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## The chairman's editorial

Dear colleagues,

The working conference in Bled is behind us, and it has clearly given PCNE a boost. This was a successful conference, also from content-perspective. A couple of the workshops have produced small working groups that will continue to work on the points discussed. Others have given a basis for future work in PCNE. A brief meeting on the drug-related problems classification stimulated further validation efforts. A core group of researchers will soon meet in Brussels to tackle this difficult topic.

During the conference we also heard our new honorary members speak; from a happy view on the past to a critical approach of the fu-

ture. Therefore we are also happy that we proceeded further with the Vision on the future of PCNE, creating Islands of Wisdom.

What else is coming up? Of course we will have a PCNE Symposium in 2018. It will be held in the south of Spain (most probably Malaga) on 2 and 3 February. Then we are seeking new board members, because Charlotte Rossing and Veerle Foulon will have to step down in Malaga. So if you consider being at the heart of the PCNE action, contact me or another board member.

The General Assembly also accepted criteria for naming project a 'PCNE-Project'. This enables any project group also to use the PCNE



logo, which now has been updated with the help of our member Maria Cordina.

Lastly, our founding and honorary member Dick Tromp has been seriously ill but is slowly recovering again. On behalf of all the PCNE members we wish him all the best and we hope to see him at our conferences in the future again!

Mitja Kos  
PCNE Chairperson

## Upcoming

⇒ **21-24 May 2017.** 6th FIP Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress. *Stockholm, Sweden.*

⇒ **15-16 June 2017.** ESCP Workshop. Extended responsibilities for pharmacists in the treatment of acute and chronic conditions *Leiden, the Netherlands*

⇒ **10-14 September 2017.** 77th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 'Medicines and Beyond - The soul of pharmacy'. *Seoul, South Korea*

⇒ **9-11 October 2017.** 47th ESCP Symposium. Science meets practice - towards evidence-based clinical pharmacy services. *Heidelberg, Germany*

⇒ **For an up-to-date list: see the PCNE Wiki !!**

## PCNE-Wiki

**The PCNE Wiki has been filled with new information again.**

Active lemma's now include the country information for Slovenia. But we still do not have all necessary resources taken care of. So

please contact the secretariat if you want to contribute.

See:  
<http://euopharm.pbwors.com/w/page/19341636/FrontPage>





**What a conference... 2017 PCNE@Bled**



# New member from Prishtina

Department of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical care is one of the newest departments of the Pharmacy Division, Faculty of Medicine, University of Prishtina, Kosovo. This department was established with the view of strengthening formal education of pharmacy students in this field as well as advancing research in the area of pharmacy practice. The Division of Pharmacy, established in 1996, is conveniently located within the University Clinical Centre of Kosovo (UCCK), an approximately 3000 bed hospital which provides ample opportunity for research in the area of pharmacy practice in hospital setting especially. Led by Ass. Prof. Kreshnik Hoti, the department is currently focused on a number of pharmacy practice based research projects. Namely, medication recon-



ciliation at admission and discharge point, antibiotic self-medication, prescriber behaviour driving complementary medicines' use, effects of poor health literacy on medication management and use of mobile devices in facilitating medication management and the management of chronic are some of the the key areas of interest. Furthermore, the team is this year due to start a study assessing patients' quality of life, pre-and-following coronary artery bypass grafting surgery, as affected by medication used. Given the co-location with other health professionals at the UCCK, the department is also interested in exploring models of promoting pharmacists' integration into interprofessional practice, through utilizing their medication review skills.



# PCNE and FIP

PCNE is an observational member of International Pharmaceutical Federation. This gives us the opportunity to attend the council meeting as observer without voting rights. The council is the backbone and steering body of FIP.

The council meeting takes about 8 hours, and is mainly political in nature. From this years conference in Buenos Aires there are a few things that would be of interest for PCNE members, especially the statements and publications.

FIP publications can be found at <http://www.fip.org/publications> and there is number of reports released since August 2015 on eg. mental health, emergency preparedness and response, tobacco, antimicrobial resistance, green pharmacy, and main projects of FIP member organisations

The two most recent and interesting publications (in 2016) are:  
**The role of pharmacists in immunisation – a global report**

*Evidence that at least 940 million people live in countries where over 193,000 community-pharmacies can potentially immunise. and*

**Transforming our workforce – workforce development and education systems, tools and navigation**  
*Description on how to transform pharmacists' education to meet the development of the profession*

*through the many tools developed by FIPed to assist in this work, illustrated by a series of case-studies*

In 2017 following reference papers and reports from FIP are expected.

