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EURACT and the GP teacher

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

The European Academy of Teachers in General Practice/Family Medicine—EURACT was launched twenty years ago in 1992 to foster and maintain high standards of care in European general practice/family medicine through learning and teaching. EURACT was the instigator and provided the principal authors of the European Definition of Family Medicine published by Wonca-Europe in 2002. This was followed by the EURACT Educational Agenda of General Practice/Family Medicine published in 2005 as a framework for teachers to teach the core competencies of Family Medicine. In 2010, the first edition of the EURACT Newsletter was published. These documents, together with specific guidelines, statements and other educational resources, may be downloaded from the EURACT website <http://www.euract.eu>.

COURSES AND OTHER BENEFITS

EURACT also runs courses for general practitioners/family doctors (GPs) and GP teachers: the Leonardo-EURACT teachers' courses, the EURACT assessment course and a yearly EURACT International Bled Course, details of which are available through the website. The latter also offers exclusive facilities (including a forum and chat room) for individual EURACT members. The Leonardo-EURACT teachers' courses were developed at three levels (competent, proficient and expert) during the 2010–2102 project 'Framework for Continuing

Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe (CEDinGP)' that was co-funded by the European Union within the Leonardo da Vinci programme. This project will lead to the construction of a European network of GP teachers supported by an innovative Internet-based educational platform hosted on the EURACT website.

EURACT@WONCA EUROPE 2012 VIENNA

As the Wonca-Europe network organization responsible for education, EURACT participates actively in Wonca Europe and World meetings through workshops, lectures and papers relevant to GP teachers. At the latest Wonca Europe Conference in Vienna, Austria (July 2012), EURACT participated through six workshops (three jointly organized with other Wonca Europe networks), two presentations and one poster as follows:

Workshops

- Framework for developing teaching expertise (Allen, et al.).
- Is there a need for harmonizing the requirements of recertification of general practitioners in Europe? (Kalda, et al.).
- The challenge of teaching expert teachers in family medicine (Švab, et al.).
- Developing an international core curriculum or global standards in family medicine education—

how and why? Joint EURACT/Vasco da Gama Movement workshop (Burman, Maagaard, van Leeuwen).

- How do we teach students, trainees and trainers on preventive activities in family medicine? Joint EURACT/EUROPREV workshop (Bulc, Kersnik, et al.).
- What can a GP practice attachment offer to a medical student? Advantages of a placement in a rural practice. Joint EURACT/EURIPA workshop (Lopez-Abuin, Kersnik, et al.).

Presentations and poster

- Survey of criteria for selection/maintenance of specialty trainers in family medicine & general practice in European healthcare systems. Results of a study of EURACT member states (O'Shea, Svavarsdottir).

- What are European GP/FM teachers' educational needs? (Maagaard, et al.).
- Continuing educational development of trainers in general practice in Europe [poster] (Windak, et al.).

JOIN EURACT!

All family doctors active in teaching general practice in the Wonca European region may apply for membership of the Academy. Applications should be made primarily to the national representative of the applicant's country. More details may be obtained from <http://www.euract.eu/membership> at the EURACT website: <http://www.euract.eu>.

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