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20th – 23rd October, 2005

Tartu - ESTONIA

RESEARCH ON DIABETES IN GENERAL PRACTICE

THEME PAPERS

FREE-STANDING PAPERS

POSTERS

ONE SLIDE-FIVE MINUTES PRESENTATIONS

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Call for Papers and first announcement

Place: Assembly Hall of the University of Tartu
Ülikooli 18
50090 Tartu-Estonia
Website: <http://www.kylalisele.ut.ee/museums/assemblyhall>

“RESEARCH ON DIABETES IN GENERAL PRACTICE”.

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is the honour and pleasure of the Estonian Society of Family Doctors and the Department of Polyclinic and Family Medicine of the University of Tartu to welcome you at the European General Practice Research Network congress in Tartu, Estonia. The theme of the meeting is “Research on Diabetes in Primary Care”. Type 2 diabetes has attained proportions of the epidemic in Europe. Primary care providers are increasingly responsible for diabetes prevention and management as well as patient education. The importance of improvement of quality of care for people with diabetes mellitus within the primary health care setting preserves actuality. Emphasis should be placed on incorporating evidence based medicine into daily practice by promoting research in primary care.

The aim of the meeting is to stimulate general practice research by engaging new as well as experienced researchers from whole Europe. You are encouraged to exchange theory, methods and results of research with your colleagues, to share your successes and, even more important, your questions, problems and failures in a friendly and fruitful atmosphere as EGPRN meetings are used to have. Pre-conference workshops, led by experts, are aimed to learn more about specific methodological issues.

Tartu is the second largest city of Estonia and one of the oldest university towns in Europe. The University of Tartu was established by King Gustav II Adolph of Sweden in 1632. For centuries, the University has contributed to the transformation of our town into an internationally recognised centre for the exchange of knowledge hosting researchers and students from many countries of the world. Contemporary Tartu unites the spirit of academic peace and rapid development since the regaining of Estonia's independence in 1992 and becoming a new EU member state in 2004.

We are looking forward to meet you in Tartu!

Marje Oona
National Representative EGPRN-Estonia.

PROVISIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME AND TIMETABLE

Thursday 20th October, 2005

Location : Conference Centre Atlantis, Narva mnt 2

- 09.30 – 10.00 : Welcome and Coffee for Executive Board EGPRN
10.00 - 12.30 : Executive Board Meeting (**only for the Executive Board of the EGPRN**)
12.30 – 13.30 : Lunch
13.30 – 16.45 : Pre-conference Workshops (€ 25 each).
2 Parallel workshops: *“Defining questions and choosing methods and techniques for qualitative research”* and *“Conference abstracts: how to write a good abstract?”*
17.00 – 19.00 : Council Meeting with the National Representatives (**only for EGPRN-Council**)
20.00 - : *Welcome reception for all participants of this meeting who are present in Tartu at this time*
Location: Tartu University Museum of History, Lossi 25

Friday 21st October, 2005

Location : Assembly Hall of the University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18

- 08.00 - 08.30 : Registration
08.30 - 08.45 : Opening of the Meeting by the EGPRN Chairperson
08.45 - 09.25 : Key Note Lectures
09.25 - 18.00 : Theme Papers
Freestanding Papers
18.15 - 20.00 : Practice Visits to local health centres.
Meetingpoint: Main hall of the University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18, Tartu.

Saturday 22nd October, 2005

Location : Assembly Hall of the University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18

- 08.30 – 09.10 : Key Note Lecturers
09.10 - 17.50 : Freestanding Papers and/or Theme Papers
Posters
One-slide/Five minutes Presentations
17.50 - 18.00 : Closing of the scientific part by the chairman

Sunday 23rd October, 2005

Location : Dept of Polyclinic and Family Medicine, Puusepa 1a

- 09.30 – 11.00 : 2nd Meeting of the EGPRN Executive Board
11.00 – 12.00 : Meeting of the EGPRN Special Committees and Working Groups

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: “Defining questions and choosing methods and techniques for qualitative research”

Qualitative research methodology is becoming increasingly popular in primary health care research. The decision about an appropriate qualitative research method starts with defining a clear research question that will guide the researcher to choosing valid data collection and analysis techniques. During the workshop, participants will learn to make these choices for qualitative methodology, starting from their research theme and question, on the basis of common pitfalls and typical examples. Participants are encouraged to bring in their own research questions or projects.

