



# NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS IN BULGARIA "BECOME A HOSPITAL PHARMACIST"

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## What was done?

The Bulgarian association of hospital and clinical pharmacists /BAHCP/ organizes during its annual conference a National Competition for Pharmacy Students "Become a Hospital Pharmacist" - for the first time in 2021. Since then, it has been held annually with increasing interest from students.

## Why it was done?

There are 5 accredited faculties of pharmacy in Bulgaria - 2 in Sofia, 1 in Plovdiv, 1 in Varna and 1 in Pleven. The training is only full-time with a duration of 5 years, with 26 compulsory courses in which hospital pharmacy is covered to a very small extent. Only one of the faculties in Sofia offers the opportunity to specialise in clinical pharmacy during the studies, which include 30 hours of lectures and 45 hours of exercises in hospital pharmacy. The disinterest of graduating students in pursuing a career in hospital pharmacy prompted the BAHCP Board to organize this competition to bring attention to hospital pharmacy in a non-traditional way.

## How it was done?

The areas in which the students will compete - Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy, Regulation of Hospital Pharmacy and Practical part, as well as the regulations of the competition were determined. An invitation with information was sent to all faculties. 2021 teams from 3 faculties participated, 2022 and 2023 - from 4 faculties. Each team has a scientific supervisor and the costs of participation are covered by BAHCP and the university.

## What has been achieved?

1. Strengthening the links between the BAHCP and the faculties.
2. Repeatedly increased student interest in hospital pharmacy.
3. Increased number of students wanting to do their pre-graduate training in hospital pharmacy



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# СТАНИ БОЛНИЧЕН ФАРМАЦЕВТ

## Hospital pharmacy regulation

## PHARMACOLOGY and PHARMACOTHERAPY

## PRACTICAL PART

## What next?

- Continuation of the annual competition and deepening the collaboration with the faculties.
- Expanding the practical part.
- Filming the competition.
- Cooperation with another national association that has an interest in organizing an international competition.

