



The Grapevine

Winter 2023



Dear Colleagues

2022 was very busy and passed really quickly as a result. We had three major conferences that EURIPA participated in, in Limerick, London and Sicily and there is more information in the next few pages of the *Grapevine*.

Already we are planning for 2023 and you will find more information on upcoming events in the later pages of the *Grapevine*. January started as 2022 ended and has been very busy with abstract submissions and deadlines from WONCA Europe for projects and awards.

It is also time to reflect on achievements and to think about what comes next in our work programme – we are following up a prioritisation exercise held in Sicily at our Forum and there is more information later on this edition of the *Grapevine*.

Meanwhile happy reading and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2023!

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Executive Secretary EURIPA

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11th EURIPA Rural Health Forum

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6th–8th October 2022

Catania, Sicily, Italy



What have we learnt in rural practice to prepare for the next crisis?
Changes in rural primary care from the pandemic

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Rosario Falanga, EURIPA's International Advisory Board Member from Italy, tells us that:

“To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is not to have seen Italy at all,
for Sicily is the clue to everything.” (Goethe)

And last year, we had the opportunity to visit Sicily to attend the Forum. The entire event was held in the centre of Catania at the Diocesan Museum of Catania, a singular and superb venue in Piazza del Duomo, next to the St. Agatha's Cathedral.

The programme included workshops, oral communications and posters, and, as usual a Rural Café. Practice visits were also organised. 112 delegates participated from 26 different countries.

Rather belatedly we need to thank all the Organising Committee and in particular Rosario Falanga, who was our local lead (although he doesn't live in Sicily any more), and Ferdinando Petrazzuoli, chair of the Scientific Board. As we had no local host organisation it was a lot of work and a huge achievement to host the Forum in Sicily.

The Abstract Book has been published in the journal *Advances in Clinical and Experimental Medicine* Special Edition 2022 (vol. 31)



<https://advances.umw.edu.pl/en/abstract-book-2022-euripa>

It was great to meet everyone again after all the remote conferencing and there was plenty of opportunity for networking and socialising. We are very privileged to hold our rural dinner with typical Sicilian dishes at the “Dimora De Mauro” a building from the beginning of the nineteenth century located in the baroque heart of the historical centre of Catania. A tour on Saturday afternoon, visited Syracuse and Ortigia, so that we could appreciate more of the history of Sicily.

EURIPA is grateful for the patronage of the University of Catania School of Medicine, the Municipality of Catania and the Giotto Movement (Association of young Italian family doctors).



You can see an excellent video of the Forum at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tPFz9Die53zNprCU8VXV_Ohora-e_fKD/view?usp=sharing

There was an exciting Scientific Programme and prizes were awarded for the 5 best posters and the best oral communication. Congratulations to all of them.

The five best posters:

Narcisuss – humane center for cancer patients and their families
Darinka Punosevac

The prevalence of microaggressions on LGBTQ+ families in Latvia and the impact in primary care from an European perspective
Maija Kozlovska

The efficiency of colorectal cancer screening in general practitioner office
Beata Blahova

A small village doctor uncovers truths
Raquel Gracia-Rodríguez

The Blue Book and the alliance project for the reform of Primary Care in Italy: a focus on rural setting
Rosario Falanga

Best oral communication:

AF-React study: Evidence of under and overtreatment in atrial fibrillation management
A real-world study in northern Portugal
Presented by Carlos Martins on behalf of the co-authors: Susana Silva Pinto, Andreia Teixeira, Teresa S. Henriques, Hugo Monteiro, Carlos Martins

The prizes are free registration at next year's **12th EURIPA Rural Health Forum** and we are pleased to announce that it will take place in Romania from **19th – 21st October 2023 at Călimănești-Căciulata**. It is a small town in southern Romania and we will be providing more information over the coming months. The title will be:

Rural Family Medicine – looking to the future

In July 2022, our young colleague, Berit Hansen from Denmark, sadly passed away after a long illness and the Sicily Forum was dedicated to her memory. Berit was our first official Liaison Officer from the European Young Family Doctors Movement. We miss her enthusiasm and joy for life. She brought dynamism and new ideas to EURIPA.



The award for the Best Oral Communication by a Young Doctor will be an annual award at our future Fora dedicated to her memory.

