

APSMI NEWSLETTER

June 2023

Contents:

World Topics

●GSCF: Activities relating the 76th World Health Assembly

- a. United for Self-Care Coalition hosts WHA Self-Care Side Event
- b. Closed roundtable with members of the Ugandan Ministry of Health
- c. GSCF delivers Constituency Statement at WHA76

●AESGP: Annual Meeting

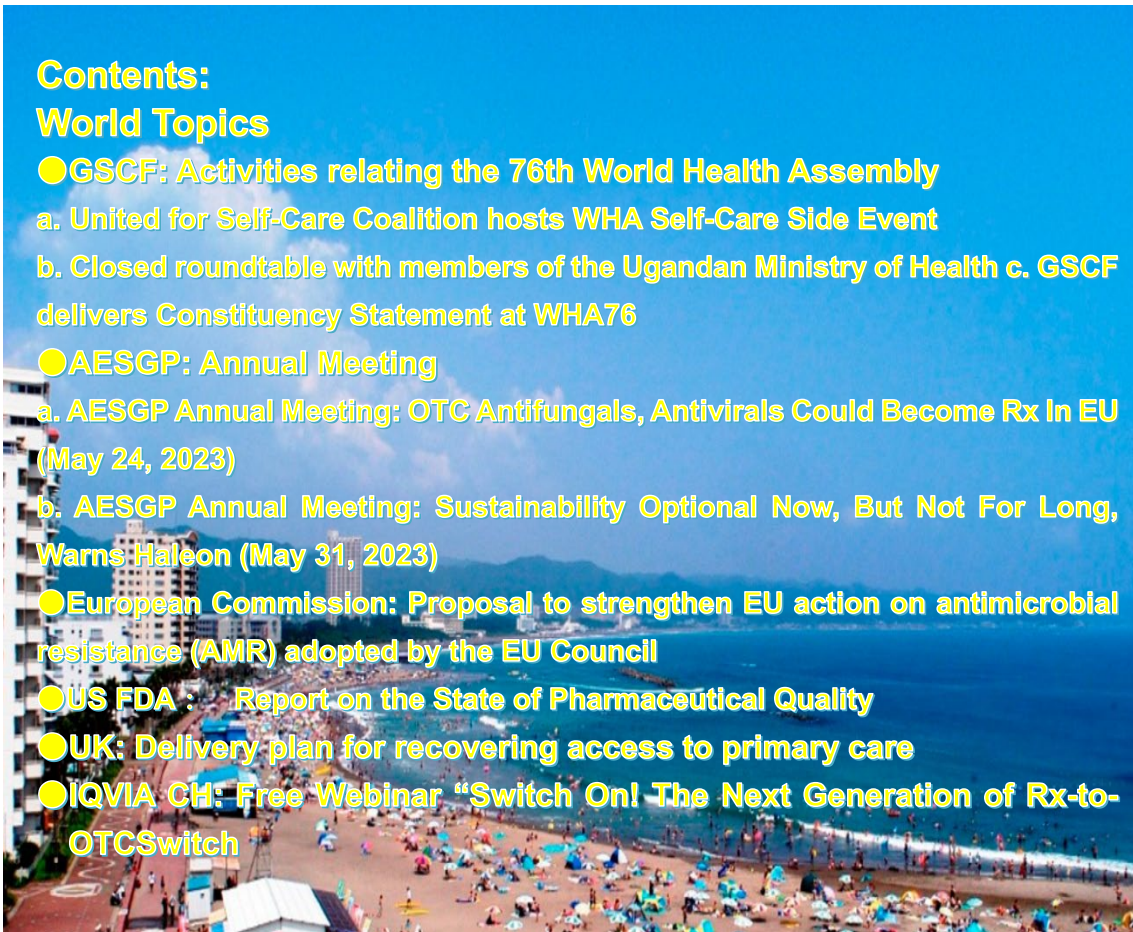
- a. AESGP Annual Meeting: OTC Antifungals, Antivirals Could Become Rx In EU (May 24, 2023)
- b. AESGP Annual Meeting: Sustainability Optional Now, But Not For Long, Warns Haleon (May 31, 2023)

●European Commission: Proposal to strengthen EU action on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) adopted by the EU Council

●US FDA : Report on the State of Pharmaceutical Quality

●UK: Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care

●IQVIA CH: Free Webinar “Switch On! The Next Generation of Rx-to-OTCSwitch





ASIA-PACIFIC SELF-MEDICATION INDUSTRY
ITOHPIA IWAMOTOCHO 1-CHOME BLDG. 4TH FLOOR
1-8-15, IWAMOTOCHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 101-0032, JAPAN

World Topics

GSCF: Activities relating the 76th World Health Assembly

a. United for Self-Care Coalition hosts WHA Self-Care Side Event

The United for Self-Care Coalition hosted "Self-Care: A Foundational Component of Health System Sustainability", a side event highlighting the need to embed self-care into the healthcare continuum, particularly in the context of managing the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), strengthening primary health care (PHC) and advancing universal health coverage (UHC).

