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Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) Opens RAPS Europe in Brussels

With new office, conferences, RAPS renews commitment to European regulatory community

Rockville, MD, USA—The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS), the world’s largest international membership organization of regulatory professionals in the medical device, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology sectors, today announced the opening of its European office in Brussels. RAPS Europe will support RAPS programs, events and operations throughout Europe and serve as the organization’s base for European operations. RAPS, which is headquartered near Washington, DC, USA, also opened an office in Tokyo last year.

The growing internationalization of the healthcare product sector is driving increased global involvement among regulatory professionals. According to RAPS own research, about 70% of regulatory professionals say their work encompasses regulatory issues in multiple geographic regions.

“RAPS’ membership includes healthcare product regulatory professionals all over the world, including many in Europe,” said RAPS Executive Director Sherry Keramidis, PhD, CAE. “RAPS’ new office in Brussels allows us to better serve our European members and be more responsive to their needs, as well as more closely track trends at both EU and individual country levels. It also will enable us to support additional efforts to reach out to and serve the entire European regulatory community with relevant RAPS products and services.”

Additionally, RAPS is planning more European events. RAPS will hold two programs in June covering EU regulatory essentials—[one in Brussels](#) and [one in Vienna](#)—and a [workshop in Brussels in November](#) covering US submissions and compliance. RAPS also will explore more opportunities to help Europe-based professionals learn about and prepare for Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC). The RAC is the only professional certification specifically for those in the healthcare regulatory field and continues to be highly valued in the international regulatory community.

RAPS has contracted with Interel, an association management and public affairs firm, which will provide operational and communications support for RAPS Europe in Brussels. RAPS Europe will be located at 22-24 Rue du Luxembourg, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium; and can be reached at rapseurope@raps.org.

About RAPS

The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) is an international membership organization of regulatory professionals in the rapidly growing medical device, pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors. As regulatory professionals, RAPS members perform vital work in all areas of the healthcare product lifecycle, ensuring these products are safe and effective, while driving organizational strategy and sound decision-making. RAPS supports these individuals and the regulatory profession as a whole by providing education and training, certification, professional standards, research, knowledge-sharing, publications, networking and career development opportunities and other valuable resources; and is committed to helping its members continually develop the knowledge and skills they need to excel. RAPS.org

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