Target group/ level: Medium- Maximum capacity: 20 participants. Fee 25 Euro.

Workshop 2: “Conference abstracts: how to write a good abstract?”

Conference abstracts: how to write a good abstract.

This interactive workshop will examine the importance of writing a clear structured abstract and improve your chances of having the abstract accepted:

- * how to get the key messages across clearly,
- * how to present data
- * how to make it interesting to reviewers.

The criteria by which abstracts are judged will be discussed. There will be some exercises in writing and judging abstracts. We will be very happy for participants to bring with them examples of their own abstracts whether accepted or rejected.

Target group/level: Researchers in primary care/low-medium

Maximum capacity : 20 participants. Fee 25 Euro

If you have suggestions and concrete proposals for pre-conference workshops during the next meetings, please do send them to the EGPRN Co-ordination Centre :

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- * **Thursday 20th : 19.30 h.: Welcome Reception at the Tartu University Museum of History.** Lossi 25, 51003 Tartu (phone +372-7-375-677).
- * **Friday 21st: 18.30-19.30 h.: Practice Visits** (to local health centres).
Meetingpoint: Main hall of the University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18, Tartu.
- * **Saturday 22nd: 20.00 h.: Social Night.**
Dinner and Dance in Atlantis Restaurant and Night Club, Narva mnt 2, Tartu.
Entrance Fee : Euro 35,= (all inclusive)

INFORMATION ABOUT COSTS AND HOTELS

There will be no congress-fee for paying members of the EGPRN.

We have to ask non-paying members to pay a fee of 50 euro's for this workshop (participants from Eastern European countries pay 20 euro's). Please pay on arrival at the registration desk of the workshop.

The workshop will be held at:

ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TARTU

Ülikooli 18, 50090 Tartu-Estonia

TRAVEL INFORMATION /AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

The closest international airport to Tartu is located in Tallinn, capital of Estonia. The distance between Tartu and Tallinn is 186 km. Direct flights to Tallinn are available from Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, London, Stockholm, Helsinki and several other cities in Europe. You can use the website of the Tallinn Airport to find out the most suitable flights to and from Tallinn (<http://www.tallinn-airport.ee/public/files/Suvine%20lennuplaan-eng.pdf>)

Travelling from the Tallinn Airport to Tartu

A special shuttle service will be provided by the organisers at the airport, taking the EGPRN conference participants from the Tallinn Airport to Tartu. One-way transfer from Tallinn to Tartu is included in the conference packages. Please mark your arrival date and time as well as flight number on the booking form.

It is also possible to travel from Tallinn to Tartu using public bus transportation. You can get to the Tallinn Bus Terminal by taxi as there is no public transportation either from Tallinn Airport to the Tallinn Bus Terminal or from the Tallinn Airport directly to Tartu. We recommend you to use conference shuttle service as public transportation buses may be full booked.

Travelling from Tartu to the Tallinn Airport

To return from Tartu to the Tallinn Airport, use of public bus transportation can be recommended, as on the route from Tartu to Tallinn buses stop just in front of the Tallinn Airport travellers terminal (unfortunately, they do not stop at the Tallinn Airport on the route from Tallinn to Tartu). Please do contact the EGPRN registration desk in Tartu for arrangement of bus tickets, or buy the bus ticket directly from the Tartu Bus Terminal, desirably at least one day before departure. Bus timetables can be found on the website <http://www.bussireisid.ee/index.html>. Taxi transfer from Tartu to the Tallinn Airport can also be arranged, please contact the EGPRN registration desk.

The Assembly Hall of the University of Tartu is located in the main building of the University of Tartu, in the city centre, and may be reached on foot from all conference hotels.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather in October is variable, with temperatures ranging from about 0 to 10°C in the daytime, and -5 to +5°C at night. Some rain or snow is possible – so take along good warm cloths! You can find weather forecast at <http://weather.ee/>.

