

Country Report of Hungary 2008

- **Name of organization:**

Association for Pharmaceutical Industry (API) of the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences represents pharmacists working for pharmaceutical and related industries. It brings together the members of the smaller and larger pharmaceutical manufacturers and trading companies.

The president of the Association is dr. Erzsébet Bozsik, (department manager at the National Institute of Pharmacy). A Vice President and 3 Secretaries work for the Association.

Its foundation dates back to 1968.

- **Mission and goals:**

The main objective of the Association is to promote and develop the professional background of industrial pharmacists in order to help them maintain the requested high standards in their work.

The Association:

- organizes professional meetings
- works closely with other associations (clinical pharmacists, technologists and researchers)
- keeps contact with the Industrial Section of the FIP
- contacts EIPG by delegation of an official observer (since 2008).

- **Activities:**

In **professional meetings** the following topics were discussed:

- Evaluation of manufacturing process parameters using industrial case studies
- pH dependence of HPMC viscosity and its effect on the release of active substances
- Gastro-retentive modified release products

Last year “Drugs at the Millenium VII” **conference** was organized with the central theme “Professional challenges at the beginning of 21th century”. 260 participants heard the presentations of prominent managers and scientists of the Pharmaceutical

industry. During the conference a bronze medal of Spergely (a famous Hungarian industrial technologist) was donated to a pharmacist by the association.

The Association **sponsored** the following:

- Postgraduate studies abroad
- Participation in domestic conferences for retired pharmacists
- Memorial museum of Antal Brantner

- ***Relevant publications of the Society:***

Scientific periodicals:

Acta Pharmaceutica Hungarica publishes research articles in English and Hungarian for research workers as a target population. It is published quarterly.

Gyógyszerészet (Pharmacy) contains postgraduate educational articles in Hungarian language for practising pharmacists. It also serves as an information source for public affairs. It is published monthly.

Newspaper:

MGYT news contains the decisions and activities of the Presidency and reports the most important events.

• ***Members total count***

The “Association for Pharmaceutical Industry” presently has 293 members. Our Association is not an independent legal entity therefore it does not have an independent budget. Its operational expenses are covered by the Hungarian Society for Pharmaceutical Science, which is the main scientific organization of Hungarian pharmacists. In the present economic situation our extra budget request for membership to EIPG has not been accepted for all industrial pharmacists.

In the Executive Committee meeting a decision was made that API intends to join EIPG with the entire Executive Committee (**seventeen persons**). This committee is entitled to represent the whole association.

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