



European Society of Clinical Pharmacy

Memorandum of Understanding

between

ESCP – European Society of Clinical Pharmacy

and

SIFaCT – Società Italiana di Farmacia Clinica e Terapia

I. Background

On the basis of written communication, the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy (ESCP) and Società Italiana di Farmacia Clinica e Terapia (Italian Society of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics, SIFaCT) affirmed their will to increase collaborative relationships in order to strengthen practice, education and advocacy of science. Moreover, they agreed to develop a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will set the framework under which they may broaden and intensify joint activities.

II. Information about ESCP

The European Society of Clinical Pharmacy (ESCP) is an international association founded in 1979 by clinical practitioners, researchers and educators from several European countries.

The overall mission of the society is to promote, support, implement and advance education, practice and research in clinical pharmacy in order to optimize outcomes for patients. Specifically, the society promotes the value and impact of clinical pharmacy services among health care professionals, scientific societies, health authorities and the public; and raises awareness of clinical pharmacy practice and its activities.

Individual members include clinical pharmacists, hospital pharmacists, community pharmacists, researchers and educators from over 50 countries. Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy students or other healthcare professionals working in the community, hospital, academic setting, industry or any other healthcare setting in any country are eligible to become members of ESCP.



The society is governed by a General Committee and supported by committees relating to Research, Education, Communication and Special Interests. There are two key annual events, a major symposium in October and a workshop earlier in the year. There are also several practice, research and education webinars and other key clinical pharmacy related products.

The benefits of ESCP membership are as follows

- be a member of a dynamic and powerful international clinical pharmacy society with impact on professional practice and patient care
- have opportunities to contribute to the development of global clinical pharmacy have access to a network of expertise and support in clinical pharmacy practice, education, research
- have opportunities to develop and share your expertise
- receive generous discounts to attend our annual 2-day international workshops and 3-day international symposia. The discounts on offer are more than the annual fee
- have FREE access to the ESCP series of webinars, and contribute to the development of the webinar program
- have FREE access to ESCP Special Interest Groups and their activities, and contribute to the development of new Special Interest Groups
- have FREE access to the International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy, and Drugs and Therapy Perspectives
- have opportunities to apply for ESCP research grants
- have access to an array of clinical pharmacy practice, education, research resources have FREE access to ESCP Best Practice Papers
- be able to contact other members for support and advice
- contribute to the development of ESCP and have opportunities to apply to be a member of ESCP committees
- have opportunities to represent ESCP externally on related work streams

The national society will benefit from

- their ESCP members having access to the wealth of information of clinical pharmacy practice, education and research
- their members extending their knowledge and skills in all aspects of clinical pharmacy
- ESCP contributing to the strategic direction of the national society
- ESCP providing or suggesting speakers for national events
- the potential for joint educational activities

III. Information about National Clinical Society

The Società Italiana di Farmacia Clinica e Terapia (Italian Society of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics, SIFaCT) is a society of specialized pharmacists practicing in the NHS, founded in 2012.

The overall mission of the society is to promote, support and implement education, practice and research in clinical pharmacy in order to optimize outcomes for patients. The final goal is to spread clinical pharmacy in all hospital and ambulatory practices in the Italian NHS, with pharmacists actively involved in multidisciplinary teams, actively practicing clinical pharmacy and documenting their activity within the health care team.

Individual members include pharmacists with a specialization degree, practicing in the Italian NHS, and graduate students (e.g., residents in hospital pharmacy or pharmacology). Community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians may become “aggregate members”.



The society is governed by a General Committee and supported by a Scientific Committee. The Society employs a Scientific Coordinator, in charge of coordinating educational and research activities.

To date, the society accounts professional networks in two clinical pharmacy areas: oncology and infectious diseases, with the plan of gradually implementing more in different therapeutic areas.

There are three key annual events: the national congress in Autumn, and two symposia related to each professional network. Several other educational events, mainly in collaboration with physician professional societies (e.g., webinars, masterclasses in clinical pharmacy, educational courses) are planned each year.

The society is the sponsor of several multicenter real-world studies run by members as principal investigators.

The benefits of SIFaCT membership are as follows

- be a member of a young and dynamic national clinical pharmacy society
- have the opportunity to participate to the educational activities of the society, with FREE access to educational events, e.g., congresses, symposia, masterclasses, webinars.
- have access to “calls for application” for the FREE participation to close-number educational events, symposia and congresses
- have opportunities to develop and share expertise within the professional networks established by the Society and contribute to the development of new professional networks
- have opportunities to represent SIFaCT externally with national institutions, and other professional societies
- have opportunities to participate to multicenter original research projects with SIFaCT as sponsor, related to real world studies and clinical pharmacy activities, acting as principal investigator for their own center.
- have FREE access to drug information databases
- contribute to the development of SIFaCT and have opportunity to apply to be a member of SIFaCT committees and/or working groups

The international society will benefit from

- increase the number of ESCP members
- spread clinical pharmacy knowledge at national level
- design, plan and conduct multicenter research in the field of clinical pharmacy, with the production of original data through international publication
- apply for international and EU grants for projects with a skilled partner
- have ESCP committees and SIG member to be speakers and educators at national level
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