WE ADVISE YOU TO STAY IN ONE OF THE HOTELS CLOSE TO WHERE THE MEETING WILL BE ORGANISED, AS MENTIONED BELOW. (Deadline for booking and payments 16 September 2005).

Please select a package with the suitable hotel.

Each package includes 3-night accommodation at the selected hotel, transfer from the Tallinn Airport to your pre-booked conference hotel in Tartu, welcome reception as well as conference lunches and coffee breaks on Friday, 21st of Oct and Saturday, 22nd of Oct. All hotels are at a walking distance from the conference site. Breakfast is included in the price, except for the Hostel Pepleri.

Booking of hotelpackages can be done electronically. You can find a link to the online booking on the EGPRN website www.egprn.org where there will be a link to <http://www.hermann.ee/46203> You can also access it directly. Upon completion of the online booking form, you will receive an e-mail with an invoice no later than the following working day. When the payment has been made, either by bank transfer or by credit card, you will get a confirmation of your hotelbooking by e-mail. If you prefer to book the packages by mail or fax, a [printable version](#) of the booking form is also available on this website.

The deadline for the bookings and payments is 16th Sept 2005. After 16th September the availability of hotel rooms is not guaranteed.

P.S. Registration to this meeting must be done with the EGPRN Coordination Centre in Maastricht. Please send in your application and/or presentation abstract form to: hanny.prick@hag.unimaas.nl

If you choose not to book any of the packages, extra charges for lunches/coffee breaks will apply.

HOTELPACKAGES:

1. **Hotel London****** (2 min walk to the conference site)
Rüütli 9, 51007 Tartu
<http://www.londonhotel.ee>
Prices: Package for 1 person: 283 €, extra night 71 €
Package for 2 persons (double room) 438 € extra night 100 €

2. **Hotel Barclay** (5 min walk to the conference site)
Ülikooli 8, 51003 Tartu
<http://www.barclay.ee/>
Prices: Package for 1 person: 283 € extra night 71 €
Package for 2 persons (double room) 429 €, extra night 97 €

3. **Hotel Pallas ***** (10 min walk to the conference site)
Riia 4, 51004 Tartu
<http://www.pallas.ee/?pageid=3>
Prices: Package for 1 person: 244 €, extra night 58 €
Package for 2 persons (double room) 364 €, extra night 75 €

4. **Park Hotel **** (10-15 min walk to the conference site)
Vallikraavi 23, 51003 Tartu
<http://www.parkhotell.ee/en/doc01.html>
Prices: Package for 1 person: 219 €, extra night 50 €
Package for 2 persons (double room) 343 €, extra night 68 €

5. **Hotel Tartu**** (10-15 min walk to the conference site)
Soola 3, 51013 Tartu
<http://www.tartuhotell.ee/?page=inx&lang=eng>
Prices: Package for 1 person (in single room): 203 €, extra night 45 €
Package for 1 person (double room for single use) 242 €, extra night 58€
Package for 2 persons (double room) 338 €, extra night 66 €

6. **Hostel Pepleri** (10-15 min walk to the conference site)
Pepleri 14, 51003 Tartu
Prices: Package for 1 person: 126 €, extra night 19 €
Package for 2 persons (double room) 260 €, extra night 37 €
Breakfast 35-55 EEK (2.25-3.51 €) per person per day

If you need help with travel arrangements, airport transfers, hotel bookings and social events, you can contact travel agency Hermann Travel Ltd,
address: Lossi 3, Tartu 51003, Estonia
Contact person: Triinu Joosep
Phone: (+372) 7301 448
Fax: (+372) 7301 441
E-mail: triinu.joosep@hermann.ee
Website: <http://www.hermann.ee/46203>

If you wish to attend the EGPRN meeting, please send the enclosed application form to:

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Additional information and on-line booking form for accommodation and social events you can find on: www.egprn.org and <http://www.egprn.org/tartabs.htm>

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A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M

Tartu (Estonia)

___ I would like to participate.

___ I would like to attend a *pre-conference workshop*:

- Qualitative Studies: how to define a research question and design the study, or
- Workshop for authors and rejected abstracts: “What was wrong, how can I improve it”

SPACE PROVIDED FOR :

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

INSTITUTE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

COUNTRY: _____

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FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____