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Interaction with healthcare professionals

Overview of involvement in EMA activities during 2014



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The diagram illustrates the role of the Network of European healthcare professional organisations. It features three vertical panels, each with a colored background and a circular inset containing a dictionary definition. A large white arrow at the bottom points from right to left, indicating the direction of support from the network to the three pillars.

- Blue Panel (Left):** The circular inset shows the definition of **in·for·ma·tion** (in'fôr-ma·shun) as 'study, experience, or information science; [INFORM]'. The text below states: 'Support the Agency in order to access the best possible **independent expertise** and obtain information on the current use of medicines in **real clinical practice**'.
- Green Panel (Middle):** The circular inset shows the definition of **communication** as 'the use of a sign, signs, behaviour, etc for message'. The text below states: 'Contribute to a more efficient and targeted **communication** to healthcare professionals, to support their role in the safe and rational use of medicines'.
- Orange Panel (Right):** The circular inset shows the definition of **knowl·edge** as 'intelligently; knowledge'. The text below states: 'Enhance healthcare professional organisations' **understanding** of the role of the EU medicines Regulatory Network'.

At the bottom, a large white arrow points from right to left, with the text: **Network of European healthcare professional organisations**.



Expanded network and HCPWP fully operational

- Maintenance and expansion of the Network of European healthcare professional organisations (HCPOs)
 - ✓ 29 eligible organisations by Dec 2014 (3 new: UEMO; EAACI, HCWH)
 - ✓ Re-evaluations for 25 eligible organisations completed
- EMA Healthcare Professionals Working Party (HCPWP) in full operation






Increased transparency

- Publication of the first report on EMA interaction with HCPs
- Revised eligibility criteria
- Policy statement on the evaluation of financial information

Annual reports

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Document(s)	Language	Status	First published	Last updated	Effective Date
 Annual report on European Medicines Agency's interaction with patients, consumers, healthcare professionals and their organisations (2013)	(English only)	adopted	08/10/2014		

Guidance for involvement

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Document(s)	Language	Status	First published	Last updated	Effective Date
 Criteria to be fulfilled by healthcare professionals' organisations involved in European Medicines Agency activities	(English only)		19/12/2011	19/06/2014	
 Evaluation of financial information from patients' consumers' and healthcare professionals' organisations for assessment of EMA 'eligibility'	(English only)		19/06/2014	24/09/2014	
 Rules of involvement of members of patients' and/or consumers' and healthcare professionals' organisations in committee related activities	(English only)	adopted	12/02/2009		

European Specialist Nurses Organisations

The goal of European Specialist Nurses Organisations (ESNO) is to facilitate and provide an effective framework for communication and co-operation between the European Specialist Nurses Organisation and its constituent members in order to represent the mutual interests and benefits of these organisations to the wider European community, for the interest of the public health.



ESNO members - click to enlarge

ESNO News

20-6-2013

ESNO / EMA-HCPWP

Last week the ESNO received the formal Confirmation of membership in the Healthcare Professionals Working Party. We are officially member of the European Medicines Agency Human Scientific Committees Working Party with Healthcare Professionals' Organisations (HCPWP). At the EMA website there is an [online PowerPoint](#) with goals and structure.



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Annual Report 2013/2014

EMA

For more than five years, UEG has regularly been represented at meetings of the Healthcare Professionals Working Party of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Since 2012, UEG is officially considered as a healthcare professional organisation eligible to be involved in EMA activities, and has since then provided scientific expertise to public consultations on various topics, such as chronic constipation and Crohn's disease. On occasion of UEG Week Berlin in October 2013, a symposium on "Drug issues in Gastroenterology: A European perspective" was organised in close cooperation with EMA.