EURIPA also participated in two other major conferences in 2022.

19th World Rural health Conference, Limerick 17th – 20th May 2022

EURIPA had representatives on at the Council meeting for the WONCA Working party on Rural Practice and held three workshops during the conference:

- Mental Health Care in General Practice during COVID-19 era
- Rural Medical Education: objectives and barriers of teaching in rural practice
- Understanding social prescribing: what it can mean for you, your practice, your patients and building social capital in your rural community

The conference was face to face and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues again, and especially to meet those people whom we had only ever seen on-line! One of the downsides was that some of us succumbed to COVID – 19!

One of the outcomes of the conference was the publication of the Limerick Declaration. You can read it in full at:

<https://www.woncarhc2022.com/limerickdeclarationonruralhealthcare>

The Limerick conference was followed quickly by the **27th WONCA Europe, 28th June to 1st July, London.**

EURIPA facilitated two workshops:

- Developing the matrix – the journey to implementing Social Prescribing in your practice and community
- Vaccination policy and equity from a rural perspective.

Both workshops were successful and well attended and have had positive outcomes.

The work on vaccination was taken forward in a WONCA Europe webinar on 30th November (<https://www.woncaeurope.org/m/events/view/webinar-vaccination-in-adults-challenge-across-european-countries>).

The new WONCA Europe Special Interest Group on Social Prescribing will be taking forward the research agenda and the development of a tool to help with implementation of Social {prescribing in practice.

A new WONCA Europe Executive Board was elected in London. Third from the left is EURIPA's first representative on the Board: Ferdinando Petrazzuoli:



My Practice

'My Practice' is by Brian Norton who is EURIPA's IAB member from Ireland:

My Practice is located in the North-East of Southern Ireland, just 10 km from the border with Northern Ireland (which is part of the United Kingdom). We are equidistant to the capitals of Belfast in Northern Ireland and Dublin in Southern Ireland.

Also for me to travel to Limerick for Rural WONCA that would be 224 Km.

The small town of Ballybay is where our practice is located - population of 1200 patients but if you include the hinterland/ surrounding area, our practice population could add up to 5000 patients.



Ballybay

We also provide services to a 40-bed nursing home and a local meat processing factory.

Among our patient population there are large numbers of families who originated from Eastern Europe, who came to work in our local factories during the 1990s and have since settled here I work with two other full time GPs and one GP Trainee/Registrar.

We define full-time as a 4-day week attending to patients and then a limited no. of hours working from a regional out-of-hours service.



The practice

We define ourselves as 'rural' because there are limited services available for our patients such as physiotherapy, counselling services and access to Accident /Emergency and other such services. As a result, we need all the time to upskill our own services and now can provide minor surgical care, full range of joint injections, all the family planning services to include intra-uterine and long-term contraception .

We describe ourselves as 'rural' because of our location and the attitude we sense from newly qualified GPs that they do not wish to settle to live or practice in our particular Rural Practice. I am reaching retirement age and anxiously seeking a young GP who may wish to join our practice.

Our Government is actively pursuing a policy of transferring non-hospital medical services for our patients from secondary/hospital care to primary/GP care which will result in an increased workload for all GPs.

For this we will need added facilities/infrastructures, more trained medical staff and more G.P.s who wish to work in Rural Practice and see it as a long-term career choice.

Chronic Disease Management which has been well resourced and promoted now forms a considerable part of our daily workload.

The WONCA World Rural conference which was held in Limerick, Ireland last June explored and emphasised the need to promote Rural General Practice as a career choice for recently graduated GPs.

The **Limerick Declaration on Rural Health Care** has now been published in the International Journal of Rural and Remote Health:

Glynn L, Murphy AW, Scully R, Strasser R, Quinlan D, Cowley J, Hayes P, O'Donnell P, O'Regan A, Tuli S, Santana MA, Sparrow-Downes VM, Petrazzuoli F, Nowlan S, Collins C, Fogarty F, MacFarlane A, Wynn-Jones J, Chater AB.