The recording of the side event is available at the following URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXv2PKYAX1U>

b. Closed roundtable with members of the Ugandan Ministry of Health

Prior to the event, GSCF held a closed roundtable with members of the Ugandan Ministry of Health to discuss Ugandan self-care policies, UHC, PHC and aim of a WHO Resolution on self-care.

c. GSCF delivers Constituency Statement at WHA76

At the 76th World Health Assembly just last week, GSCF together with WONCA and eight other organizations, delivered a constituency statement on the need for stronger primary health care (PHC) and self-care policies to meet Universal Health Coverage (UHC) targets.

The group urged members to support full integration of self-care into health systems to benefit individuals and society.

The recording of the statement delivery is available at the following URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BaVOgxWWu4>

The statement is available at the following URL:

https://mcusercontent.com/d13d0358683bf151339e5a678/files/abac77f7-c7ca-e85d-c258-3675e9bdfc12/PHC_Selfcare_Constituency_Statement_FINAL_.pdf

AESGP: Annual Meeting

On May 22-24, 2023, the AESGP Annual Meeting was held in Paris under the theme of



ASIA-PACIFIC SELF-MEDICATION INDUSTRY
ITOHP1A IWAMOTOCHO 1-CHOME BLDG. 4TH FLOOR
1-8-15, IWAMOTOCHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 101-0032, JAPAN

"Self-care in Europe: preparing for a sustainable future", with approximately 280 participants. The annual meeting report will be published soon, but related articles are available in HBW Insight.

a. AESGP Annual Meeting: OTC Antifungals, Antivirals Could Become Rx In EU (May 24, 2023)

The European Commission shocked participants at this year's AESGP Annual Meeting by warning that OTC antifungals, like treatments for athlete's foot, and OTC antivirals, like cold sore creams, could soon become prescription-only within the region, under proposed revisions to the EU pharma legislation. There is hope, however . . .

The article is available at the following URL (ID&PW required):

<https://hbw.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/RS153691/AESGP-Annual-Meeting-OTC-Antifungals-Antivirals-Could-Become-Rx-In-EU>

b. AESGP Annual Meeting: Sustainability Optional Now, But Not For Long, Warns Haleon (May 31, 2023)

European consumer health companies today have the luxury of voluntarily setting sustainability goals. But with regulations looming and pressure from retailers and consumers mounting, such requirements will soon be mandatory, . . .

The article is available at the following URL (ID&PW required):

<https://hbw.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/RS153707/AESGP-Annual-Meeting-Sustainability-Optional-Now-But-Not-For-Long-Warns-Haleon>

European Commission: Proposal to strengthen EU action on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) adopted by the EU Council

On June 13, the European Union (EU) Council adopted a European Commission proposal to strengthen EU action against antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The proposal sets a target for 2030.

Several EU targets, developed with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), are set for 2030:

- a 20% reduction of the total consumption of antibiotics in humans;
- at least 65% of the total consumption of antibiotics in humans should be effective (use of the right antibiotic);
- a reduction of infections of three key antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which will apply mainly to hospitals.



ASIA-PACIFIC SELF-MEDICATION INDUSTRY
ITOHPIA IWAMOTOCHO 1-CHOME BLDG. 4TH FLOOR
1-8-15, IWAMOTOCHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 101-0032, JAPAN

Detail information is available at the following URL:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_3187

US FDA: Report on the State of Pharmaceutical Quality

US-FDA released a Report on the State of Pharmaceutical Quality on June 20, 2023:

The report is available at the following URL:

<https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/center-drug-evaluation-and-research-cder/report-state-pharmaceutical-quality>

UK: Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care

The UK's medicines regulator, MHRA, alongside other government agencies, intends to work together with manufacturers to identify Rx-to-OTC switch candidates. Switch criteria might include “different strength medicines to those available today, combination formulations, or medicines manufacturers already offer without prescriptions in other countries,” NHS England says, in its recently published “Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care.”

The “Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care” is available at the following URL:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/PRN00283-delivery-plan-for-recovering-access-to-primary-care-may-2023.pdf>

IQVIA CH: Free Webinar “Switch On! The Next Generation of Rx-to-OTC Switch”

IQVIA Consumer Health held a Free Webinar “Switch On! The Next Generation of Rx-to-OTC Switch” (one hour) on 15 June 2023.

The recording of the seminar and presentation material are available at the following URLs:

VIDEO (on demand):

https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/console/EventConsoleApollo.jsp?&eventid=4234912&sessionid=1&username=&partnerref=&format=fhvideo1&mobile=&flashsupportedmobiledevice=&helpcenter=&key=5B19E88B0461E7CBE8AE0DB2D949AEF8&newConsole=true&nxChe=true&newTabCon=true&consoleEarEventConsole=false&text_language_id=en&playerwidth=748&playerheight=526&eventuserid=617698847&contenttype=A&mediametricssessionid=530093970&mediametricid=5969021&usercd=617698847&mode=launch



ASIA-PACIFIC SELF-MEDICATION INDUSTRY

ITOHPIA IWAMOTOCHO 1-CHOME BLDG. 4TH FLOOR

1-8-15, IWAMOTOCHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 101-0032, JAPAN

Presentation material (PDF):

<https://on24static.akamaized.net/event/42/34/91/2/rt/1/documents/resourceList1686755314052/thenextgenerationofrxtootcswitchiqviaconsumerhealthpresentationpdf1686755312893.pdf>