

BACKGROUND DOCUMENT TO PROPOSED EUROPEAN SUMMIT ON HOSPITAL PHARMACY

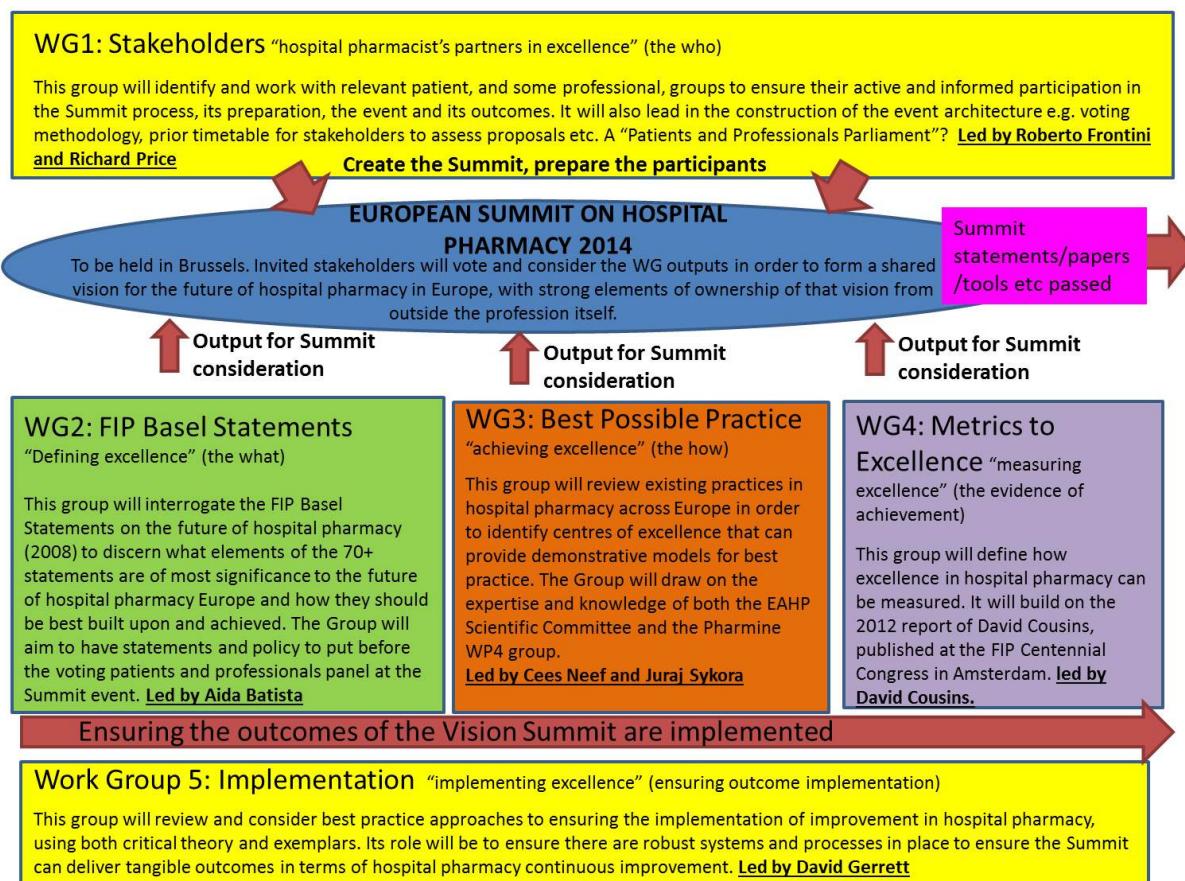
What is the purpose of a European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy?

EAHP has the mission of both representing and developing the hospital pharmacy profession at the European level “in order to ensure the continuous improvement of care and outcomes for patients in the hospital setting”. To achieve this mission the Board of the EAHP considers it important to:

- Develop a clear sense of the desired professional destination for hospital pharmacy in Europe in the middle to long term period to which Association efforts can be dedicate towards achieving thereafter;
- to accompany this sense of vision for the future with practical tools, applicable in all European countries, that can help hospital pharmacies and hospital pharmacists, reach new levels of practice;
- to engage stakeholders outside of hospital pharmacy in this process: both health system stakeholders (e.g. managers and other health professions), but also, and very importantly, patients – the end user of hospital pharmacy services, and the centre of the hospital pharmacist’s concern.

How does EAHP currently intend to achieve this aspiration?

In November 2012 a brain-storming meeting was held to consider the best way to meet the Board aspirations and deliver the strongest outcomes from the activity. The following model was created:



Central components of the model include:

- **Patients, and the patient interest, are at the heart of all the initiative creates and all the outcomes delivered by the Summit.**

Ensuring this is the case will chiefly be the responsibility of Work Group 1 led by Roberto Frontini and Richard Price. This Group will seek to enlist the valuable participation of patient groups, and other health system stakeholders, in the Summit event. It will also take responsibility for logistical and governance issues of the event. The Summit's role will be to scrutinise, improve and ultimately validate the outputs of the other 4 Working Groups. A date of May 2014 is pencilled in at this stage.

Patient groups at the European level, such as the European Patients Forum and the European Consumers Organisation (BEUC), have already indicated a provisional interest in being involved in the project, and validating that its outcomes represent the patient interest.

- **The Summit builds on, not duplicates, the existing work of the FIP in creating statements of hospital pharmacy practice**

Work Group 2, led by Aida Batista, will focus on ensuring the Summit helps to build on, and deliver, the FIP Basel Statements in the European context. It will do this in close conjunction with Work Group 3 to ensure models can be delivered for delivering Basel Statements in Europe that are practical and that resonate. Work Groups 2 and 5 will build on its work.

- **The Summit places a strong emphasis on creating very practical road maps towards excellence in practice that ALL hospital pharmacies and hospital pharmacists should be able to make use of**

Work Group 3, led by Cees Neef and Juraj Sykora, is charged with responsibility for developing "best possible practice" or "good practice initiatives" that can have relevance to all of hospital pharmacy in Europe, building on existing achievements of hospital pharmacy across Europe. Following a process of retrieving such examples, and subsequent selection, the Summit should be able to highlight practical and accessible roadmaps for practice improvement for every size and level of hospital pharmacy in Europe.

There is possible synergy in this area of Summit activity with e-learning concepts envisaged within a future New EAHP Academy.

- **Implementation and measurement of impact are central parts of the Summit initiative, from the very commencement of planning.**

The Summit Steering Group is of a strong mind that the Summit activity should not end with the Summit itself: and that, rather, the Summit should mark the commencement of a new period of delivery and implementation for a future vision for hospital pharmacy in Europe. Work Groups 4, led by David Cousins, and 5, led by David Gerrett, will therefore develop frameworks for both measuring hospital pharmacy standards in Europe, and their impact, as well as implementation structures for delivering excellence in hospital pharmacy.