It is part of Special Series: WONCA World Rural Health Conference Abstracts 2022
<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7905>

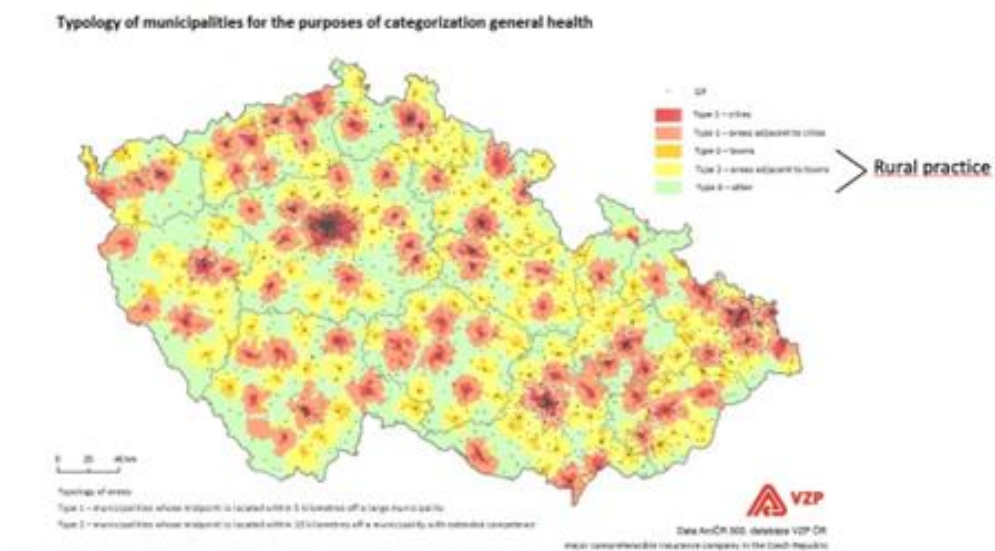
European Rural Health Networks

Rural Medicine in the Czech Republic

The first contact Dr. David Halata had with European rural medical representatives from EURIPA was during the WONCA EUROPE conference in Vienna in 2012. All the topics that were discussed seemed very familiar to him because of the fact that he is a GP who serves a rural area in the Moravian region. EURIPA inspired him and he started to have ideas about how to support rural medicine in the Czech Republic.



Dr. Jan Bělobrádek conducted a very helpful survey using data acquired from the biggest health insurance company in 2015 and found out that there was a great difference in practice performance in rural areas when compared to practices in bigger towns and cities which had hospitals. Dr. Bělobrádek made a map showing different types of municipalities according to the available data.



Before the survey there was a general assumption that the performance of all GP practices in the Czech Republic were more or less the same. But the survey dispelled this view, it showed that GPs in rural areas investigate more, prescribe less and refer less patients to secondary care.

Since then, rurality has become an issue and Dr. David Halata has put his effort into the Working Group on Rural Practice that was set up as a part of the Czech GP Society.

The core members of the Working Group are in the picture from November 2016, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic.



The definition of municipalities by Dr. Bělobrádek and the setting up of the Working Group by Dr. Halata was presented via a poster at the WONCA Europe conference in Prague in 2017. It is a great honour for Czech GPs to be a part of and supported by EURIPA.

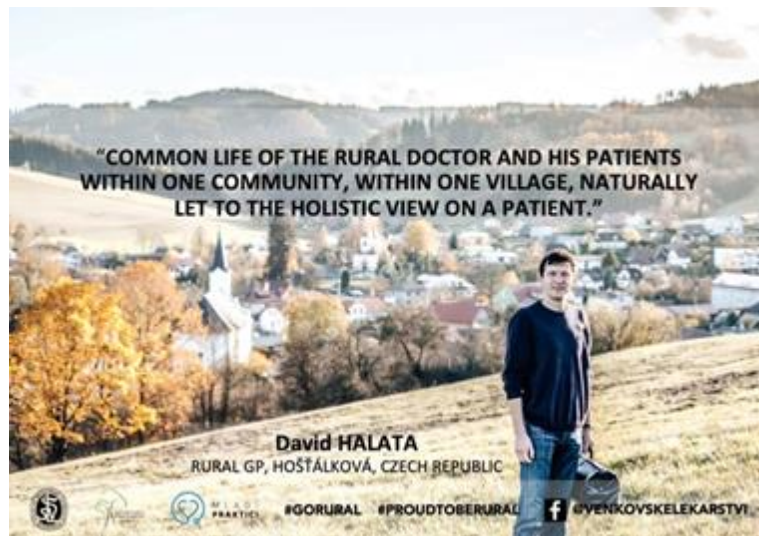
On the national level a 3rd Edition of the Czech book of General Practice was published in 2019 and consists of a rural medicine chapter which was the work of our team.