- ◇ *Women and responsible use of medicines*

- ◇ *Harm reduction*
- ◇ *Non communicable diseases*
- ◇ *Role of pharmacists in the supply chain*
- ◇ *Pharmacy technicians*

Furthermore:

- Statement on Antimicrobial resistance (updated )*
- Statement on Medicines and information*

### SIG PPR

Important for PCNE is also the fact that a Special Interest Group on Pharmacy Practice Research (SIG PPR) has been founded. This worldwide international group of researchers that focus on Pharmacy Practice Research had their first meeting in Argentina. A well attended initial meeting was held, and there is a positive wish to share knowledge about PPR in the group. I am member of this SIG and part of the organizers. Therefore I plan to report on the group to PCNE in the future. For more information see [https://www.fip.org/www/index.php?page=Pharmacy\\_Practice\\_Research](https://www.fip.org/www/index.php?page=Pharmacy_Practice_Research)



The author Charlotte Rossing (left) and a Danish colleague

### FIP Upcoming conferences

Conferences that could be of interest for PCNE members are listed below

**FIP Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress 2017: Stockholm, Sweden; 21-24 May 2017**

**FIP annual congress 2017: Seoul, Korea; 10-14 September 2017**

**FIP annual congress 2018: Glasgow, Scotland, UK; 2-8 September 2018**

**FIP annual congress 2019: Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: 21-26 September 2019**

# New PCNE Honorary Members

Martin Schulz



During the 2017 Working Conference, new honorary members were honoured, all were founding PCNE members. While James McElnay, Peter Noyce, Olivier Bugnon and Foppe van Mil were present at the event, Martin Schulz and Dick Tromp received the symbol of the honour somewhat later. The laudatio in Bled was delivered by Martin Henman.

Foppe van Mil—Olivier Bugnon—James McElnay—Peter Noyce



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# Adherence initiatives, not only in Europe

Several organisations in the world are active in adherence research and the implementations of solutions that may improve patients' adherence to medicines. In Europe we have Espacomp. It is an initiative of John Urquhart (†2016) that started already in 1996, together with the universities of Utrecht and Maastricht. Important developments in that group can now especially be found in the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland. Their next scientific meeting is 30th of November–2 December 2017 in Budapest, Hungary. See [www.espacomp.eu](http://www.espacomp.eu).

There have also been important developments in the USA. In 2011, medication adherence leaders organized a 2-day think tank in which key experts, including consumer advocacy groups, community health providers, non-profit groups, the academic community, decision-making government officials, and industry representatives, met to consider the state of medication nonadherence. The group called themselves the "Medication Adherence Alliance" (or "Alliance"). In 2015, the alliance met again to see how the challenges of medication adherence had evolved. According to their findings, new solutions emerged in the USA to improve medication adherence including 1) policy-based interventions (eg, incentive reform), 2) emerging technologies, and 3) patient-level interventions. The primary outcome of the second Alliance meeting was the development of three work groups. Each work group is focused on an area that the Alliance finds critical to improving medication adherence and is currently understudied: 1) a "living" laboratory, 2) medication adherence measurement workgroup, and 3) electronic health record workgroup. These work groups are composed of multidisciplinary teams united for a finite period of time and a specific goal. More information about this think-tank, their objectives and findings can be found in a paper in *Patient Preference and Adherence 2016:10; 1189–1195*.

## COS projects

During the Working Conference, participants of WS 3 developed a draft proposal for the development of Core Outcome Sets for three different topics.

Two of those will be further developed within PCNE.

If you would like to join the project teams and to collaborate on the development of the COS, please contact the PCNE members indicated here:

Dr. Foppe van Mil

- ◆ COS for studies aiming to investigate the impact of pharmacists interventions in the management of anti-coagulant therapy; contact person: Isabelle Waltering ([i.waltering@akwl.de](mailto:i.waltering@akwl.de))
- ◆ COS for studies investigating interventions aiming at continuity of medication management at hospital discharge; contact person: Bjarke Abrahamson ([bja@pharmakon.dk](mailto:bja@pharmakon.dk))

## PCNE news

### Call for new board members

In 2018, the board of PCNE would like to have two new members, since Veerle Foulon and Charlotte Rossing will step down.

### Practise is now a PCNE project

During the General Assembly of 4 February 2017, the members decided that the PRAC-TISE study would now officially be a PCNE

project. For more information, contact Tamara Insenegger at the University of Basle:

[tamara.isnegger@unibas.ch](mailto:tamara.isnegger@unibas.ch)

### New PCNE logo

After we accepted the new members in February, the PCNE logo has been updated. You can find a jpg of the updated logo at the members-only part of the website. We like to thank the husband of Maria Cordina for (again) adapting the logo. So, if you use it, do not cut off Malta!