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Following the Affiliate's previous report on activities in support of The Certified Pharmaceutical Industry Professional (CPIP) initiative, it is pleasing to note that an applicant from Japan has been qualified for the next phase of the CPIP qualification: testing in 2011. Over the coming months, others from the monthly training sessions in Yushima, Tokyo, are expected to complete and submit their documented multiple competencies, as the qualifying procedure.

Events-wise, a GAMP 5 Training Course, arranged in collaboration with ISPE Headquarters, was held on September 2 and 3 at Tower Hall Funabori, Tokyo, the Affiliate's preferred venue for larger-scale events: publicly owned but well appointed and maintained auditoria, meeting rooms, and party venues.

Led by Sion Wyn, the Training Course enjoyed the pre-arranged maximum number of participants of approximately 150, including assistants for each workshop table. As always, interpretation between the Japanese and English languages was provided. This was the second such GAMP 5 program arranged by the Affiliate and interest in this topic continues at a very high level.

A major event in October was the Risk-MaPP Seminar held over the two days of October 21 and 22, again at Tower Hall Funabori. Organized by the Affiliate's Containment COP, the Seminar was part of the Brussels, Washington DC and Singapore series of Risk-MaPP seminars. Led by Stephanie Wilkins, the number of registrations for this simultaneously interpreted event once more surpassed expectations, and it proved to be a source of education and satisfaction for all involved.

Internally, a key project completed and presently under testing has been the creation of an efficient electronic database to help with the administration of the large number of members as well as events organized by the Affiliate. The database is expected to relieve the local Secretariat of a number of time-taking tasks.

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