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YEAR OF ELECTIONS

The Year 2007 was the year of elections for the Czech Chamber of Pharmacists. The elections in the district associations were held in autumn followed by elections of the New Presidium of the Chamber in Benešov.

The elections brought changes to the board which elected the new President Mgr. Stanislav Havlíček and Vice President Mgr. Michal Hojný. There were also elected new Revisory Committee and Honorary Counsel.

LEGISLATION

In the year 2007 two amendments affecting directly everyday practice of pharmacists came into force.

Pharmacies (introduced in The Regulation of technical and objective requirements for equipment in medical facilities – June 2006) which ensure just distribution of medicines were cancelled.

The second amendment was concerned with Good Pharmaceutical Practice specifically the part about the replacement of medicine in case of unavailability in the pharmacy. The new wording removed ambiguities from the previous amendment.

Changes in the way of setting payments for medicines and their conditions were influenced by the decision of the Constitutional Court in January 2007. It was necessary to bring it to harmony with the European Transparency Directives. Competencies were transferred from Ministry of Health to the State authority for Drug Regulation. This change was set as a part of the Act about stabilization of public budgets, with effectiveness from 1st January 2008.

The amendment about the Act on Public Health Insurance was prepared with the introduction of regulatory fees, limits on these fees per year and the introduction of generic substitution (with effectiveness from the beginning of 2008).

The new statutory text of the Act about Medicine was discussed in autumn 2007, During the approval process parliamentary amendments appeared which could negatively affect the development of pharmacy in the Czech Republic. Thanks to intensive work by the Chamber of Pharmacists and its cooperation with the state authorities it was managed to defend inevitable task of pharmaceutical care and possibility of further development.

All these changes and regulations were exposed to daily pharmaceutical practice, therefore the Chamber organised series of seminars during 2007, where the members were informed about all current and forthcoming changes. The start of new reforms 2008 were supported by the chamber too. The printed materials were published for patients with detailed and clear explanations of all new changes connected with regulation fees from the beginning of 2008.

CONTINUAL EDUCATION

The Pharmaceutical Academy began its activity in 2007 within the chamber. The educational activities of the chamber together with the Magazine of Czech Pharmacists formally set aside under the Pharmaceutical Academy. The main task of Academy is to focus on continual and long-life education and specialization of pharmacists, certification of professional activities of pharmacies and publishing. Another challenge the Academy faces is continual and long-life education of pharmaceutical assistants whose possibilities of further education get much better.

Within the current system of continual education, the Academy took the organisation of seminars and lectures over from chamber and extended its activities into several-day cycles of seminars devoted to diabetes and respiratory diseases in 2007. The project of interactive seminars is very interesting and widely visited. The participants get actively involved in the analysis of case reports and communication between pharmacists and physicians is supported. It is held not only in Prague and Brno but also in many other smaller cities in the country and so it is accessible for almost all pharmacists.

