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CLINICAL PHARMACY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Ms De Greef and the EAHP Congress Organising Committee

Thank you for the invitation to provide more information about the UK Clinical Pharmacy Association (UKCPA: www.ukcpa.org) for the consideration of participating in the next available EAHP Congress.

The UKCPA is the largest clinical pharmacy organisation in the UK. We are an umbrella organisation for 16 specialist interest groups, including therapeutic areas such as cardiology, diabetes and infection management, as well as areas of practice such as critical care, medicines safety, surgery, and women's health.

The UKCPA is a known and respected organisation of some 30 years standing. Our members are the leading edge clinical pharmacy practitioners in the UK. As an organisation we deliver national education and training events in addition to acting as a leadership body for clinical pharmacy through various channels.

Each specialist group within UKCPA has a committee who designs and delivers clinical pharmacy education and training, as well as responds to national consultations, advises the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, and develops nationally adopted guidelines and initiatives such as professional curricula.

The UKCPA were instrumental in developing the professional recognition processes that the recently launched Royal Pharmaceutical Society Faculty has adopted, and that we expect the General Pharmaceutical Council (the regulator in Great Britain) to look towards as a model for Continuing Fitness to Practice (revalidation). We are also working towards gaining affiliate status with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Faculty.

Annually, the UKCPA specialist interest groups run one-day masterclasses throughout the UK and smaller worksessions at our own conferences. Events are designed and delivered by the UKCPA groups – the leading edge practitioners in the UK- and as such they accurately meet the needs of practicing clinical pharmacists with topics that are relevant in today's working environment. Essentially, UKCPA events are delivered by practitioners for practitioners.

Events cover clinical topics in addition to skills in the domains of leadership, management, research, communication, and self-development. Importantly, our events focus not only on information giving, but of sharing knowledge and good practice, networking and fostering collaborations.

We believe that the knowledge, skills and best practice that we currently share within the UK can benefit practitioners in Europe and beyond. We also believe that our UK practitioners can learn from their European colleagues, and we would hope that by collaborating with EAHP we can foster

important partnerships that would improve clinical pharmacy and patient care in several European countries.

In terms of the EAHP Congress, we are happy to be advised by your organising committee as to how UKCPA could be involved. The seminars and workshops seem to be ideal for sharing expertise and perhaps a UKCPA series may be of interest to you. We would be equally open to invitations for keynote speakers and would also be interested in an exhibition space.

I have attached our Prospectus which contains further information about the association. I have also attached some promotional materials for masterclasses coming up in 2014, which give more detail about the educational events we organise. You can also look on our website at www.ukcpa.org. However, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts.

With best wishes,

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General Secretary, UKCPA

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