Sustained involvement in core activities (I)

Comparison of involvement as committee/ WP members, experts and representatives of organisations



- Volume of interaction similar to previous year

Involvement in core activities



- Input and participation continued to be spread-out by various core activities
- Cases of interaction with slightly different distribution compared to 2013 (related to Agency activities' offer/demand)



Sustained involvement in core activities (II)

Input in SAG/Ad-hoc expert group meetings from a wide range of clinicians:

- Experts in erythropoietic protoporphyria; paediatricians; psychiatrists; diabetologists; cardiologists; ophthalmologists; radiologists; oncologists; nephrologists; neurologists; pharmacists (particular expertise in methadone formulations and in medication errors)

Review of safety communications and DHPCs

- 6 DHPCs with feedback/comments
- 28 safety communications with feedback/comments
- 23 reviewers (including 2 GPs; 5 pharmacists)



Sustained involvement in core activities (III)

SCs/WPs consultations

- CAT - Design and conduct of clinical trials concerning autologous chondrocyte implantation: information on the current European standard of care
- CHMP - Adrenaline auto-injectors: input on route of administration
- PRAC - Valproate and related substances: input on how information on risks associated with the use of valproate is provided to women with child bearing potential and pregnant women; and input on education materials
- CHMP/CVMP QWP - Survey regarding in-use shelf-life of reconstituted/ compounded parenteral products
- EMA/QRD Medication errors-related consultations - focus on high strength insulins; instructions for dilution for an anticancer medicine (including input from doctors; nurses and pharmacists)



One concrete example – valproate

- Review of new information on risk of long-term developmental problems in children whose mothers took Valproate – referral started in Oct 2013
- PRAC Meeting with patients - need to consult with HCPs was much emphasised by patients – April 2014
- PRAC consultation with HCPOs – where input on how information on risks associated with the use of valproate is provided to women with child bearing potential and pregnant women is requested - July
- PRAC written consultation on education materials for Valproate – September
- Ad hoc expert group meeting – October
- Review of draft public health communication – November
- Discussion with learned society on impact of recommendations in clinical practice – December



Sustained involvement in core activities (IV)

Participation in EMA workshops

- Workshop on B/R (PCWP/HCPWP)
- Targeted TC - input to EMA policy on proactive publication of and access to clinical-trial data
- 8th Stakeholder Forum PhV leg
- Workshop on Risk Communication (PCWP/HCPWP)
- WEBRADR IMI project – Webinar
- Workshop on Alzheimer's Disease
- Workshop on Guideline on pharmaceutical development of medicines for paediatric use
- WEB RADR (IMI project) - Workshop



Continued support to EMA groups and networks

- EU CT Information System Expert Group and Stakeholders
- Enpr-EMA
- Cross Committee Task Force on Registries
- Ad-hoc core group of patients, consumers and healthcare professionals' organisations for pandemic preparedness activities



Involvement in new initiatives/projects

- **IMI/WEB-RADR project**

Recognising adverse drug reactions – improve pharmacovigilance through new technology

WORK PACKAGE 1 – GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

Led by the **European Medicines Agency (EMA)**, the objective of this work package is to develop a policy framework on the use of mobile devices and social media for the purpose of reporting ADRs, surveillance and communication in the context of EU medicines and pharmacovigilance legislation. This aims to support further development of Good Pharmacovigilance Practices (GVP) and other guidance in this area.

EMA will ensure compatibility of WEB-RADR deliverables with EU law, EU systems and GVP modules. This will also ensure consistency with ongoing work in other European forums and facilitate consultation with EMA's Health Care Professionals Working Party (HCPWP), the Patients and Consumer Working Party (PCWP) and the EudraVigilance Expert Working Group (EV-EWG). Further, technical expertise will ensure compatibility of Individual Case Safety Report (ICSR) reporting standards, and associated product dictionaries.





Continued to raise awareness (II)

