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The EPHAR/EACPT European Certified Pharmacologists Programme (EuCP): update 2016

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The European Certified Pharmacologists (EuCP) Programme was launched in July 2014 by the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAR) with the intention to identify experts in the field of pharmacology whose competency profile, in addition to their personal specialised scientific expertise, covers expert knowledge in all major fields of the discipline. Seventeen EPHAR member societies have declared their active participation in the EuCP programme so far (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey). EACPT, the European Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, declared its participation in the EuCP Programme in July 2015.

Two EPHAR member societies (Italy and Austria) have submitted certification schemes, which were already approved by the EuCP Programme. The programmes differ in structure and reflect the flexibility of the EuCP Programme with respect to the respective national conditions. The Italian programme is based on a catalogue of criteria; applicants have to certify and document their expertise on the basis of this catalogue. The Austrian programme is based on a legally regulated medical specialisation in pharmacology and toxicology (separate schemes for non-medical pharmacologists shall be submitted in the future). The Pharmacological Societies of the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Spain are currently preparing submissions: the Dutch programme is based on a PhD curriculum in pharmacology; the German program is based on a program for continuing professional development in pharmacology. Thus, these first submitted national programmes can also serve as 'case studies' for other participating member societies to develop their national EuCP rules. Approved national EuCP programs are published on the EuCP website [1].

Link

1. <http://www.eucp-certification.org>

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