From the President’s blog…

One night in Bangkok by Murray Head has always been one of my favourite songs and I was reminded of this song recently after our ministers of finance spent a night in Brussels and came out with a possibility to save the Euro. The discussions that they had in this night probably resembled a game of chess in many ways. I see many parallels with recent EFIM developments, although the atmosphere within EFIM is far more upbeat. Where all trust between the ministers of finance has evaporated, in EFIM, we agree on most issues.

Since the end of 2014 we have opened our own office in Brussels with Aneta as head. This has led to an enormous increase in the services that we can provide to our members. Furthermore, it will enable us to create more liaisons with other international societies who for the most part are also based in Brussels (UEMS, European Parliament, WHO, etc.). These are the first steps that will enable us to grow and to increase the importance of Internal Medicine in Europe.

There are, however, also some parallels with the financial discussions in Europe. In EFIM, we also have to discuss about money. With the current support of the national societies, we cannot run our office. In the past EFIM used to rely partly on contributions from the congress, but it has been proven in recent years that these contributions are not reliable. And, philosophically, we should be able to run our office without support from the pharmaceutical industry. At the recent meeting of the presidents of the national societies this issue was discussed in a very constructive manner and we will make a decision together in Moscow in October. At the same meeting we had presentations and exchange of ideas about the hospital of the future and the new European curriculum in Internal Medicine. It warmed my heart to see so many people having constructive discussions. You will find more information about these subjects in the newsletter.

In the end of this blog, I want to return to the chess table and try to make sure that no pieces fall off. We have reached out to our Greek colleagues to get more information about the status of Internal Medicine in their country. You will probably hear about that shortly.

I hope to meet many of you in the congress in Moscow and next year at other EFIM meetings and the European Congress in Internal Medicine in Amsterdam, Sept 2 &3, 2016.
Dear Colleagues!

It’s a great pleasure and honour for us to invite all professionals and young internists to the 14-th European Congress of Internal Medicine (ECIM). It will take place in Moscow, Russia, October 14-16, 2015. ECIM-2015 is a scientific Congress during which a lot of new research is being presented and discussed among scientists and practitioners from all Europe and many other countries of the World. We are delighted to welcome you to Moscow, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

The Russian Scientific Medical Society of Internal Medicine (RSMSIM) was established more than 100 years ago to bring together leading national experts in the field of internal medicine. Since foundation, the Society of Internal Medicine considers that its main purpose is the continuous professional education of medical practitioners in our country. You must admit that this problem is not easy to be solved. Internal medicine is a huge, almost infinite information field. It is really hard, especially for our young colleagues, to be aware of all important and new achievements concerning this topic. That’s why we are always striving to help them.

We will do our best to make the program of the Congress be interesting, and first of all, useful for all professionals in the field of internal medicine. There are some scheduled reports on a wide range of issues with which you might face in their clinical practice. We are planning an exciting Congress that is not to be missed and hope that you will make definitive plans to participate it. Your contribution is important for us, and all submissions are handled via our homepage.

We are looking forward to meet you in Moscow. Hope we will have an unforgettable Congress in 2015 all together, and we are eager to meet you in the wonderful city of Moscow!

Anatoly Martynov - President RSMSIM

Dobro pozhalovat’! Welcome!
ESCIM – Moscow: Further Information

Register NOW and benefit from the early bird registration fee until 15 August 2015.

All the activities of the scientific program of the Congress are included fully in the registration fee. The ECIM Committee has compiled a highly interesting scientific programme for this year’s conference; please visit our congress website to see all the details. The ECIM 2015 is an ideal opportunity to combine continuing education and networking with colleagues from all over Europe with a visit to Moscow.

We look forward to your active participation in making this special event a success!

Important Information – Tourist visa: Visa service support for Tourist visa is free of charge.
Tourist visa – including Voucher and Foreign Tourist Reception Confirmation – provided by Reisebuero WELT Company.
The Reisebuero WELT Company will send to you the visa support documents if booking a room through them.

To obtain visa support for a Tourist visa a legible photocopy of your passport should be provided to Julia Tishkova (coordinator of the event) at tjn@msk.welt.ru.


EFIM AC and General Assembly: Registration

The EFIM Administrative Council Meeting and General Assembly will take place on Wednesday 14 October at the Aquarium hotel that is adjacent to the Crocus Expo International Exhibition Center in Moscow. The meeting will take place during the 14th European Congress of Internal Medicine hosted by the Russian Scientific Medical Society of Internal Medicine (RSMSIM).

Download the Announcement flyer

PLEASE REGISTER NOW: - EFIM GA - Moscow 2015

We are looking forward to meeting with you in Moscow.
EFIM Administrative Meeting: Brussels Day

EFIM held its 1st EFIM Day meeting on 19 June, gathering 38 EFIM Presidents and Board Members from 20 members' societies in Brussels. The participants took active part in the meeting programme that consisted of presentations that will shape the future of EFIM.

Frank Bosch, the EFIM President, introduced EFIM 1st Annual Report and presented the highlights of the 2014 projects. There was a stimulating discussion held regarding the new EFIM membership structure, given by EFIM Treasurer, Antonio Martins Baptista. Valentin Kokorin presented the progress on preparations for the upcoming congress in Moscow, inviting all the participants to register, promote the congress and share this information on their societies' websites, while Mark Kramer announced a new model of EFIM future congresses and presented Amsterdam as the 2016 destination. Connecting the patient is the theme of the EFIM 2016 congress that will be organized by EFIM entirely.

Dr. Mark Temple and Prof. Jane Dacre gave a long awaited presentation of “Hospital of the Future” from the RCP UK. Mark gave a comprehensive overview on the new model of care and hospital services that provided the participants with an opportunity to share the experiences from their hospitals and take part in stimulating discussion. Runolfur Palsson, EFIM President-Elect, gave an update on the European Board of Internal Medicine Curriculum Project, which resulted in a lively discussion, including exchange of views on the Length of training for Internists in Europe.

