



The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products

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**4th meeting of the Management Board
of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products**

At its 4th meeting the Management Board of the EMEA was able to assess progress in the setting up of the Agency.

The main points discussed were:

- The Recruitment procedure for the 14 key posts in the EMEA is well under way. Around 3.000 applications were examined by the Selection Board. Posts are expected to be filled in at the beginning of next year. The first administrative structures of the EMEA have been put in place in London.
- On 21 October 1994 the lease for the building on 7, Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4HB, UK, was signed. The Agency will occupy a temporary office (same postal address) until completion of the fitting out work on the permanent facilities, expected for February 1995.
- The Management Board noted the execution of the 1994 investment budget. It considered the handling of the budget for 1995 in the light of the possible delay in the adoption of the Regulation on the fees payable to the EMEA.
- The Board examined the results of a feasibility study concerning data exchanges on medicinal products and, with the advice of the European Commission Joint Research Center of ISPRA, approved an IT investment plan to meet the needs of the Agency.

The members of the Management Board were asked to declare their interests, if any, in the pharmaceutical industry, as required by the Regulation establishing the EMEA. This declaration, crucial for the transparency of the EMEA's activities, will have to be made by all experts and members of committees at the time of their appointment.