With the emerging lack of young rural doctors across Europe as well as in the Czech Republic the Working Group together with the Czech young GPs' organisation asked a question, what are actually the main motivating factors for young doctors to work in rural areas? We have found out that the most motivating factors are not particularly connected with the medical field but are more connected with the general quality of life in rural areas that will be supported by national and local authorities. Knowing these results, we started to discuss with the Ministry of Health possible incentives for rural medicine and there are some particular projects that support newly set up practices in rural regions.

Steps towards primary care reform were also made in 2019 and we are very happy that rural medicine has been taken into account in many points of the reform agenda.

In order to support the influx of newly qualified doctors into general and especially rural medicine we started GO RURAL, a pilot project in three main practices in Moravia, southern and eastern Bohemia and nowadays welcome medical students and young doctors to spend some time in rural GP practices. A promotional film to showcase rural medicine and the GO RURAL pilot project was created with the support of Czech GP Society, it was also shown at the WONCA conference in Bratislava in 2019. The goal remains the same - to attract young people to visit rural practices. The WHO Regional Officer for Europe Margrieta Langins, who we met at the Ministry of Health meeting on healthcare workforce was impressed by the project as it fits with the WHO rural primary health policy and workforce recruitment and retaining strategy.





We are also quite active on social media; our main platform is Facebook. Dr. David Halata was invited to take part in radio, television and newspaper interviews to promote rurality in Czech society. His new goal is to implement POCUS - point of care ultrasound in Primary care in the Czech Republic.

There are many goals for the rural medicine team in the future. The most important is to recruit more young doctors to work in rural areas and set up a rural curriculum at medical faculties and in specialisation training.

We would like to focus on medical students and young doctors as well as on teachers in rural general medicine and to support research. We want to deliver quality, accessible and efficient health care for people regardless of living area. Educated and experienced health care professionals in rural areas are the main condition in terms of delivering accessible, efficient and quality health care according to the individual patients' needs in communities.



Dr. Kateřina Javorská

Dr. David Halata

Working Group on Rural Practice within the Czech GP Society

Swedish Society of Rural Medicine Annual Rural Medicine conference

Our member of the International Advisory Board from Sweden, **Anna Falk**, is also chair of the Swedish Society of Rural Medicine has sent some information about their annual Swedish Rural medicine conference. The conference will take place in Malung, in the middle of rural Sweden.

The first national conference in rural medicine was held in 2001 in Åsele. The following year, the Swedish Association for Rural Medicine was formed at the second conference held in Öregrund. Since then, annual conferences have been held in rural medicine. The conferences are regularly visited by international visitors from, among others, Australia, Great Britain, the USA (Alaska), Norway and Canada. Since 2018, an ST day in rural medicine has also been held in connection with the conference.

The main conference will begin on Thursday May 25th but it begins on Wednesday 24th with a day long short course for the ST doctors: **Wilderness Medicine**

The programme on 25th May includes:

How can Rural Medicine lead the reassignment towards good and close care that's taking place in Sweden? Moderator Peter Berggren, Storumans sjukstuga, GP, one of the founders of the Society for Rural Medicine in Sweden and the Centre for Rural Medicine in Storuman, Southern Lapland

A panel of invited decision makers, politicians and officials from different regions have a short speech each, concluding with answering the question "How can I in my work contribute to an active rural medicine?" Common discussion

Scientific reports Moderator **Lina Ärlebrant** PhD student Dep of epidemiology and global health, Umeå Universitet, project coordinator, Glesbygdsmedicinskt Centrum

SIPE Swimming caused pulmonary oedema – emergency care and research at Vansbroswimming - Maria Hårdstedt- specialist internal medicine, ST-Familymedicine Vansbro Vårdcentral Post doc CKF Region Dalarna

Digiphysical promotion of health – promoting patients physical activity through remote contact Catharina Gustavsson, associate professor, senior researcher Centre for clinical research Region Dalarna.

