

EURIPA Invitational Rural Health Forum.

“Rural Medicine: today and tomorrow”

Riga (Latvia), September 26-28th. 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.

10.00-13.00: EURIPA Boards' meeting.

11.00-13.00: [Practice visits \(Social Program\)](#)

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

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

18.15: Welcome Ceremony.

Chair: Gunta Ticmane

Speakers: Ministry of Health, WHO, Department of Family Medicine

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

Christos Lionis (Greece) lionis@galinos.med.uoc.gr

Liga Kozlovska (Latvia) liga_kozlovska@inbox.lv

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. Prioritising issues in rural health/practice

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

Benedikt Hofbauer (Austria) Benedikt.Hofbauer@gmx.at

Aigars Miežitis (Latvia) Aigars.Miezitis@vmnvd.gov

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

Zalika Klemenc-Ketis (Slovenia) zalika.klemenc.ketis@gmail.com

Sandra Gintere (Latvia) sandra.gintere@rsu.lv

1. Ruth Kalda (Estonia) 2. Prof Ludmila Marcinowicz (Poland) 3. Ilze Grauze (Latvia)	1. How to influence policy by collecting and using evidence 2. Do patients want to evaluate the quality of health care? A short survey among patients from villages and small towns 3. How to influence policy by collecting and using evidence in Latvia
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6. Structure of primary healthcare in rural locations - is there a universal model?

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

Loic Masson (France) massonloic.med@gmail.com

Maija Kozlovskā (Latvia) mmmajina@inbox.lv

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

Janis Barloti (Latvia) janis.barloti@gmail.com

1. Jan Kučeřík (Czech Rep) 2. Maja Racic (Bosnia and Hercegovina)	1. Apple medical technology in rural GP 2. The role of rural GPs in healthcare politics changes in the Balkan area
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8. Building partnerships across sectors

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

Donata Kurpas (Poland) dkurpas@hotmail.com

Dana Misina (Latvia) danamisina@gmail.com

1. Uldis Likops (Latvia) 2. Prof. Lech Panasiuk (Poland) 3. Matthieu Sautel (France)	1. Collaboration between NGOs and primary care actors 2. Building partnerships across sectors – examples from the Institute of Rural Health? 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?
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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

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

Vija Silina (Latvia) vija.silina@gmail.com

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

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

Gaida Berzina (Latvia) gaiberzina@e-apollo.lv

1. Inara Upmale (Latvia) 2. Aija Snikvalde (Latvia) 3. Prof. Lech Panasiuk (Poland) 4. Eero Merilind (Estonia)	1. The Health Competency Determinant Factors of the Latvian Population 2. How to "sell" new behaviours of health? 3. Results of research about health-related behaviours and QoL in rural patients. 4. The impact of pay-for-performance on the workload in family practices in Estonia
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17.00-18.00: Summing up of the day

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: Ioan Bocsan (Romania) bocsanioanstelian@gmail.com

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

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. On line tools for diagnosis of 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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10.15-11.15: Closing Ceremony

11.30-13.30: Riga & Surroundings Tour (Social Program)