

## EURIPA Invitational Rural Health Forum.

### *“Rural Medicine: today and tomorrow”*

Riga (Latvia), September 26-28<sup>th</sup>. [www.euripaforum2014.eu](http://www.euripaforum2014.eu)

Conference hotel: **Radisson Blu Daugava** <http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-riga>

# FORUM PROGRAMME

Day 1: Friday 26th

09.00-09.45: Local and International Organizing Committee meeting.

10.00-12.00: EURIPA Boards' meeting.

12.15-13.00: EURIPA Annual General Assembly

11.00-13.00: Practice visits (Social Program)

14.00-15.30: Poster walk

15.00: Registration

16.00-18.00: “Hands on” workshops:

#### 1. Rural Proofing for health.

Chair: Jane Randall-Smith (Wales, UK) [jane@montgomery-powys.co.uk](mailto:jane@montgomery-powys.co.uk)

Leaders: Jane Randall-Smith (UK), John Wynn-Jones (UK), Kornelijus Andrijauskas (Lithuania)

#### 2. How to use Social Media (joint session with the Vasco de Gama Movement)

Chair: Raquel Gomez-Bravo (Spain) [raquelgomezbravo@gmail.com](mailto:raquelgomezbravo@gmail.com)

Leaders: Raquel Gomez-Bravo (Spain), Ulrik Bak Kirk (EQUIP), Casandra Cantera Lopez (Spain)

18.15: Welcome Ceremony.

Chair: Gunta Ticmane

Speakers: Aigar Rurane (Head of WHO Country Office), Rinalds Mucins (Secretary of State for the Ministry of Health), Guntis Bahs (Family Medicine Department chair, Riga Stradins University)

19.00: Cocktail (Social Program)

Day 2: Saturday 27th

08.15-09.30: Networking Plenary:

**Designing a pan-European Rural Health Policy strategy**

Chair: Jose Lopez-Abuin l.abuin@hotmail.com

Speakers: Job Metsemakers (President, WONCA-Europe)

John Wynn-Jones (Chair, WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice)

Diederik Aarendonk (Coordinator, European Forum of Primary Care)

Shengli Niu (International Labour Organization)

Renata Papp (Secretary General, UEMO)

09.30-11.00: Forum workshops

**3. Policy making: primary health care actualities in European countries**

Chairs: John Wynn-Jones (Wales-UK) john@johnwj.com

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1. Prof Janko Kersnik (Eslovenia)	1. "Political support to rural health practitioners: developing a family medicine specialist training".
2. Prof Witold Lukas (Poland)	2. Policy making – examples from Poland
3. José Augusto Rodrigues Simões (Portugal)	3. Primary Health Care reform in Portugal: effectiveness at the rural area
4. Valerijs Valdmanis (Latvia)	4. Rural Health making in Latvia: reality and beliefs

**4. Prioritising issues in rural health/practice**

Chairs: Zsuzsanna Farkas-Pall (Romania) farkaspall@yahoo.com

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1. MC Martinez-Altarriba (Spain)	1. Analysis of neurodegenerative diseases in the rural area
2. Aigars Miežitis (Latvia)	2. The results of the Pilot Project in tele-consultations in Latvia
3. Gindrovel Dumitra (Romania)	3. Rural health care in Romania: priorities

11.00: Coffee-break

11.30-13.00: Forum workshops

## 5. Collecting and using evidence to inform policy

Chairs: Janko Kersnik (Slovenia) janko.kersnik@gmail.com

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1. Ruth Kalda and Anneli Rätsep (Estonia)	1. How to influence policy by collecting and using evidence
3. Prof Ludmila Marcinowicz (Poland)	3. Do patients want to evaluate the quality of health care? A short survey among patients from villages and small towns
4. Ilze Grauze (Latvia)	4. How to influence policy by collecting and using evidence in Latvia

## 6. Structure of primary healthcare in rural locations - is there a universal model?

Chairs: Oleg Kravtchenko (Norway) ovkdoc@yahoo.no

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Maija Kozlovska (Latvia) mmmajina@inbox.lv

1. Laurent Crozat (France)	1. Present and perspective of health in French rural locations
2. Christian Rokseth (Norway)	2. Organization of Primary Healthcare in rural communities of Northern Norway
3. Linda Saurina (Latvia)	3. Primary Healthcare in Latvian Rural Territory Today

