a hosting pharmacy. This would allow participants to discover and be familiar with other practices, in different countries. Through several tests that have been performed on an individual basis, it appeared that such visits are beneficial in learning what are the similarities and differences between our practices depending on the country and the habits, helping realize that although our aim is rather the same, the appropriate and rational use of drugs and medical devices, the means used may differ. The ETC is working on developing such exchanges within ESCP by

  1) listing potential hosting locations and contacts,
  2) designing common teaching and learning objectives for such exchanges,
  3) facilitating and supporting such exchanges through assistance and grants, potentially.

ESCP will remain at the forefront of education for clinical pharmacists, and aims at developing a global platform for European pharmacists’ continuous professional development through conferences, workshops, courses and tools.

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Annual SIG Council was held during last ESCP conference in Geneva. Mikael Daouphars was officially appointed as new SIGs chair, succeeding Tony Nunn, from Liverpool Hospital & University. Most of SIGs leaders were able to attend or to give their feedback for the Council.

Frank Jorgensen & Cecilia Bernstein also attended this SIGs meeting, to ensure a link with General Committee and to express a clear support of SIGs role in ESCP conferences’ organization. SIGs activities over the past year were reviewed: several SIGs were involved both in Orlando and Geneva conferences for plenary lectures or workshops.

Development strategy for SIGs is under discussion to get more ESCP members involved.

A ‘hot topics’ session will be proposed for future ESCP meetings: each SIG will have the opportunity to present updates in its field and incent members to network within these structures.

Collaboration with other Societies has also been discussed to strengthen professional exchange.

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With ESCP-ACCP joint meeting and last ESCP conference in Geneva, this year has been very active for SIG Cancer Care (SIGCC).

In Orlando was organized a joint workshop with ACCP PRN Cancer, on “Oncogeriatry: an emerging specialty”. This session was moderated by Vincent Launay-Vacher, SIGCC board. Mikael Daouphars (MD), SIGCC leader, gave a lecture on “Chemotherapy considerations in the elderly patient”.

Other collaborations were also developed for last ESCP conference in Geneva. SIGCC proposed a joint plenary session with the European Society of Oncology Pharmacy (ESOP) on oral targeted therapies including lectures on pharmacological rationale (Dr R. Terkola, Austria), drug-drug interactions (Pr A. Astier, France) and adherence issues (MD).

A joint workshop on “Access issues to expensive antineoplastic drugs” was also organized with SIG Pharmacoeconomics, led by Benoit Allenet. Pr Steven Simoons, from Leuven University, and MD, animated the workshop. SIGCC board will be present for next EAHP meeting in Nice in sessions on Patient education, Nutrition and French hospital pharmacy.

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The abstract review for the ESCP Geneva conference

The 2009 abstract submission procedure was organised by MCI Geneva, with which ESCP has a contract. But in the background, it was the ESCP Communication Committee that was responsible. For the Geneva meeting, 293 abstracts were submitted; in the peer review process 14% of these were rejected because of poor quality.

The poor quality was often due to English language problems. Of the remaining abstracts, 24 authors were invited for a short oral communication, 26 authors for the poster discussion for a, and 192 authors were asked to only present a poster. A special committee was in place to select the best presenter and best poster for an award.

In Geneva, ESCP had a problem with the presentation of the posters. The society aims at having the coffee breaks where the posters are. But in Geneva there were so many commercial exhibitors that it proved to be impossible to serve the coffee was presented; this was done where the majority of the commercial booths were. The communication committee, together with the ESCP general committee will try to avoid such a situation at future conferences. The abstract of all presented communications and posters will be published in Pharmacy World and Science.

In order to help authors to improve their abstracts, workshops about writing an abstract will be held at all future ESCP conferences after a successful pilot in Geneva.

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Poster and Oral Communication ESCP Awards

As for each conference, an Award Jury (coordinated by the Communication Committee) has designated the best oral communication and the best poster awards during the ESCP-GSASA conference in Geneva.

The "best oral communication" was awarded to Christina Weber et al (Bern, Yverdon les Bains and Sion, Switzerland) for her presentation entitled "Electronic screening of inpatients’ medical records: a clinical decision support for physicians and clinical pharmacists” (abstract PC-09). The work consisted of an assessment of patients’ prescription according to pre-set queries, using a computerized screening tool. This allowed to identify and prevent the most critical drug-related problems and clearly help both physicians and pharmacists in their daily practice.

