Report from the Steering Group: Results of the ENCePP Partners Survey

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ENCePP Partners Survey - Background

Why?

Feedback received from previous ENCePP Plenary meetings suggested that it might be time for a re-think:

- It was felt that the agenda was too procedural and EMA-driven with insufficient time for scientific discussion.

- Heavy agendas did not provide enough networking opportunities.

Results from the survey could serve as a starting point to reflect on the motivation of ENCePP partners and ways to improve participation in general, and in particular to re-consider the structure and content of the ENCePP plenary meetings.

ENCePP Partners Survey - Background

When?

• 16 March to 15 April 2011

What?

•Q1: Deciding factors for participation in ENCePP?

•Q2: Issues considered as priorities for ENCePP?

•Q3: Aspects of Plenary meetings considered most helpful?

•Q4: Research topic suggestions for public funding programmes?

•Q5: Contribution of ENCePP partners to the Plenary meetings?

ENCePP Partners Survey - Results

Total number of responses received: 50
(i.e. 51% response rate, based on 98 centres and networks registered in database of research resources).

SURVEY of ENCePP Plenary
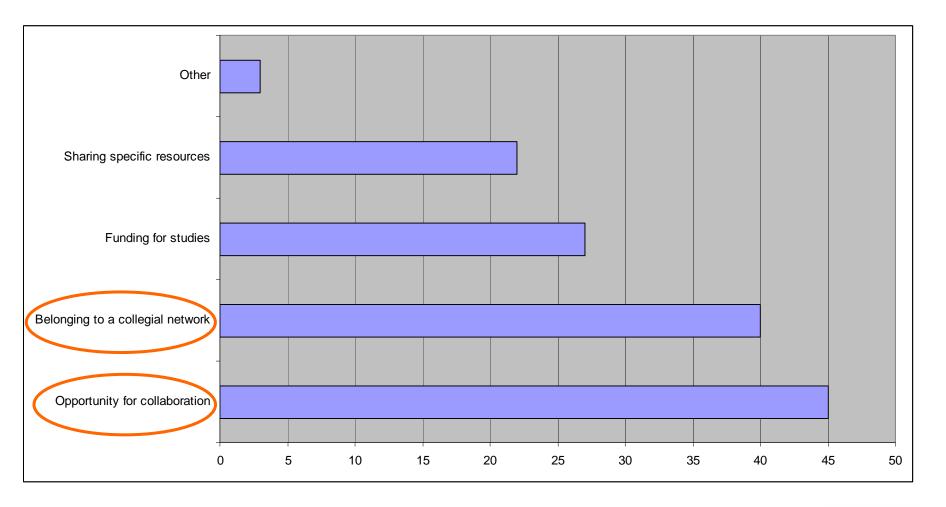
Dear ENCePP Partner,

The following survey will only take a few minutes to complete. The survey will help us understand your needs and expectations from the ENCePP Plenary meetings. We hope that by learning more about what is important to you, we can continue to improve delivery of key priorities in the future.

Thank you. We appreciate your valuable feedback!

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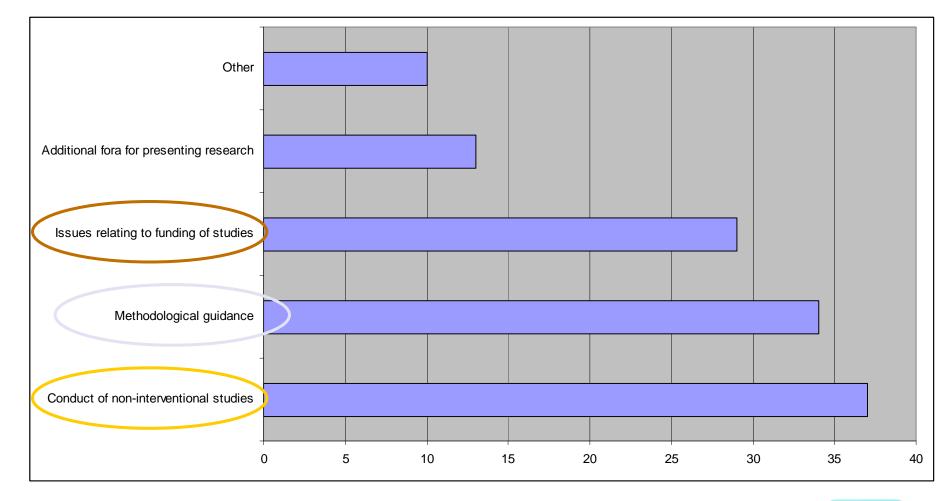# Q1: Motivations behind joining ENCePP?