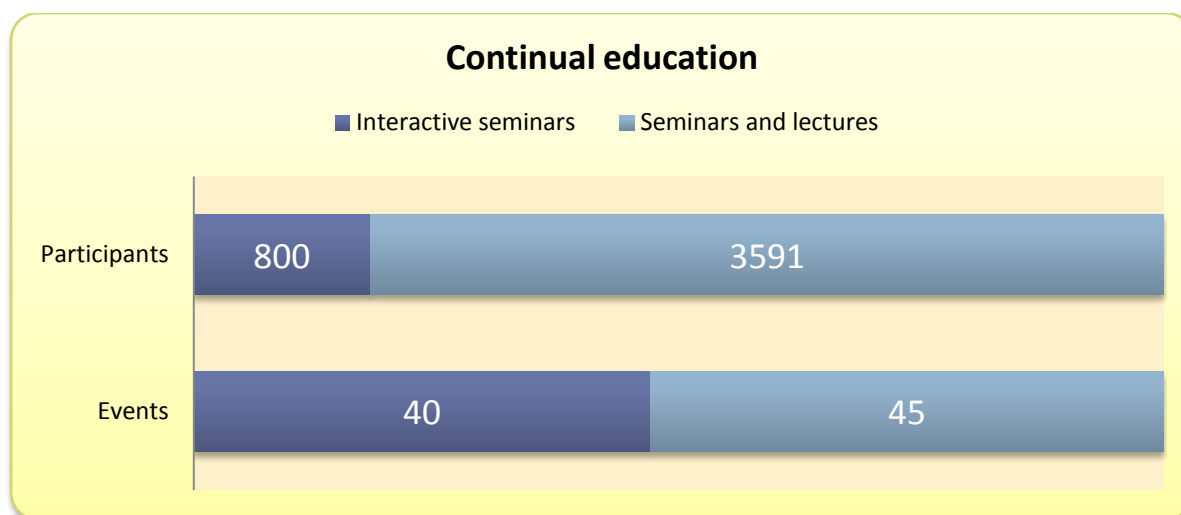


FIG. 1 DATA ČLK

II. EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PHARMACISTS

In Prague's Hotel Diplomat the 2nd European Congress of Pharmacists was held on 25th October 2007. This year it was dedicated to generic substitution and generic prescription in EU countries. The situation in individual countries was presented by representatives of Chambers of Pharmacists from Germany, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic.

All the contributions showed that generic medicines represent the way how to decrease the rising costs of health care in the future.

