EFIM Young Internists Assembly meeting, Ayia Napa, March 2015

I attended the European Young Internists meeting in Cyprus last week on behalf of the RCP. The Young Internists group continues to grow and now forms an essential part of the European Federation of Internal Medicine. It is a group of very active young physicians who share the vision of Internal Medicine with a stronger specialty identity and better training.

We welcomed new members from the Netherlands, Belgium and Cyprus but sadly had to say good-bye to Lenka Bosanska who stepped down after serving the group as Past Chair. Xavier Roux from France is also leaving the group and Carla Araujo from Portugal completed her term as Chair but will continue to support the group as Past Chair. I was elected as the new Chair, Ieva Ruza (Latvia) will be the new Secretary and Mikko Parry (Finland) was elected as a new subcommittee officer.

We look back to the first European School of Internal Medicine organised recently by a member of the Young Internists assembly, and it was fantastic to see another group of Internal Medicine trainees from across Europe learn together and from each other. The RCP sponsored one registrar to attend and the feedback from all participants of the school has been very positive.

Other projects of the Young Internists group include publishing information about the structure of Internal Medicine training in different European countries as well as tips for those hoping to work abroad. The study comparing End-of-Life decision-making in different European countries is about to launch and ideas for a ‘flash mob’ research project are hotly debated.

Plans for the Young Internists Day at the congress in October is progressing well and with the fantastic value registration fee of 100 Euros for physicians in training, we hope to see many Young Internists in Moscow!

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