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Improving Patients Outcomes: A Shared Responsibility

March 2013 saw another successful congress from the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP). This year's focus was Improving Patient Outcomes: A Shared Responsibility. Over 3,000 Hospital Pharmacists braved unseasonably cold temperatures and snow in Paris to attend the congress. And with a packed programme of scientific sessions, satellite symposia and social events, they were not disappointed!

The congress addressed the following issues:

- How can professionals work and collaborate better to ensure the very best patient outcomes?
- What are the barriers to such cooperation and how do we overcome them?
- What aspects of regular practice might need to be rethought to deliver positive change in inter-disciplinary cooperation?

Dr. Marianne Ivey, Associate Professor in Pharmacy Practice at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio gave the opening keynote speech. She examined the meaning of the hospital pharmacist's responsibility and accountability in patient care and the role of the pharmacist within the inter professional team.

Another highlight from day one was the first ever student session at an EAHP congress. Entitled "Student to Hospital Pharmacist-Breaking down the barriers", Hospital Pharmacists from France, USA, Austria and the UK imparted their wisdom and experience with today's students.

Other sessions included seminars on biosimilars, accreditation and quality management and a workshop on the art of writing an abstract.

For more information on the congress and the EAHP in general please visit: www.eahp.eu

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