STATISTICAL DATA

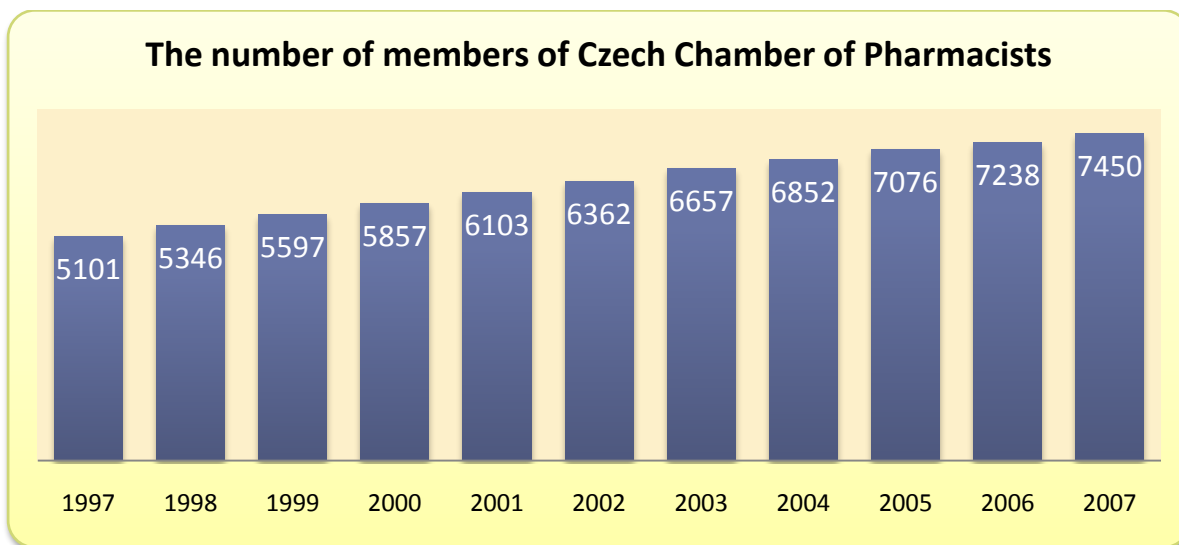


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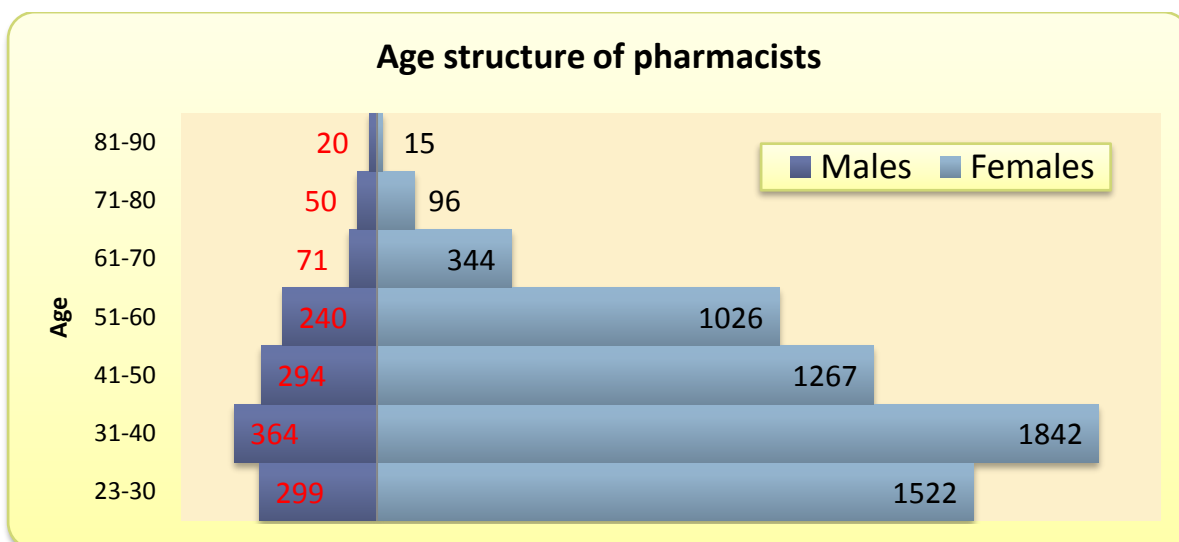


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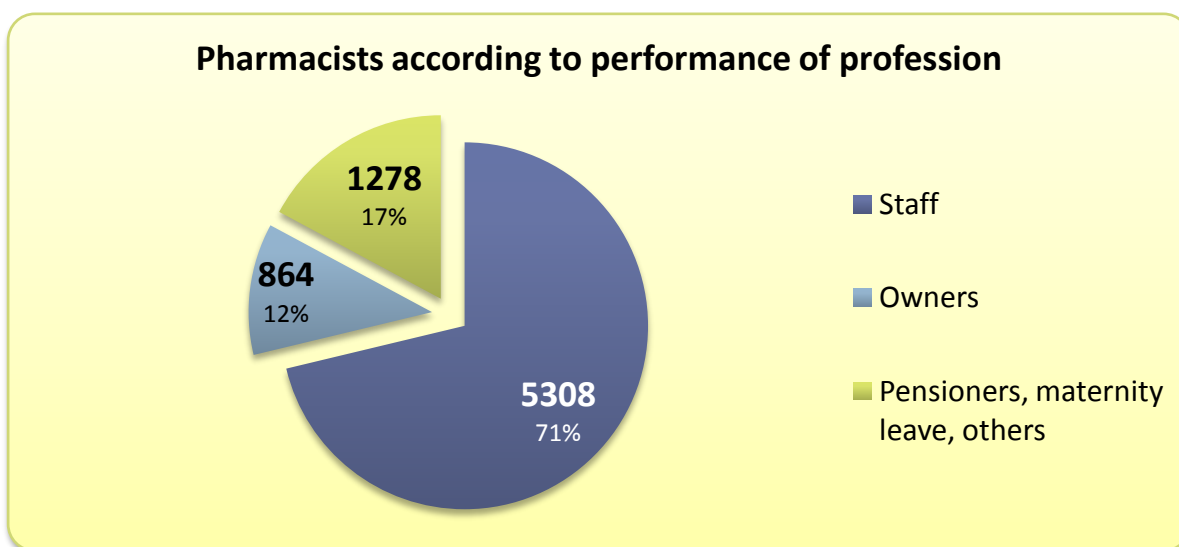


