

The Euro-exchange scheme for junior doctors of EFIM

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The Euro-exchange Scheme

**since 1977 Prof van Ypersele, University Hospital St Luc
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junior doctors exchanging

- to gain first hand experience of the practice of general internal medicine in another country**
- to develop critical knowledge of other health care systems**
- to develop research interests**
- to help institution to look afresh at aspects of their own practice**

The Euro-exchange scheme

19 centers, from 12 countries have made exchanges since 1977

- **200 junior doctors have exchanged**
- **many difficulties, but positive comments**

Main difficulties: language, salaries, begin of rotations, social securities, administrative hurdles

The Euro-exchange scheme

has benefited for 20 years from educative grants from the EU (educative grants have been cancelled in recent years)

has been integrated into EFIM in 2002 (Madrid)

has the support of the Royal College of Physicians (London)

Today's problems of the Euro-exchange scheme

- Administrative and national hurdles have not diminished**
- The financial support is very limited (not a research project)**
- The developments of internal medicine is not identical in European countries (training programs)**
- The cultural environment of junior doctors has changed over the last 30 years**

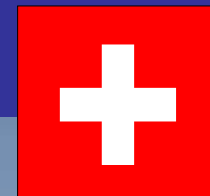
Proposed action:

- To renew the alliance of Heads of Department of Internal Medicine - *new generation*

-To encourage junior doctors to have experience abroad and fight administrative hurdles - *using our National Societies for Internal Medicine*

-To find new financial support (*Industry, National Societies, etc.*)

And beside medicine, the pleasures of
another country



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