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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PHARMACOPOEIA AUTHORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA

The annual meeting of the National Pharmacopoeia Authorities of the European Pharmacopoeia member states took place in Uppsala on 10 to 11 May 2010. The meeting, a unique platform for open exchange of information and discussion between the secretariats of national pharmacopoeia authorities and the European pharmacopoeia, was hosted by the Medical Product Agency of Sweden. Twenty-four of the thirty-six member states participated in this event.

Topics discussed included:

- Possible ways to further optimise handling of comments to the draft pharmacopoeia texts published in *Pharmeuropa* processed by member states and EDQM;
- Discussion on “hot topics” of the Technical Guide for the Elaboration of Monographs (new version);
- Upcoming systematic changes in the 7th Edition of the European Pharmacopoeia, to be published in June 2010 and its availability on USB sticks (instead of CD-ROMs).

The annual meeting was also an opportunity for the National Pharmacopoeia Authorities to share their best practices in performance measurements, in nominating Chairs and Experts of Groups elaborating the Ph. Eur. texts, and how National Formularies are elaborated and managed.

The next meeting of the National Pharmacopoeia Authorities will take place in Seville in May 2011.

Note for the Editors: The mission of the European Pharmacopoeia and the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM), a Directorate of the Council of Europe responsible for the Secretariat of the European Pharmacopoeia, is to protect and promote public and animal health through the elaboration of quality standards for medicines for human and veterinary use. Medicines need to be safe, effective and of good quality in order to produce the expected therapeutic effect. The EDQM works closely with its international and European partners to ensure that sub-standard or counterfeit medicines do not reach the marketplace. Its networks collaborate on a daily basis with all authorities involved in the standardisation, regulation and control of medicines for human and veterinary use.

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¹There are currently thirty-seven members of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission: *Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom and the European Union* and twenty-three observers: *The World Health Organisation (WHO); 6 member states of the Council of Europe: Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine; 16 other countries in the world: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Israel, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Senegal, Syria, Tunisia, United States of America.*