Experiences and attitudes towards physical activity among physically active persons diagnosed with colon cancer – an interview study from three northern regions. **David Renman**- ST-doctor Surgeons clinic Sundsvall, PhDstudent department of surgical and perioperative research Umeå Universitet.

After lunch there is a focus on mental health:

Psychiatry in rural areas

Care coordination mental health – depression nurses in primary care and remote consultation of psychiatrist - Henric Jansson-, psychiatrist Tiskens Vårdcentral, development strategist Division Psykiatri

Preventing suicide – cooperation between municipality and health care - Vansbro kommun – **Henric Jansson**

Day 1 concludes with a **Presentation of Assessment unit** - primary care and ambulance working together in the rural area. There will be an opportunity to step into an ambulance car

Day 2 on 26th includes the Annual meeting of the Swedish Society of Rural Medicine.

Diplomas to new specialists will also be awarded.

Day 2 includes

Andrology in primary care Katarina Link- specialist in andrology, internal medicine and endocrinology , Vansbro Vårdcentral

Case based workshops in form of conversation around a number of tables about questions in rural medicine.

- *Discussion about questions and experiences of themes from program day 1 and 2*

-*Emergency care in rural areas*

- *How do we influence and impact society, politicians and other decision makers to meet the reassignment towards "God och nära vård" (good and close care, a government investigation that turned into a state edict for the regions to work in a direction of better providing health care to all people in Sweden)*

- *How is it going on with the state edict about fixed doctors contact, are thhte regions counting and planning for it also in rural areas?*

The afternoon offers conference participants the opportunity for in depth discussion with conversation leaders: Annika Björk Dals Ed, Sofia Åhman Arvidsjaur , Anna Westman, Hammarstrand, Martin Annsberg Sälen och Emergency care clinic Sundsvall, Anna Falk Ånge

News s from EURIPA

A Blueprint for Rural Practice in Europe

Last year was a busy year for EURIPA, not only with the events, but EURIPA also published the Blueprint for Rural Practice.

In 1997, when EURIPA was formally established, a Charter for Rural Practice was published. 25 years on it seemed timely to update the document and a EURIPA working group, with input from international reviewers develop the Blueprint. It was well received by WONCA Europe Council. It is available on the web site at

<https://euripa.woncaeurope.org/sites/euripa/files/documents/EURIPA%20Blueprint%20%20for%20Rural%20Practice%20.pdf>

Over the 25 years much has changed and the context in which everyone is working is certainly different. The Blueprint includes sections on:

- Introduction
- The Nature of Rural General Practice / Family Medicine
- Rural Health Workforce
- Social Care
- Digital Healthcare
- Emergency services and retrieval
- Resource Allocation
- Promotion of Research and Academic links
- Advocacy for Rural Practice
- Planetary Health
- Future Challenges for Rural Health Care

And under each section there are subsections and key messages, which are summarised in the Executive Summary. The Blueprint is informing EURIPA's future work programme.

During the Sicily Forum the EURIPA Executive Committee and International Advisory Board had a working meeting to develop future research priorities. Many delegates were in Sicily but there was also an opportunity to join on-line. The previous research prioritisation in Crete in 2017 led to the initiative on Social Prescribing and work on vaccination, with workshops on both topics being held at the WONCA Europe conference in London 2022.

Rural healthcare workforce

One of the outcomes of the recent prioritisation will be a piece of work on the rural medical workforce as recruitment and retention issues remain obstacles to establishing a fully staffed, stable and sustainable rural healthcare workforce.

A first step will be a survey on the Rural Workforce across Europe, which will take place this coming spring and will be circulated as widely as possible. It will aim to find out what is happening across Europe to develop rural pathways. EURIPA believes that Rural health pathways should encompass a lifelong approach to career development, beginning with school students exploring their choices in health care through higher education and further training.

It is planned to present the information gained from the survey to inform workshops at conferences later this year.

Look out for the survey in your in box!

News from WONCA Europe

On the WONCA Europe web site at <https://www.woncaeurope.org/news> you will find a lot of current information. The call for Special Project Funding and a call for nominations for the 5* Doctor Award 2023 both closed on 31st January 2023. We will update you on our applications later in the year! The January update of the WONCA Europe Executive Board meeting is also available on their web site.

