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### Forum

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

### Abstract Submission Deadline

16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Early bird rates

31<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Venue

Yearim hotel  
Ma'aleh Hahamisha

50 km from Tel Aviv,  
40 km from Ben-Gurion  
International Airport

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High impact key note speakers, senior and junior researchers, core stakeholders and diverse healthcare professionals representing a wide range of European countries will contribute and enrich the forum's scientific program.

The organising committee is looking forward to hosting you in the picturesque Jerusalem mountains during this year's forum!

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## 8<sup>th</sup> EURIPA Rural Health Forum

The challenge  
of the vulnerable  
and ageing population  
in rural medicine

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ISRAEL

## The challenge of the vulnerable and ageing population in rural medicine

Dear young and senior rural doctors,  
dear researchers,

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> EURIPA Rural Health Forum.

The forum will be hosted in the vicinity of Kibbutz Ma'aleh Hachamisha, a rural location situated in the mountain region in the outskirts of Jerusalem, Israel from November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

It is being organised by the largest Israel Medical Association, that of Family Medicine. In Israel we have and currently host large international conferences and events covering all aspects of patient care all over the country, from Eilat in the south to the Galilee in the north.

The theme of the 2018 Forum is "The challenge of the vulnerable and ageing population in rural medicine" is intended to focus on the importance of delivering quality medical care in remote locations to the old, incapacitated and destitute.

The Forum is designed to bring together physicians, health professionals and medical trainees, working in rural health settings and offers the opportunity to share experiences and initiatives on how to improve access and supply of resources to those in need of professional assistance.

The interaction is intended to create a platform for the exchange of ideas, where diverse ideas, including solid scientific research, can be shared for mutual nurturing of the physician – rural patient relationship especially to the underprivileged and limited subject, through lectures, sessions, panels and workshops.

A holistic approach to the vulnerable population is crucial for delivery of optimal care. This must include patient centered outreach by technology, service accessibility, continuity and individualised attention, essential for all patients but all the more for rural societies.

This year's EURIPA forum is expected to enable exchange of novel ideas relevant to each and every practice and yet bridge health concepts between the Middle East and the larger European continent.

We expect the experience to allow building international ties and creating strong networking of rural GPs, young researchers, academicians and stakeholders.

The stimulating workshops, the innovative scientific sessions, the traditional events and the interactive activities organised by our committees will offer a unique experience to conference attendees.

The landscape beauty, culture and entertainment of the land of Israel should make this year's forum memorable.

The main determinant of success of this event will be the avid participation of young and seniors physicians from general practice working in rural areas prepared to share their experience and open to learn from colleagues.

We will not shun from dealing with "burning" topics influencing us all, including inequality, financial restrictions, time limitations and geographical barriers. It is hoped that joint thinking will nurture industrious solutions where these may be visualized, no matter what field of medicine you happened to be involved in on a routine basis.

Either a life-long practitioner with academic affiliation or a young healthcare professional (i.e. nurse, social worker, etc), or a medical student at the outset of modelling your career, even if you are a policy maker or key informant, we are looking forward to receiving your contributions to the scientific content of our Forum.

We are excited about towards meeting you this November in the breathtaking scenery in the mountains of Jerusalem for a thriving, stimulating and enjoyable experience.

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