The news that Marija Marić, passed away at the tender age of 28 years was received as a shock and with great sorrow. When Marija, from Serbia, was still a pharmacy student she had a vision of leadership and internationalization of pharmacy. She was active in activities organized by the European Pharmaceutical Students Association (EPSA) and was the EPSA treasurer for the period 2008-2009. Through these activities she collaborated with the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Malta and with Maltese pharmacists including Marisabelle Bonnici who at the time was EPSA President and Maresca Attard Pizzuto who was a Pharmacy Awareness Working Committee Director. Marija believed in the impact and value of getting pharmacy students together and that students should take an active role in shaping the developments in their profession. She surely was a role model for European students and then later took up her professional career with great enthusiasm. The pharmacy profession has lost a great pharmacist at a young age.

Marija will be sorely missed, not only for her knowledge, abilities and professionalism, but also for the kind of person she was and the way in which she encouraged her friends and colleagues. The Department would like to offer condolences to her family and to EPSA. Marija’s legacy will continue through the work of EPSA which strives to instill in pharmacy students international collaboration for the developments in the pharmacy profession.

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