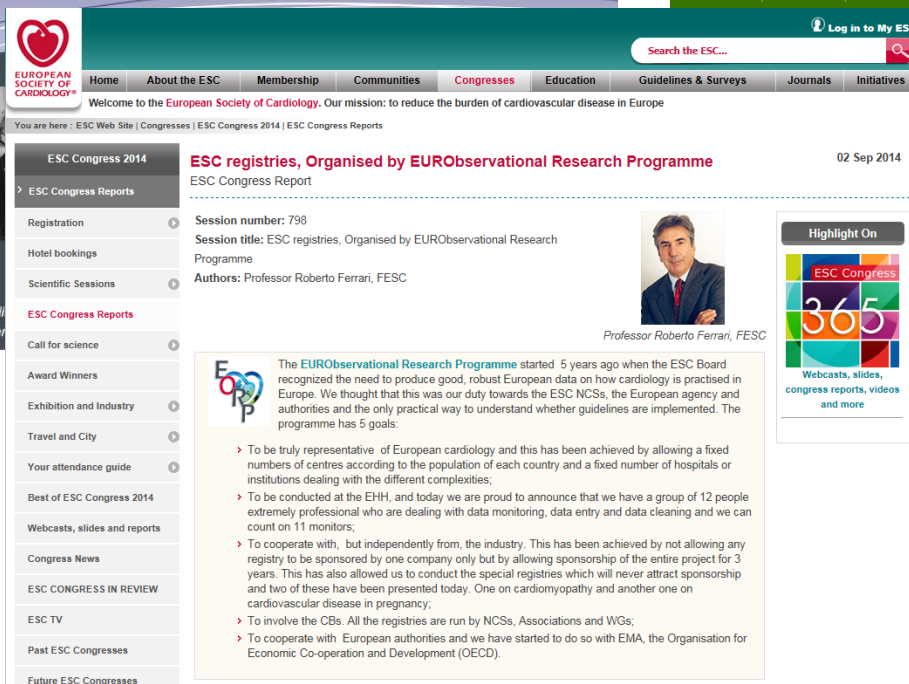
- Dissemination of information and reference to EMA



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Anticancer Medicines Recommended for Approval by EMA in 2014

<http://www.esmo.org/Oncology-News/Anticancer-Medicines-Recommended-for-Approval-by-EMA-in-2014>

In 2014, eight new medicines for cancer were recommended for marketing authorisation by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), of which four target rare cancers. In particular, the EMA recommended

Date: 13 Jan 2015

Section: Oncology News

EMA Adopts Landmark Policy on Publication of Clinical Reports

<http://www.esmo.org/Oncology-News/EMA-Adopts-Landmark-Policy-on-Publication-of-Clinical-Reports>

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has decided to publish the clinical reports that underpin the decision-making on medicines. Following extensive consultations held by the Agency with patients

Date: 17 Oct 2014

Section: Oncology News

EMA Recommends Granting a Marketing Authorisation for Olaparib

<http://www.esmo.org/Oncology-News/EMA-Recommendation-a-Marketing-Authorisation-for-Olaparib>

On 23 October 2014, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) adopted a positive opinion, recommending the granting of a marketing authorisation

Date: 27 Oct 2014

Section: Oncology News





The challenges

- Optimising the use of limited resources in the organisations
- Responding within short timelines
- Finding suitable and available experts
- Handling conflicts of interest