The EFIM Day concluded with a cocktail at the auditorium foyer where the participants could network further and share their ideas. Frank welcomed all the attendees to the next EFIM Day meeting in Brussels and the General Assembly in Moscow and invited them to send their feedback and suggestions on future topics for such meetings.

For more Information please see: http://www.efim.org/events/efim-day/efim-day
European School of Internal Medicine: Sardinia

Another excellent European Summer School of Internal Medicine has taken place in Costa Rei, Sardinia. It was yet another summer intensive course of internal medicine, combined with a strong facilitation for empowering young internists in their careers and enabling networking, pan-european experience exchange and debates that shape the future of our specialty. The Italian Society of Internal Medicine (SIMI) has once more organized and carried out an outstanding event, with a fine melange of an excellent scientific program, humor and team spirit. The compassion of the participating professors met the inquisitiveness of the residents. Efficient lectures, workshops and group discussions reached everyone despite heterogeneous educational backgrounds and professional levels. The enthusiasm of all parties was tactile and very inspiring.

The great success of this year ESIM under the lead of Prof. Nicola Montano was thanks to the organizing team who intensively prepared the scientific program, and coordinated the smooth process at the venue. EFIM was represented by Dr. Frank Bosch and Dr. Ewelina Biskup. Members of the Italian Young Internists group (GIS) were a crucial part of the team: Dr. Lorenzo Falsetti, prof. Valeria Raparelli and Dr. Alberto M. Marra. The entire team showed a tremendous passion for the entire course, being alert and involved, committed to a correct and pleasant flow of the course. The program was carefully prepared and offered the participants a variety of topics. Excellent lectures were hold by leading specialists. Topics were reaching from universal subjects like acid-base disturbances (Prof. Gans), anemia diagnostics (Prof. Cappellini), syncope (Prof. Costantino, Prof. Montano) and sepsis (Prof. Coen), to rare diseases (Prof. Dagna) and acute sickle cell crisis (Prof. Capellini). One of the main themes was medical errors. It has been elaborated in frontal lectures “To err is human” (Prof. Akalin-former ESIM director), “Diagnostic errors in acute medicine” (Dr. Bosch), “Errors as health system failures” (Prof. Gans), “Errors in guidelines” but also in various workshops and a provocatively honest interview with Dr. Bosch. Additional highlights were provided – Meet the Expert sessions and Pro- Cons debates lead by the founders of our current knowledge on anticoagulation: Prof. Agnelli and Prof. Pujol, and Morbidity and Mortality sessions. Last but not least, clinical case presentations of each of the countries were a daily pearl of the program.

Yet another Summer School reflected the beauty and creativity enforced by EFIM. This international, interactive and truly inspiring event was enriched by tremendous efforts and academic excellence of the teachers. For more information and pictures see here: [http://www.esim2015summer.org](http://www.esim2015summer.org)  

Ewelina Biskup

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Journal of Case Reports in Internal Medicine

European Journal of Case Reports in Internal Medicine welcomes manuscripts describing unusual and complex clinical cases, case series, novel manifestations of a specific pathology, examples of the impact of technology on internal medicine practice, and so forth.

A submission and publication fee totaling 100 Euros is required, the lowest among open access journals. Editors are committed to fast peer-review times in order to grant quick publication of meritorious papers. The first articles have begun appearing online in January 2014. To date 41 manuscripts have been received and 9 articles have been published at [www.ejcrim.com](http://www.ejcrim.com). Indexing by Google Scholar is underway and further coverage by major indexing institutes will commence as soon as a sufficient number of articles are published. EJCRIM is grateful to all authors whose contributions add further experience to the daily clinical practice of European internists.
We are getting excited about the Moscow congress – it is shaping up to be a great meeting in a different and, for many of us, exotic location! We have prepared an educational and interactive programme for the Young Internists day on 16th October, including our popular clinical gymnasium, a debate and fantastic lectures. The programme of the main congress also has a lot to offer for physicians in training, with many educational sessions, workshops and updates. Remember to register for the congress before 15th Augusts to take advantage of the early bird fee of 100 Euros for Young Internists – and we would encourage all national EFIM member societies to support their younger members who are keen to participate.

In addition to the Young Internists Day and our contributions to the main congress programme, we will hold a Young Internists Assembly meeting in Moscow, just before the EFIM administrative council meeting. We have great new projects and ideas to work on, subcommittee positions will be up for election and of course there will be a social programme as well to make the most of Moscow.

Please visit our website at www.younginternists.efim.org for more information and keep an eye on our Facebook group page https://www.facebook.com/groups/158107447541885/

Looking forward to seeing you in Moscow in October!
Frauke Weidanz
EFIM Young Internists Chair

Host selection for the ESIM 2017 / 2018 summer school

EFIM invites expressions of interest from national societies who would like to host the European School of Internal Medicine in the summer of 2017 – 2018. ESIM Summer is usually organised in June. The last two summer schools were held in Sardinia hosted by the Italian Society of Internal Medicine. The schools carried out an outstanding event, with an excellent scientific program, humour and team spirit under the lead of Prof. Nicola Montano.

National Societies wishing to host ESIM should submit their applications to EFIM Secretariat on info@efim.org or aneta.trajkovska@efim.org

Save the Date!

ECIM 2015
14th – 16th October 2015
European Congress of Internal Medicine - Moscow

EFIM Day
11th March 2016
ESIM welcomes you to Brussels for the 2nd EFIM Day

ECIM 2016
1st – 3rd September 2016
European Congress of Internal Medicine - Amsterdam

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