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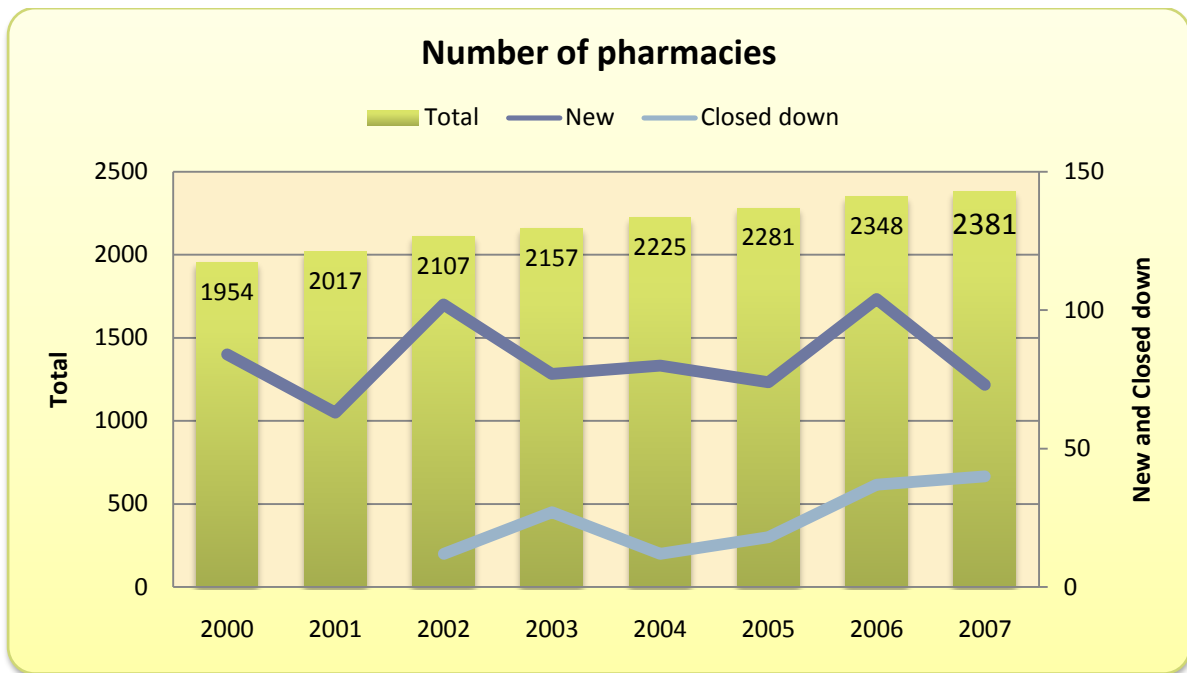


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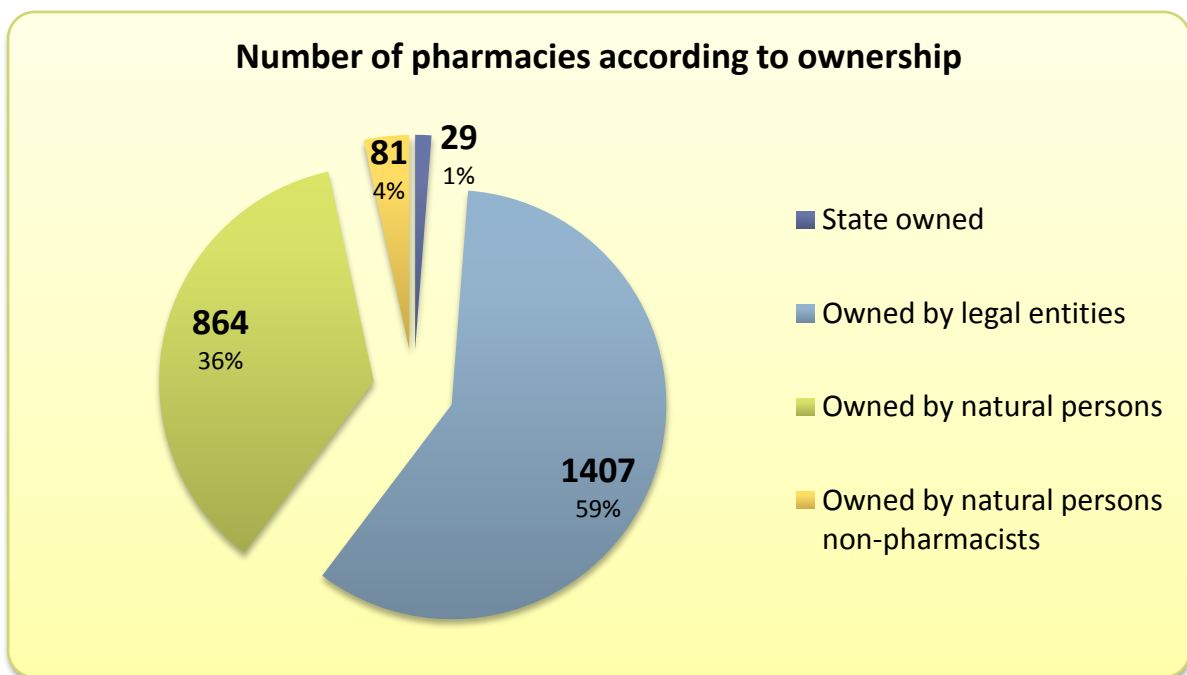