The "best poster" award was given to another Swiss team, to Caroline Breguet et al (Lausanne, Switzerland) for her work entitled *Evaluation of the inhalation technique in asthmatic children visiting a specialized outpatient clinic* (abstract PT-33). The work consisted of an evaluation of "good inhalation practices" in children and implied the use of innovative techniques, especially video recording. Awarding a work centered on the pediatric population seemed important to the jury. The work showed that anti-asthmatic drugs inhalation had to be monitored in children to be efficient and safe.

Discussions among the jury members were fruitful and the collaboration was, as always, friendly and professional.

The Award Jury was composed of: A. Carollo (Education Committee ESCP); C. Fonzo-Christe (Scientific Committee and GSASA); M. Guerreiro (Research Committee ESCP); M. Lampert (Scientific Committee and GSASA); J.B. Rey (Communication Committee ESCP).

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ESCP International Workshop
Patient Safety & Pharmacy
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Scientific Program (Preliminary)

10 May 2010
Role of pharmacists in patient safety Interactive mini-lectures:
- Achieving patient safety in hospital pharmacies
- Achieving patient safety in community pharmacies
- The role of the clinical pharmacists in hospital patient safety
- Spinning a net between pharmacists and hospital - closing the communication gap and thereby improve the safety of patients

11 May 2010
Elderly and patient safety question Interactive mini-lectures:
- Safety from the perspective of the elderly and the caregivers
- Communication with elderly
- To ensure patient safety in severely demented patients
- Can pharmacist affect the community in the way they treat medicines?
- Delivery of medicines straight from industry to patients - safety issue

joint meeting ESCP-SFPC
Clinical Pharmacy at the Front Line of Innovation
Lyon, France, 21-23 October 2010

Organising Committee (OC)
From SFPC
Gilles Aulagnier (President)
Jean Calop
Jean-Louis Prugnaud

From ESCP
Marie-Caroline Husson
Erik Gerbrands
Frank Jorgensen

A local organising committee will help the OC.

Main themes
- Setting the scene: the patient perspective
- Visionary clinical pharmacy: Research, Education, Practice
- Innovative techniques: Evaluation of medical devices as part of clinical pharmacy services.

Uppsala (Sweden)
15th December 2009
Registration open
15th December 2009
Abstracts submission open
1st February 2010
Abstracts submission deadline
17th April 2010
Early bird registration deadline
After 17th April 2010
Late registration deadline

To learn more about the programme and register, visit:
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Lyon (France)
1st May 2010
Registration open
15th April 2010
Abstracts submission open
15th June 2010
Abstracts submission deadline
31st July 2010
Early bird registration deadline
5th October 2010
Late registration deadline
For Your Diary

2010

10-11 May  Uppsala (Sweden)  ESCP International Workshop on Patient safety and Pharmacy

21-23 October  Lyon (France)  ESCP/SFPC Symposium Clinical Pharmacy at the Front Line of Innovation

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19-21 October  Dublin (Irlande)  40th ESCP Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy

Membership 2010

Membership in ESCP is open to clinical pharmacists, researchers and other healthcare professionals who work in any of the following environments: community, hospital, academic, industry or any other healthcare setting. Pharmacy students are also invited to become members of ESCP.

Close to 1,000 professionals from more than 50 countries are members of ESCP.

Being a member of ESCP allows you to contribute towards and actively participate in the growth of the clinical pharmacy profession. Young pharmacists are especially encouraged to join ESCP to ensure the future development of the profession.

The Society has five different categories of membership:

Ordinary Members: individuals who are actively involved in pursuing the objectives of the Society
Fellow Members: individuals awarded in recognition of continued excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and research.
Joint Members: individuals (as per Ordinary Members) who are members of an affiliated ESCP association.
Student Members: individual students or educational institutes.
Honorary Members: individual who have distinguished themselves in a particularly honourable way towards the Society.
Sponsors or Patrons: individuals or companies who have expressed their willingness to support the Society financially.

2010 Membership fees

- 1 year Full Membership ..................... € 75
- 5 years Full Membership ..................... € 290
- 3 years Full Membership ..................... € 185
- Student Membership ......................... € 20

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