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WONCA Region Europe - ESGP/FM

EURIPA In co-operation with:

- EGPRN
- Mediterranean Institute of Primary Care (MIPC)



4th EURIPA Rural Health Invitational Forum / 77th EGPRN Workshop: an EURIPA-EGPRN joint meeting

Attard-Malta
17-20 October, 2013

Theme:

*Research into different contexts in General Practice/Family Medicine:
rural vs. urban perspectives*

Conference Venue:

Corinthia Palace Hotel and Spa *****

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Invite letter

Dear EURIPA members

EURIPA is proud to present this year as our Rural Health Invitational Forum a proposal for a joint meeting to be held between EURIPA and EGPRN, since EURIPA has recently set up a research stream focussing on the field of rural and remote health and health care, and EGPRN represents the research stream at WONCA's networks. The proposal follows discussions held at the WONCA meetings in Warsaw and Vienna, where members of both Executive Boards agreed to have one of the first such inter-network meetings within Wonca Europe.

This joint meeting on research in family medicine with the special topic of "**context**" and how it affects health care in family medicine is a unique opportunity for collaboration between two network organisations within Wonca Europe. This will be indeed a network meeting of networks!

We have prepared a joint event at a special venue, the small Mediterranean island of Malta, which has been at the crossroads of trade and inter-cultural exchange for more than 6000 years. The venue is a classic five star hotel in the centre of Malta, next to the Presidential Palace and Gardens in Attard. The Hotel affords good meeting facilities, excellent fine and casual restaurants, and first class service. The conference fee is very affordable, and with contained costs, coming to Malta with its strong international connections should be painless and easy.

The scientific programme is very exciting, with input for the first time from two organisations, offering a unique blend of research and expertise. Key note speakers with links to both organisations will give the meeting an appetising opening, and the meeting is expected to be well attended, with participants from both networks. For the first time we shall have both a parallel and a joint meeting, with one day of parallel EURIPA and EGPRN conferences, and one joint conference day. Even the business meetings and social events of the two groups will be parallel and joint as appropriate. A new approach to working together!

We propose to hold the conference in Malta in October 2013, from the 17th to the 20th. We hope you shall accept our bid so that we can really get the show going and organise a stellar conference for this year!

Best wishes, and looking forwards to welcoming you in Malta!

Christos Lionis (Chair scientific committee), Jose Lopez-Abuin, Oleg Kravtchenko, Tanja Pekez-Pavlisko, Jean-Pierre Jaquet, John Wynn Jones-Advisor (EURIPA)

Jean Karl Soler (Chair organising committee), Ferdinando Petrazzuoli, Nicola Buono (EGPRN)

PROVISIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME AND TIMETABLE

Thursday 17th October, 2013

09.00- : **Executive meetings** (only for the Executive and the International Advisory Boards of EURIPA and the Executive of EGPRN), at the Corinthia Palace Hotel:

- 09.00 – 09.30: 1st Joint meeting
- 09.30 – 10.00: Welcome and Coffee for Executive Board EURIPA and EGPRN
- 10.00 - 11.30: 2nd Joint Meeting
- 11.30–12.30: Executive Board Meeting of EGPRN
- 13.30 – 16.45: *Council Meeting with the National Representatives* (only for EURIPA-Council and EGPRN Council)

11.30-12.30: **EURIPA Annual General Meeting** (for all the EURIPA membership)

13.30 – 16.45: **Pre-conference Workshops for participants (registration necessary):**

1. Rural Proofing (Leader: Jane Randall-Smith)
2. Research Methodology in the Rural Setting (Leader: Christos Lionis)
3. Developing a research project for EU funding
4. Writing for publication

19.30: **Welcome reception** (*for all participants*) – Venue to be decided
Joint programme with joint keynote speakers and invited dignitaries

Friday 18th October, 2013 – two parallel conferences EURIPA/EGPRN

08.00 - 08.30 : **Registration**

08.30 – 09.00: **Welcome and Opening::**

- Welcome by Chairpersons of Organising and Scientific committees
- Opening by Chairpersons of EURIPA and EGPRN (plenary)

09.00 - 09.45: **Key Note Lectures** (plenary)

09.45 – 18.00: **EURIPA FORUM:**

- 10.00-11.30: Workshop 1: **Rural Medical Education**: a focus on content and methods. (Leader: Jose Lopez-Abuin)
- 11.30-13.00: Workshop 2: **Patient Safety**: a focus on methods in assessing and reporting (Leader: John Wynn-Jones)
- 14.00-15.30: Workshop 3: **Out of Hours in the Rural Health Care Setting**: a focus on research methods (Leader: Oleg Kravtchenko)
- 15.30-18.00: Workshop 4: **Reporting Rural Health Care Research**: a focus on content and research methods.(Leader: Christos Lionis)