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• Majority of partners responded that their expectations have been met since joining the network.

• Positive feedback highlighted involvement in working groups or other specific tasks and the opportunity given by ENCePP to contribute with own ideas to the development of the project.

• Some dissatisfaction is due to the fact that the initiative is being perceived as imbalanced between an EMA and academic agenda and lacking in practical activities that would enhance collaboration between centres.
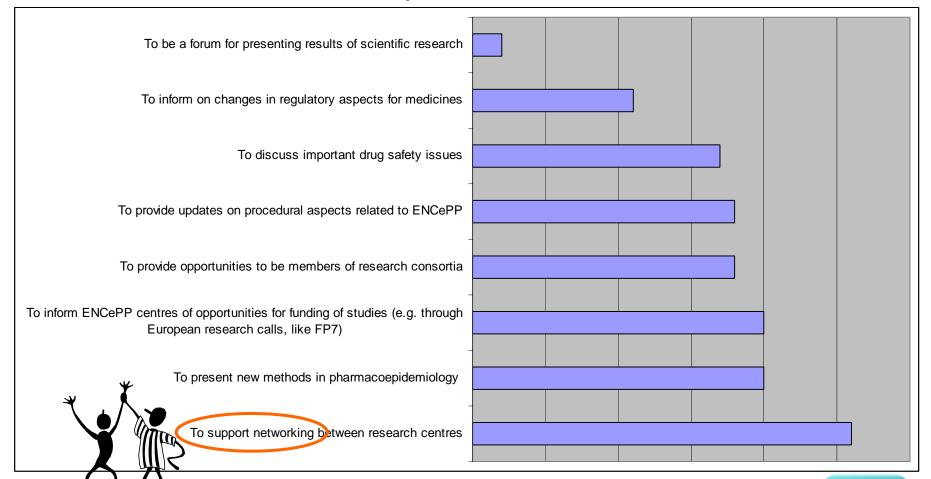
Q2: Priorities for ENCePP?

Q3: Aspects of ENCePP Plenary meetings considered most helpful?

Horizontal bar chart showing responses:
- To be a forum for presenting results of scientific research
- To inform on changes in regulatory aspects for medicines
- To discuss important drug safety issues
- To provide updates on procedural aspects related to ENCePP
- To provide opportunities to be members of research consortia
- To inform ENCePP centres of opportunities for funding of studies (e.g. through European research calls, like FP7)
- To present new methods in pharmacoepidemiology
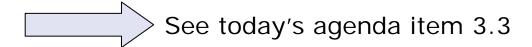- To support networking between research centres

Q4: Research topics to be included in public funding programmes

More than 40 research topics have been suggested, ranging from purely methodological topics to specific adverse reactions of interest, special populations or safety of particular drugs or class of drugs.

For further discussion by Plenary.

See today's agenda item 3.3

Q5: Contribution of ENCePP partners to the ENCePP Plenary

ENCePP partners were asked whether they would be willing to contribute to the ENCePP Plenary in terms of presenting or joining a discussion panel.

More than half of the respondents replied positively, and a number of proposals were received, ranging from suggestions on methodological topics, examples of collaborations between centres to results of research conducted.

Actions already taken

• Proposals for contributions to the Plenary meetings have been taken into consideration already for this Plenary agenda, while others will be carried over to future Plenary meetings.

• Closer involvement of Steering Group in development of Plenary agenda.

• Meetings of the three existing working groups have been scheduled in the margins of the next ENCePP Plenary meeting.

• Coffee and lunch breaks have been extended.

• New seating plan.

Agreed Actions

• To involve partners more actively, the working groups need to be activated and group discussions encouraged.

• Priorities and preferences identified by ENCePP partners which will be taken into consideration in future planning of ENCePP activities.

• Obtain feedback from the Plenary on the interaction with industry.

• Research topics to be grouped and presented to the Plenary for discussion on how to make best use of this information and agree on the next steps.