The **EUROPREV 2023** e-learning programme is beginning with the first session on 18th January 2023. The full list is below with instructions on how to join. You can also find out more at: (<https://europrev.eu/webinars-registration/>).

This is a FREE medical education activity. They aim to debate interesting topics related to preventive medicine from a very practical perspective. During the webinars, participants will be able to participate and share their comments or questions through the chat platform.

For colleagues attending the 4 Modules, a Certificate of Attendance corresponding to a 6-hour training activity will be issued. For that purpose, our colleagues may sign up here for the EUROPREV e-learning webinars: <https://europrev.eu/webinars-registration/>

2023 EUROPREV e-learning webinars

Module 1 – 18th January 2023 | 21h00 (Central European Time)

A new EU approach on cancer detection – screening more

The new EU Commission proposal and the risk of overdiagnosis

Soon we all be patients?

Speakers: Carlos Martins and John Brodersen

Module 2 – 15th February 2023 | 21h00 (Central European Time)

Simplified lipid guidelines

Clinical vignettes

Clinical practice guidelines' big problems

Speakers: James McCormack and Michael Allan

Module 3 – 15th March 2023 | 21h00 (Central European Time)

Behaviour change in small steps

From small steps to long lasting habits

Clinical vignettes

Speakers: Robert Kelly and Andree Rochfort

EQUIP & EUROPREV webinar

Module 4 – 17th May 2023 | 21h00 (Central European Time)

Deprescription strategies

How to deprescribe a benzodiazepine

Strategies to deprescribe in elderly polymedicated patients

Speakers: Barbara Farrell and Lisa McCarthy

Save the Dates!

The European Young Family Doctors' Movement (EYFDM)

Bursaries

The WONCA Europe Brussels HOC and European Young Family Doctors' Movement have joined forces to financially support young family physicians across the region and bring them closer to the international community of general practitioners by offering bursaries to the WONCA Europe conference in Brussels this coming June.

There are two bursaries thresholds: 1000 € and 400 €. The final amount of the bursary given to the applicant will be decided by the Jury.

Full details are on the WONCA Europe web site:

<https://www.woncaeurope.org/news/view/apply-for-bursaries-by-20-march-2023>

Deadline for application is 20th of March 2023.

And from one of EURIPA colleague's in Spain, **Elena Klusova**, an update on **the WONCA SIG on Emergency Medicine** – a topic close to many rural doctors' hearts!

WONCA SIG on EMERGENCY MEDICINE

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The WONCA Emergency Special Interest Group is experiencing a new stage in its history. The group had been created quite recently, during WONCA 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, and the fact that it evolves without fear of innovation and big changes is proof of how alive and throbbing this group is.

After the start of the group under the command of dr. Victor Ng (Canada), since the last 23rd Abu Dhabi WONCA congress, the group is moving forward by leaps and bounds with its new coordinator dr. Elena Klusova (Spain).

The electoral programme of the new coordinator contained 10 points of development proposal.

- Recruitment: Recruiting members for the group will have to remain one of the main goals of our group. Grow, it could be our new motto and let's start there.

- Training. We would like to think of developing a training project within the SIG, using different methodologies (virtual classroom, face-to-face clinical simulation workshops and podcasts) to support CME. Credits for the participants, which will make it more attractive.

A business model can be discussed, in case a symbolic fee is convenient to cover the contribution of teachers and potentially generate some benefits that can be used for future funds.

- Statutes: As one of the objectives of WONCA, we will try to continue developing a good structure for our group by creating our own policies (until now Bylaws do not exist), relying on the experience of other SIGs and WWPPs of WONCA Europe and the world.

- Conferences, congresses and scientific events. Historically, it is our strongest point, the activity that the participants like the most. Based on international brainstorming, we will develop a database of all ideas and potential team leaders and track down the best proposals for topics to present, paying special attention to the development of novel teaching/learning models based on games and clinical simulation.

- ER Exchanges: Since the Vasco da Gama movement we have developed enormous experience in organizing low-cost international professional events and professional exchanges. We hope that the remission of the pandemic will finally allow us to develop this ambitious project.

