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## Meeting summary - Healthcare Professionals Working Party (HCPWP)

24 September 2019, 14:00hrs to 17:00hrs

Co-Chairs: Juan Garcia Burgos (EMA)

### Tour de table and presentation of all members

**Two new member organisations** joined the HCPWP:

- European Respiratory Society (ERS), represented by Anita Simonds and Brian Ward
- European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO) represented by Tiago Villanueva and Mary McCarthy

### 1. Election of HCPWP co-chair

#### 1. 1 HCPWP co-chair election proceedings

Following a brief presentation from each of the 7 candidates and confirmation the required quorum was reached (22 eligible to vote + 1 proxy vote assigned), the voting was open.

Ulrich Jaeger from the European Hematology Association (EHA) was elected as the new co-chair to the HCPWP for its 2019-22 mandate after 5 rounds of voting. The election procedure was overseen by the EMA legal department.

#### 1.2 Nomination of observers to the PCWP

Jan De Belie from the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) volunteered to be an observer to the PCWP, which was agreed by all members of the HCPWP.

### 2. EMA Regulatory Science to 2025

Tony Humphreys presented the preliminary analysis from the public consultation on the [EMA draft 'Regulatory Science to 2025' strategy](#) which is a plan for advancing EMA's engagement with regulatory science over the next five to ten years, covering both human and veterinary medicines (see [Strategic Reflection](#) document). EMA published its draft Regulatory Strategy in December 2018 for a six-month public consultation. The draft strategy incorporates feedback from two workshops with stakeholders in 2018.



The remaining questions will be analysed before the workshops on 18-19 November (Human) and on 5-6 December (Veterinary). HCPWP engagement is strongly encouraged in this strategic reflection during the workshop with the aim to bring the different clusters together and agree a common direction.

**Actions:**

- Upcoming EMA Workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (Human) and Veterinary (December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)
- Publication of the consultation results, along with the outputs from the workshop, will be done as soon as possible following the workshops.
- Finalisation of the RSS to 2025 is scheduled for 1Q2020
- HCPWP to discuss a common approach to RSS 2025

### 3. Knowledge transfer

#### 3.1 Drug regulation in the 2020s: key roles to play by HCPs and Academia

**Presentation by G. Calvo Rojas (EACPT)**

Gonzalo Calvo Rojas expressed his gratitude for being part of the HCPWP and co-chair during the past mandate. His presentation reinforced the importance of the collaboration between regulators and healthcare professionals and raised several points for reflection. The WP provides a platform for dialogue and exchange on relevant issues concerning medicines and this should continue to be explored to its full potential. Following a very rich discussion, the co-chairs highlighted that the work plan for 2019-2022 provided a very good basis to continue the work of the WP and it would be important to discuss prioritisation of topics and set a roadmap for addressing the topics covered in the work plan.

**Action:**

- WP to discuss further how to prioritise topics