

## **EPSA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress.**

### **Four decades of bringing pharmacy, knowledge and students together**

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*Between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA) held its 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia. During this event, the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly took place, during which a part of the EPSA Team 2017-2018 has been elected. EPSA also took the opportunity to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, together with Members, Students, Alumni and Partners.*

With "Healthcare, an innovative approach" as the main topic of the event, the educational programme focused on the technological and therapeutical advances that are influencing the pharmaceutical profession. Around 400 pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences students from all over Europe joined the Annual Congress, and actively participated in the panel discussions during symposia and workshop sessions, and sought to improve their personal competences through soft skills trainings. Furthermore, a Public Health Campaign on Cardiovascular Diseases was held in Ljubljana, through which over 800 people were reached.

In parallel to the educational programme, the 53<sup>rd</sup> EPSA General Assembly was taking place, where EPSA Members had the opportunity to once more discuss the future of the different projects and activities EPSA has to offer. On the occasion, the EPSA Team 2017/2018 was also elected. The new EPSA Team will start its mandate during the 1<sup>st</sup> EPSA Team Meeting, under the lead of Črtomir Fleisinger (Slovenia), in July 2017.

As this Annual Congress represented a milestone for EPSA, during the gala night participants had the opportunity to celebrate EPSA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with Alumni and distinguished guests. To mark this memorable occasion the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet, a special edition looking back at the past 40 years of EPSA was released and distributed to all attendees, and can be now found online on the EPSA website.

Catarina Nobre, EPSA President 2016-2017 stated that "it is an honour to lead an association that is impressively growing for four decades and strongly establishing its main pillars of Communication, Education, Mobility and Advocacy, unifying many generations and 37 European countries with the EPSA spirit". Also Črtomir Fleisinger, the recently elected EPSA President 2017-2018 was "incredibly proud of the organisation of this event of great importance, and happy to take over the lead of EPSA in the first year counting already towards our 50th anniversary".

By the end of the week, the Reception Committee of the 40th EPSA Annual Congress and the EPSA Team 2016-2017 received great feedback for the organisation of a striking event, properly complemented by the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. With high expectations and a great number of challenges in sight, the EPSA Team 2017-2018 couldn't be more excited with the mandate to come.

#### Note to editor:

*The European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA) is the European association representing more than 160,000 pharmacy students aiming to "bring Pharmacy, Knowledge and Students together". EPSA's members are 45 pharmacy student associations across 37 European countries. For more information, please visit [www.epsa-online.org](http://www.epsa-online.org) or contact EPSA's Vice President of Public Relations, Ms. Charlotte Jacobs, [vp.pr@epsa-online.org](mailto:vp.pr@epsa-online.org).*