

## Notes from the Pharmaceutical Interest Group Meeting

Tuesday 15. May Rome, Italy

The meeting started at 5 pm. Gerd Maack acted as chair. Ca. 30 people attended.

1. Mike Williams stepped down as chair of the interest group.  
After a brief discussion **Gerd Maack (UBA) was elected as chair and Jason Snape (Astra Zeneca) was elected as vice-chair.**
2. Some members of the steering committee were quite inactive for a longer period and do not react, even after trying to contact them directly. Gerd suggested to replace these members with new volunteers.  
Chris Van den Eede (Zoetis) and Todd Davidson (Bristol Myer Squibb) are nominated as new member of the steering committee. The composition of the new Pharmaceutical IG Steering Committee is now:

<b>Chair:</b>	Gerd Maack (UBA)
<b>Vice-chair:</b>	Jason Snape (Astra Zeneca)
<b>Past-Chair:</b>	Mike Williams (CSIRO)
<b>Members:</b>	Thomas Backhaus (University of Gothenburg)
	Jane Staveley (Exponent)
	Wesley Hunter (US- FDA)
	Sigrun Kulik (Canadian Food Inspection Agency)
	Chris Van den Eede (Zoetis)
	Todd Davidson (BMS)
	Laura Carter (University of Leeds)
	Ruth Marfil-Vega (American Water)

3. Jane asked for session abstracts for the SETAC NA in Sacramento. Interest groups are getting preferences for sessions.
4. IG Website: The IG homepage is in parts outdated and needs an update and refreshment. Ideas and volunteers are welcomed. Please sent them to Gerd or Jason.
5. Gerd gave a brief Recap on the EU Strategic approach to Pharmaceuticals in the Environment and an update on the current status. The official communication will be circulated as soon as it is available.  
*Addendum, June 2018: After complaints from different stakeholders, the strategy paper will be again modified. The new version is awaited in autumn 2018.*

Meeting ended at 6 pm.