FIG. 6 DATA CZECH CHAMBER OF PHARMACISTS

POPULATION PER PHARMACY AND PHARMACIST	
NUMBER OF PHARMACISTS PER PHARMACY	
Population per pharmacy	3919,1
Population per pharmacist	1385,0
Number of pharmacists per pharmacy	2,8

TAB. 1 DATA INFOPHARM, CZECH CHAMBER OF PHARMACISTS

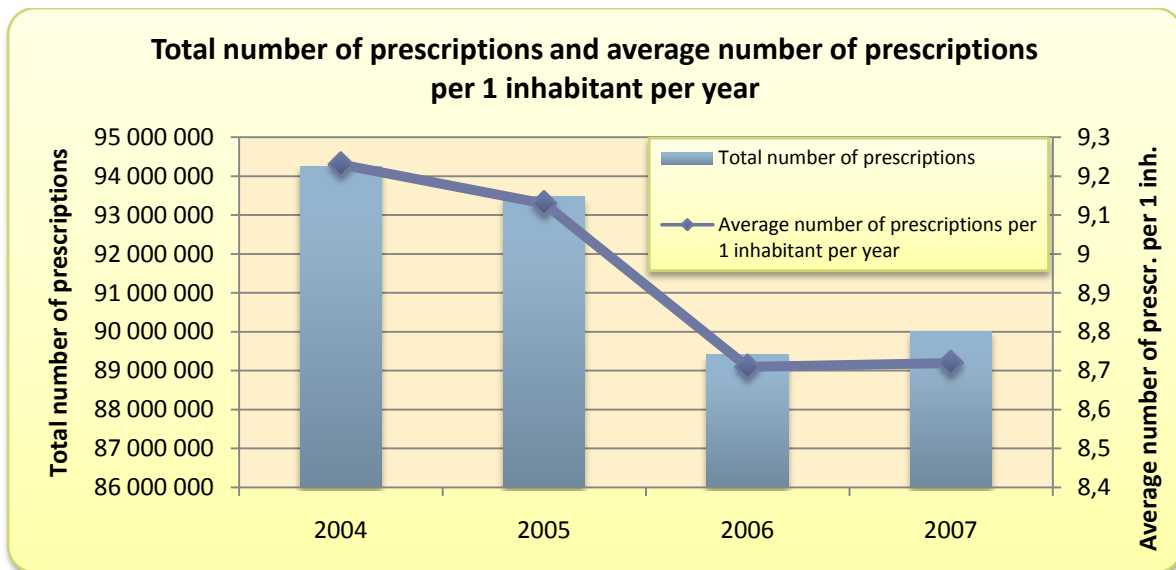


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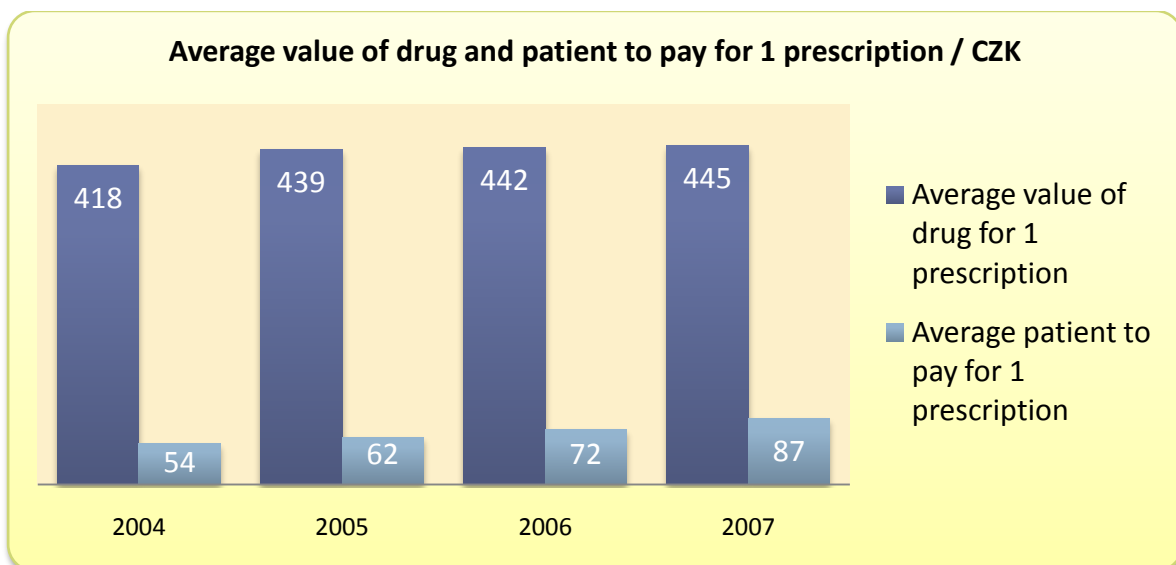


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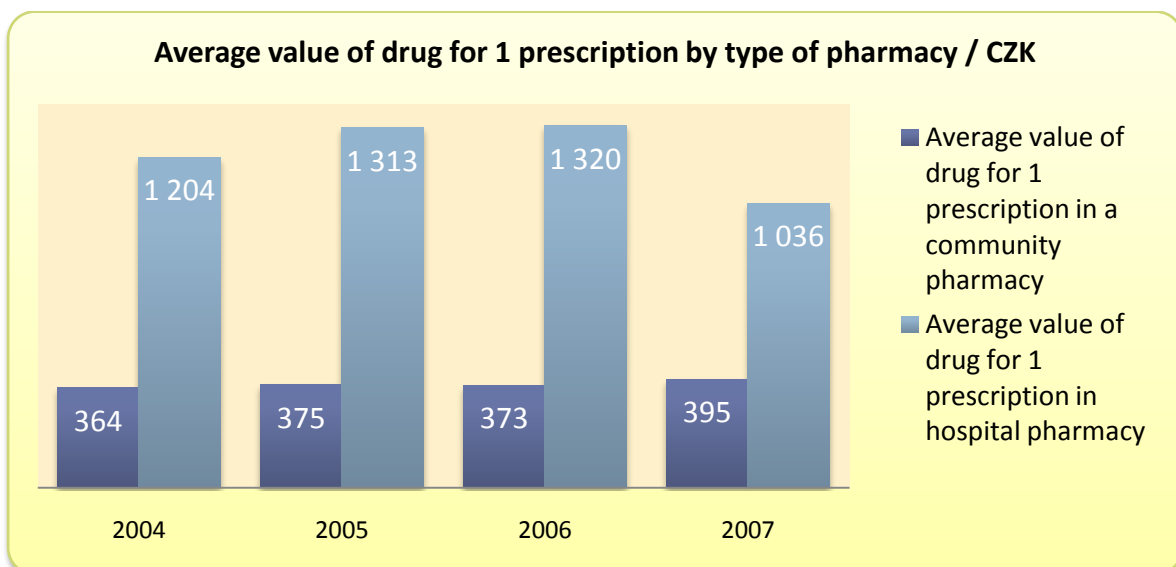


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