- Research. It is a necessary challenge, which, we should begin to address in this coming term. We have a solid framework already to develop research projects, not only based on the ER, but including the relationship with PC in the joint approach of several situations. And do it jointly with other Networks, SIGs and WPs.

- Publications. We could start focusing on developing a stepwise approach to our projects (i.e. training online initiatives, research, etc) where the dissemination strategy includes not only communications to congresses but also open access publications, statements and/or white papers.

- Scholarships / Financing analyzing the potential calls for available resources to subsidize projects, as other SIGs and WPs are doing (we have an excellent example of WONCA SIGFV's IMOCFAV).

If you are interested in getting involved please contact the SIG from the WONCA web site:

<https://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/groups/SpecialInterestGroups/Emergency1.aspx>

News from Rural WONCA

The WONCA Working party on Rural Practice (WWPRP) has produced a Rural Calendar for 2023. You can find it at: <https://www.woncaeurope.org/news/view/rural-wonca-calendar-2023>

Many thanks to Pratyush Kumar.

And, don't forget, on the WWPRP web pages (<https://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/groups/WorkingParties/RuralPractice.aspx>)

you can find a database of the Rural Miscellany, the Rural Medical Education Guidebook and a huge resource at www.woncarural.org

Call for Papers

The Journal for Integrated Care (JICA) has announced a new **Call for Papers on**

planning, commissioning, delivering and evaluating people centred integrated care in rural, remote, or island communities:

<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/calls-for-papers/integrated-care-rural-remote-or-island-communities>

To date there has been little focus in the integrated care literature on the specific challenges and emerging solutions for delivering integrated care and population health in these settings. A special issue of the Journal of Integrated Care will highlight examples of innovation from across the globe and present insights on models of governance, regulation and workforce development that build community resilience, enable transformational change and strengthen remote, rural or island systems.

You are invited to submit a research paper, viewpoint, case study or review on a wide range of topics that include:

- Strategic planning and commissioning
- Workforce recruitment, development and capability
- Creating compassionate, inclusive resilient communities
- Digital solutions, inclusion and connectivity
- Promoting mental health and wellbeing across the life stages
- Supporting the wellbeing of isolated practitioners
- Indigenous healthcare issues
- Identifying and addressing health inequalities
- Role of community hospitals in remote, rural or island communities

Information on how to register and submit your paper to the journal is available at:
<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jica>

Authors should select special issue on integrated care in rural, remote, or island communities from the drop-down menu in response to "Please select the issue you are submitting to".

Articles should be between 3000 and 5000 words including the structured abstract, references, all text, tables, figures and appendices.

Author guidelines are available at
<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/journal/jica#author-guidelines>

Closing date for manuscripts submission: 31 May 2023

Publications

Our Journal

If you are involved in research or training initiatives in rural health we would welcome a contribution to the **International Electronic Journal of Rural and Remote Health Research Education Practice and Policy**.

The Journal contains a European section and we would like to encourage EURIPA members to contribute to the Journal. Original research is always welcomed but there is also the opportunity to send in letters, project reports or personal perspectives.

There is support available to help you get published – new authors are actively encouraged!

Recent publications

Below are some recent publications from across Europe in the international Electronic Journal of Rural and Remote Health Research, Education, Practice and Policy (<http://www.rrh.org.au/euro/defaultnew.aspof>) that may be of interest to other rural practitioners:

Should we consider all statins the same? A reasonable approach from a rural GP may limit iatrogenic burden

Soavi C, Cavicchi M, Cavicchi A, Petrazzuoli F.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7276>

Patient participation in tele-emergencies – experiences from healthcare professionals in northern rural Sweden

Dubois H, Bergenmar M, Härgestam M, Creutzfeldt J.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7404>

Internet health information seeking by primary care patients

Terrero Ledesma NE, Nájera A, Reolid-Martínez R, Escobar-Rabadán F.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/6585>

Changes in the levels of marker molecules salivary α -amylase and cortisol as a stress response to everyday activities of general practitioners in rural areas of the Republic of Bulgaria

Alakidi A, Dimitrov I, Bivolarska AV, Mihaylova V.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7318/>

The Limerick Declaration on Rural Health Care 2022

Glynn L, Murphy AW, Scully R, Strasser R, Quinlan D, Cowley J, Hayes P, O'Donnell P, O'Regan A, Tuli S, Santana MA, Sparrow-Downes VM, Petrazzuoli F, Nowlan S, Collins C, Fogarty F, MacFarlane A, Wynn-Jones J, Chater AB.

