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European Pharmacists elect PGEU President for 2014

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At its annual General Assembly held this year in Rome, the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union has elected **Mr Štefan Krchňák** from the Slovak Chamber of Pharmacists as PGEU President for 2014.

Slovakia, which became a full member of PGEU in 2004, will take over the PGEU Presidency for the first time since its creation.

Member of the Executive Committee of the Slovak Chamber of Pharmacists since 1997, President of the Slovak Chamber of Pharmacists in 2000-2001, Mr Krchňák has been the Chamber representative for European Affairs in PGEU since 1998.



Mr Krchňák graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy of Comenius University in Bratislava in 1984. He opened his own pharmacy in Šurany, where he still works, in 1995. He was the author of the first computer software for pharmacy in Slovakia (1988) and is still involved in pharmacy eHealth solutions, being a member of Committee for eHealth implementation of the Slovak Ministry of Health since 2006.

Mr Krchňák will continue the work of the current Italian President, Mr Maximin Liebl, who will stand down from his role in December.

Mr Krchňák said: "I am immensely proud to be the first PGEU President from the Member States who joined the EU in 2004. I am looking forward to leading PGEU in a year which will see significant challenges, with a number of important developments affecting pharmacy at European level, and to continuing the work of advancing our profession in these times of both economic pressure and huge professional opportunity."