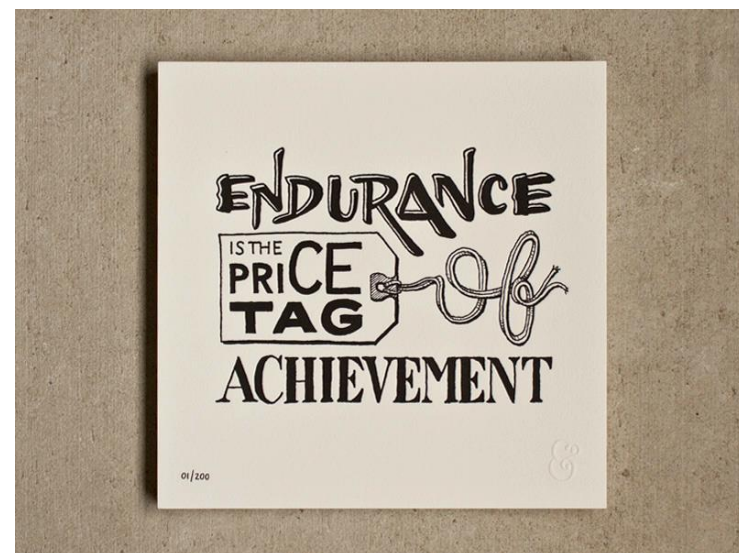
Focus for next years

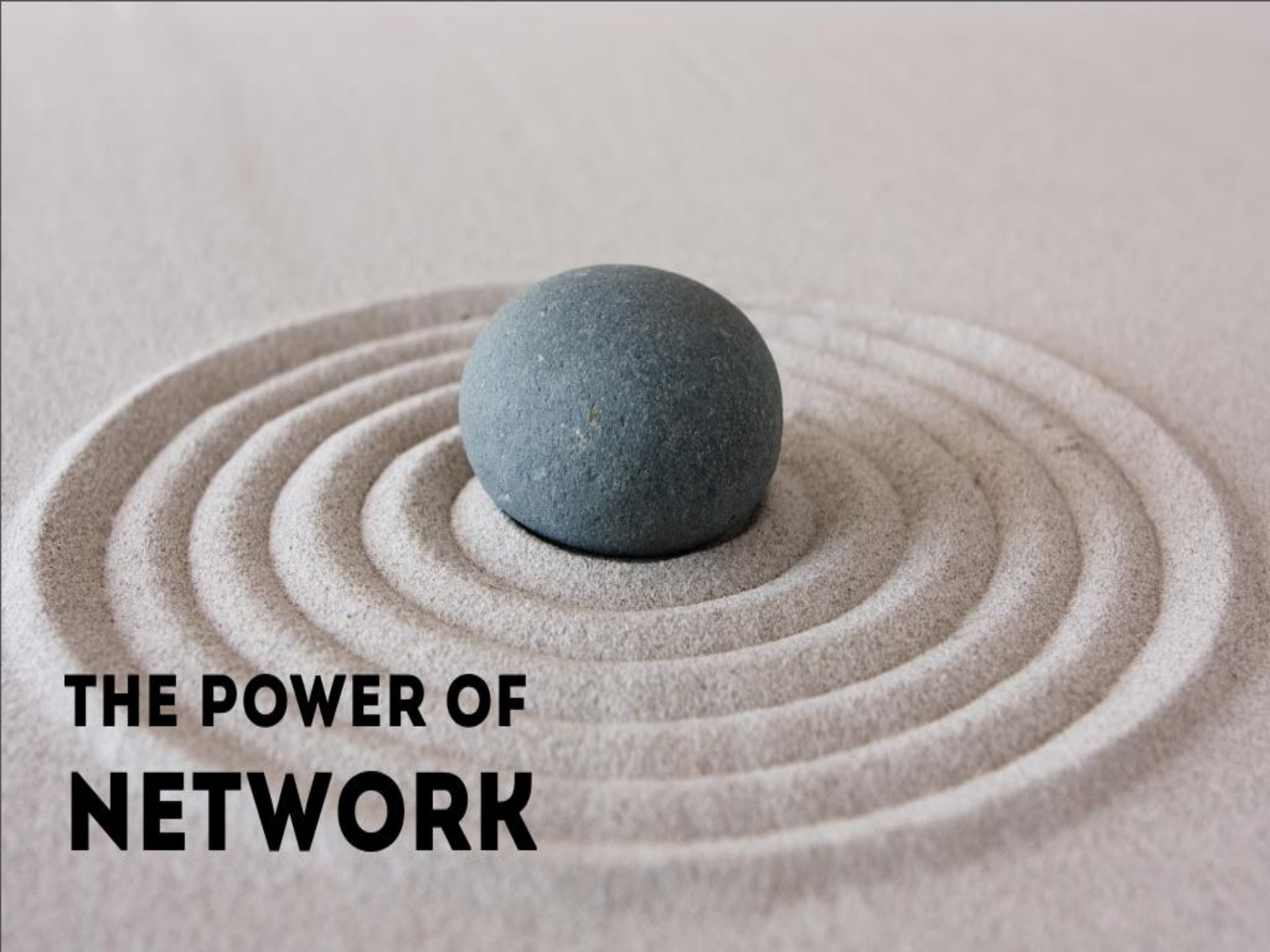
- Assess current practices and identify room for improvement
- Continue to increase transparency on the involvement of HCPOs in the Agency's activities
- Explore ways to further recognise individual experts involved in EMA activities



Achievements in 2014

- Expanded network and HCPWP fully operational
- Increased transparency
- Sustained involvement in core activities
- Continued support to established EMA groups and networks
- Involvement in new initiatives/projects
- Continued to raise awareness





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