10.00-18.00: **EURIPA Poster walk**

18.00 – 18.30 : **Summing up of the day** (joint plenary session with input from both organisations)

18.30 – 20.00 : **Practice Visits** (different general practices in Malta)

Saturday 19th October, 2013

JOINT EURIPA/EGPRN CONFERENCE

- 08.30 - 08.45 : Key Note Lectures (plenary)
- 08.45 - 09.15 : Key Note Lectures (plenary)
- 09.15 – 17.30 : Theme Papers, Free standing papers & one slide/Five-minutes Presentations (one shared EURIPA and EGPRN conference, with parallel break-out sessions for special sessions)
- Including a session led by each chairperson with a “general meeting” of EURIPA and EGPRN as appropriate
- 17.30 – 18.00 : Summing up of the day (plenary session)
- 18.00 - 18.30 : Closing of the scientific part by the EURIPA and EGPRN Chairs. EURIPA Claudio Carosino prize and EGPRN poster prize.
- 19.30 : Social event and Gala Dinner

Sunday 20th October, 2013

- 09.00 – 10.30 : Meeting of the EURIPA and EGPRN Committees and Working Groups:
Joint EURIPA and EGPRN Executive Committees to plan future collaboration and joint activities.
- 10.30 – 11.00 : Coffee
- 11.00 – 12.30 : Separate Meetings of the EURIPA/EGPRN Executive Boards
- 12.30 – 14.00 : Light lunch
- 14.00 : **Optional tour of Malta**

SOCIAL PROGRAMME:

* **Thursday 17th October:**

19.30 h.: **Welcome Reception** and one Key Note Lecture

* **Friday 18th October:**

18.30-20.00 h.: **Practice Visits** (to local health centres/clinics)

* **Saturday 19th October:**

19.30 h.: **Gala Night.**

Dinner and dancing at venue to be decided.

Euro 45.00 per person

* **Sunday 20th October**

14.00 h.: **Guided tour for those present**

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Registration:

If you wish to attend the conference, we have agreed to use the electronic application facility at the EGPRN website. Please use the following link:

<http://attard.egprnapplicationforms.nl/>

Fees:

There will be a congress-fee of €150 for members of EURIPA and EGPRN. We shall ask non-members to pay a fee of €300 for this meeting. The registration fee includes entrance to both conferences, use of the basic conference hotel facilities for that day, two coffee breaks and one light lunch, and the social events (except the Gala Dinner which is at additional cost).

Registration for Pre-conference workshops:

Number of participants limited: 25 persons

Date: 17 October 2013

Fee for each workshop: € 25,= for members / € 50,= for non-members.

If you want to attend one or more pre-conference workshops, please tick the box on the application form.

Registration for Gala Dinner:

The Gala Dinner is not included in the registration fee. Those who want to come will have to pay an extra cost of € 45. To register, please go to the application form.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

What kind of papers can you send?:

POSTERS

Posters are trying to be displayed in a e-format, son surely you will not have to bring the paper with you. Please add a photograph and e-mail address to your poster.

THEME PAPERS

The current theme is “Research into Different Contexts in General Practice/Family Medicine: rural vs. urban perspectives”. Theme papers are allocated 30 minutes each, of which 15 minutes is for the presentation and 15 minutes for discussion.

These theme papers will be peer-reviewed in order to be accepted.

DEADLINE for submission

THEME PAPERS :

The deadline for abstracts of theme paper presentations will be duly announced. The members of the two networks will have a short deadline for joint theme paper abstracts (until the 13th of July): if you want to submit a theme paper for the joint program, you can follow this link: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Theme papers for the joint meeting (Saturday) will go under a peer-view process in order to be accepted.

POSTERS:

The dealine of poster abstracts for the EURIPA Forum will be announced after July 13th. These posters will not go under a peer-viewing process..

If you want to submit your theme paper or poster now (within the EGPRN dealine), you can follow this link: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE JOINT MEETING:

The aim of this joint Forum is to collate the experiences of EURIPA and EGPRN members in the field of research in health care, specifically at the rural area, as well as to facilitate networking between EURIPA and EGPRN, particularly in the area of research and training, with the goal to develop the academic and evidence base for Primary Care.

