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A Milestone Year for SNHPE: Building Bridges among Health Professionals

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The Society of Nepalese Healthcare Professionals in Europe (SNHPE) was established in August 2024 with the mission of fostering professional collaboration, academic exchange, and career development among Nepalese healthcare professionals across Europe. The Society aims to facilitate or organize networking events; deliver educational and professional development programs; and support initiatives that strengthen the healthcare sector in Nepal through strategic partnerships and collaborative projects.

Uniting clinicians, nurses, public health experts, biomedical scientists, researchers, allied-health practitioners, and students, SNHPE operates as a non-profit, non-political, and professionally driven organization. It is committed to supporting Nepali healthcare professionals throughout the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA/EFTA), while contributing to the enhancement of Nepal's healthcare system. The SNHPE serves as a dynamic platform for multidisciplinary collaboration and continuous professional development. The Society regularly hosts webinars and academic events featuring experts from both Europe and Nepal, promoting the exchange of clinical knowledge, scientific innovation, and health-system best practices. Through mentorship initiatives and networking opportunities, it provides structured support for early-career professionals and students as they advance through their educational and professional pathways.

On 9–10 August 2025, the Society successfully held its First Ordinary General Assembly in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The assembly was inaugurated by H.E. Ms. Sewa Lamsal, Ambassador of Nepal to BENELUX and the EU. Thirty-six participants from various European countries attended the assembly, which featured clinical, scientific, and IT sessions, along with literary and musical programs.

Attendees also enjoyed a traditional Nepali dinner accompanied by musical performances by the executive board members and others. During the assembly, Prof. Dr. Ganesh Acharya, MD, PhD, FRCOG from Sweden, was honored with the Nepalese Healthcare Professional of the Year 2025 Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to medicine.



In his address, Prof. Acharya reflected on his journey from rural Nepal to becoming a leading figure at one of the world's top university hospitals. The award will be presented annually to Nepalese health professionals in Europe who have demonstrated exceptional contributions in medicine, nursing, or health-science research.



As part of its commitment to celebrating excellence in healthcare, the Society has also introduced the Europe Nepal Health Award. This award recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions that have made significant contributions to improving healthcare delivery in Nepal or advancing the professional rights of Nepali health workers. The award includes a certificate and a monetary prize of NPR 100,001. SNHPE has selected the

Nepal Medical Association (NMA) as the inaugural recipient, acknowledging its dedicated efforts, advocacy, and achievements in securing improved rights and allowances for resident doctors in Nepal in 2025.

Looking ahead, SNHPE is delighted to announce the launch of the European Journal of Nepalese Healthcare Professionals (EJNHP) - a biannual, online, open-access journal aimed at providing a rigorous, peer-reviewed platform for high-quality research, case reports, and scholarly work relevant to clinical practice, public health, and healthcare systems. The first issue is scheduled for publication in May–June 2026. The journal welcomes submissions of original research, review articles, case reports, and academic contributions from healthcare professionals and researchers across disciplines and regions, with a commitment to nurturing a vibrant and diverse academic community.

The Society of Nepalese Healthcare Professionals in Europe looks forward to continued coordination, cooperation, and collaboration in advancing its mission. The Society warmly welcomes eligible Nepalese healthcare professionals across Europe to join its membership and contribute to its shared goals.