13.00: Lunch

14.00-15.30: Forum workshops

## 7. How can rural GPs influence healthcare politics?

Chairs: Tanja Pekez-Pavlisko (Croatia) tashamed@gmail.com

David Halata (Czech Rep) halatad@gmail.com

1. Jan Kučeřík (Czech Rep)	1. Apple medical technology in rural GP
2. Maja Racic (Bosnia and Hercegovina)	2. How can a GP influence the local political strategies
3. Liga Kozlovska (Latvia)	3. How to be a PHC leader
4. Maija Kozlovska (Latvia)	4. Influence of Primary Health Care on local governments

## 8. Health-related behaviours and quality of life- Rural vs urban patients.

Chairs: Jaume Banque (Spain) [jbanquev@gmail.com](mailto:jbanquev@gmail.com)

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1. Inara Upmale (Latvia)	1. The Health Competency Determinant Factors of the Latvian Population
2. Aija Snikvalde (Latvia)	2. How to "sell" new behaviours of health?
3. Prof. Lech Panasiuk (Poland)	3. Results of research about health-related behaviours and QoL in rural patients.
4. Eero Merilind (Estonia)	4. The impact of pay-for- performance on the workload in family practices in Estonia

15.30-17.15: EURIPA Favorite Topics:

## 9. Training in Rural Medicine in Europe: Graduates and Undergraduates. What political and academic actions are needed?

Chairs: Lars Agreus (Sweden) [Lars.Agreus@ki.se](mailto:Lars.Agreus@ki.se)

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1. Prof. Roger Strasser (Canada)	1. Tailored education for medical students and registrars with their future i rural medicine
2. Anna Falk (Sweden)	2. The development of a new education plan for registrars in family medicine in rural settings
3. Peter Berggren (Sweden)	3. Recruit and Retain: A multinational EU project on recruitment, training, skill development and professional development in rural medicine

## 10. Building partnerships across sectors

Chairs: Jean-Pierre Jaquet (France) [jp.jacquet@cngc.fr](mailto:jp.jacquet@cngc.fr)

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1. Uldis Likops (Latvia)	1. Collaboration between NGOs and primary care actors
2. Prof. Lech Panasiuk (Poland)	2. Building partnerships across sectors – examples from the Institute of Rural Health?
3. Matthieu Sautel (France)	3. Rules and incentives taken by authorities to retain and encourage GP's to be in rural area in France. What is suitable in Europe?

17.00-17.20: Towards a Research Strategy in the European Rural Health Care setting. Donata Kurpas (Poland), Zalika Klemenc-Ketis (Slovenia), Christos Lionis (Greece)

17.20-18.30: Summing up of the Day session. Jose Lopez-Abuin (Spain) and the workshop chairs.

20.00: Rural Dinner (Social Program). Not included in registration fee.

Day 3: Sunday 28th

08.30-10.15: "Learning from the Experts" Sessions:

## 11. Education

Chair: Prof. Roger Strasser (Canada)

1. Prof. Ioan Stelian Bocsan (Romania) 2. Jarmila Seifertová (Czech Rep) 3. Prof. Louise Wilson (Orkney, UK) 4. Prof. Christopher Birt (Univ. Liverpool, UK)	1. INTRO: What a rural doctor might need / want learning from extra muros lessons 2. Czech experience with CME in GPs and ambulatory paediatricians. 3. - "Broad Horizons - quality improvement, leadership and learning. 4. Tackling simultaneously unhealthy nutrition and climate change: two problems in a rural environment
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## 12. Occupational Health

Chair: Claudio Colosio (Italy) [claudio.colosio@unimi.it](mailto:claudio.colosio@unimi.it)

1. Prof. Claudio Colosio (Italy) & Ivan Ivanov (WHO, Geneva) 2. Shengli Niu (ILO, Geneva)  3. Gert van der Laan (The Netherlands) 4. Stefano Mattioli (Italy)  5. Suvi Lethem (Finland)	1. INTRO: Towards universal health coverage for working people  2. The new ILO list of Occupational Diseases (OD) as a tool for promoting diagnosis, prevention and compensation of OD in the world. 3. New tools and approaches for detecting new and emerging occupational risks and diseases 4. Basic OH services in rural: a strategy for improving the access to health surveillance at the workplace. 5. Collaboration between primary health care and occupational health. The experience of the Baltic Sea Network on OH.
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10.10-10.15: Poster awards. Jane Randall-Smith

10.15-11.15: Closing Ceremony

Chair: Jose Lopez-Abuin (Spain)

Speakers: Tanja Pekez-Pavliko (Croatia)  
Claudio Colosio (Italy)  
Dilek Guldal (Turkey)

11.30-13.30: [Riga & Surroundings Tour \(Social Program\)](#)

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