Among the specific objectives, the following are primary:

1. To identify and discuss research methodologies that are suitable and appropriate for the rural setting at both undergraduate education and at the professional level, and to publish consensus statements and a position paper endorsed by these two European networks.
2. To explore existing research opportunities within the current European research framework, and identify areas of potential cooperation in joint proposals.
3. To endorse a joint document aiming at the promotion of the strategy of WONCA Europe.

INFORMATION ABOUT HOTELS:

Hotels

The Conference Hotel is the Corinthia Palace Hotel in Attard. We recommend that you stay at this hotel, or at the sister Hotels (Corinthia Hotel Marina, Corinthia San Gorg) which are about 30 minutes away by car, and from which a shuttle transportation service shall be provided. Please use the appropriate booking forms for the special rates we have negotiated for you.

1. Corinthia Palace Hotel *****

Rates are on bed and breakfast basis.

Conference Hotel, location of the joint meeting

De Paule Avenue, San Anton, Balzan BZN9023, Malta

Website: www.corinthia.com

Single Room: Euro 125 per room, per night including VAT

Double Room: Euro 140 per room, per night (per person sharing €70) including VAT

Telephone: +356 21 440301; **Fax:** +356 21 465713;

Email: reservations.malta@corinthia.com

2. Corinthia Marina Hotel Beach Resort *****

Rates are on bed and breakfast basis, including WiFi.

Conference Hotel, approximately half an hour from the conference venue by shuttle bus.

St. George's Bay, St. Julians STJ3301, Malta

Website: www.corinthia.com

Single Room: Euro 115 per room, per night including VAT

Double Room: Euro 135 per room, per night (per person sharing €67.50) including VAT

Telephone: +356 2370 2000; **Fax:** +356 2138 1708

3. Corinthia San Gorg Hotel *****

Rates are on bed and breakfast basis, including WiFi.

Conference Hotel, approximately half an hour from the conference venue by shuttle bus.

St. George's Bay, St. Julians STJ3301, Malta

Website: www.corinthia.com

Single Room: Euro 125 per room, per night including VAT

Double Room: Euro 145 per room, per night (per person sharing €72.50) including VAT

Telephone: +356 2137 4114; **Fax:** +356 2137 4039

Alternative accommodation

These hotels are offered as lower cost alternatives, or as an all-inclusive option for those who have requested it. They are not conference hotels, and no transport shall be provided to or from the conference hotels. They are far away from the conference, and may require 45 to 60 minutes travel time by car or taxi, more by public transport.

4. Osbourne Hotel ***

Rates are on bed and breakfast basis.

Not conference hotel, approximately half an hour from the conference venue by car.

50, South Street, Valletta VLT 1101, Malta

Website: www.osbornehotel.com

Single Room: Euro 112.50 per room, per night including VAT

Double Room: Euro 60 per person sharing (per room €120) including VAT

Telephone: +356 21 243656; **Fax:** +356 21 247293 **Email:** reservations@osbornehotel.eu

5. Seabank Hotel ****

Rates are on **ALL INCLUSIVE** basis. **Minimum stay five nights.**

Not conference hotel, approximately an hour from the conference venue by car.

Mellieha Bay, Marfa Road, Mellieha, Malta

Website: www.seabankhotel.com

Single Room: Euro 92 per room, per night including VAT

Double Room: Euro 70.80 per person (per room €141.60) including VAT

Telephone: +356 2289 1000; **Fax:** +356 2152 1635 **Email:** msciberras@seabankhotel.com

6. Milano Due Hotel ***

Rates are on bed and breakfast basis.

Not conference hotel, approximately half an hour from the conference venue by car.

113, The Strand, Sliema GZR1028, Malta

Website: www.milanoduehotel.com

Single Room: Euro 32 per room, per night including VAT

Double Room: Euro 32 per person sharing (per room €64) including VAT

Telephone: +356 21 345040/1/2/3/4; **Fax:** +356 21 332624

Email: reservations@milanoduehotel.com

Airport

Malta has only one international airport, Malta (Luqa) International Airport. You can travel to Malta frequently (mostly daily) to/from London, selected UK airports, Frankfurt, Milan, Rome, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, and many other large European airports. Some International /Charter flights operate to/from Malta.

Weather

In October: sunny/partly cloudy. Average temperatures: Day: 22 °C (Range 19-26 °C); Night: 15-20°C

EURIPA, as well as EGPRN and the Mediterranean Institute of Primary Care, invite you to Malta for the October 2013 meeting!!!