Part of Special Series: WONCA World Rural Health Conference Abstracts 2022

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7905>

Digitally mediated service provision for children’s social, emotional and mental health: key indicators for evaluation

Jones LS, Russell AJ, Brosnan MJ.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7747>

Access to general practice during the COVID-19 pandemic – a cross-sectional view of the opinions of adults who use social media

Mineva G, McCool A, Rogers B, Volz M, Pearl D, Kiroplis I, Abo Halima Y, O’Donnell P, Hayes P.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/8087>

Patient consultations during SARS-CoV-2 pandemic: a mixed-method cross-sectional study in 16 European countries

Petrazzuoli F, Gokdemir O, Antonopoulou M, Blahova B, Mrduljaš-Đujić N, Dumitra G, Falanga R, Ferreira M, Gintere S, Hatipoglu S, Jacquet J, Javorská K, Kareli A, Mohos A, Naimer S, Tkachenko V, Tomacinschii A, Randall-Smith J, Kurpas D.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/7196>

Characteristics of medical deserts and approaches to mitigate them: a scoping review

Seils L, Flinterman LE, Bes J, Ballester M, Dan S, Domagała A, Dubas-Jakóbczyk K, Likic R, Kroezen M, Batenburg RS.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/8090>

Introducing advanced paramedics into the rural general practice team in Ireland – general practitioners' attitudes

Feerick F, O’Connor C, Hayes P, Kelly D.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/8091>

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Empowering communities through experiential learning: the ‘Enhance’ program in Leadership and Social Medicine

Clegg R.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/8095>

The word that comes to mind is polymath’: medical students’ perceptions of rural postgraduate careers

Charter L, Laidlaw A, Scully R.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/8096>

Which types of mental health/substance misuse treatment services are available in primary care for adults in rural municipalities in Norway?

Bruun H, Fosse A, Abelsen B.

<https://www.rrh.org.au/journal/article/8109>

More abstracts are available on the web site: <https://www.rrh.org.au/>

Forthcoming Events

Below is a selection of events for 2022 that may be of interest to EURIPA members. Please send in your events for future editions of *Grapevine* so that we can make this section more comprehensive. Please send to the editor at jane@montgomery-powys.co.uk

Coming up in 2023:

16th Congr s M dicine G n rale France

23rd – 25th March 2023, Paris, France

There is an international stream in English

<https://www.congresmg.fr/en/>

2023 European Forum on Prevention and Primary Care: Priorities in prevention

April 17th – 18th in Porto, Portugal

Web site: <https://europrev.eu/2023-european-forum-on-prevention-and-primary-care/>

96th EGPRN Person-centred care and its outcomes in primary care

11th – 14th May 2023 Split, Croatia

The Call for Abstracts is now closed.

Web site: <https://meeting.egprn.org/>

Swedish Society of Rural Medicine Annual Conference

25th & 26th May 2023, Malung, Sweden

<https://www.glesbygdsmedicin.info/%C3%A5rsm%C3%B6tekonferens>

28th WONCA Europe conference in 2023: Making Choices in Primary Care

7th – 10th June 2023, Brussels

The Call for Abstracts is now closed.

The web site is: <https://www.woncaeuropa2023.org/>

National Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine: Changing Practice Changing Outcomes In collaboration with the RCGP Rural Forum

7th – 8th June 2023 at Penrith, England

Call for abstracts for posters is open, **closing on 27th March 2023**

<https://www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/ncrrm>

12th EURIPA Rural Health Forum

19th – 21st October 2023, C lim neşti-C ciulata, Romania

More information to follow soon

www.euripa.org

RMA23, Australia's premier conference for rural and remote doctors

18th – 21st October 2023, Hobart, Tasmania

RMA23 is an official pre-WONCA event and more information will be available soon.

<https://rma.acrrm.org.au/>

WONCA World Conference 2023

26th – 29th October 2023, Sydney, Australia

The conference theme is 'recovery, reconnection and revival'

www.wonca2023.com.au

Future Contributions to *Grapevine*

The next issue of the *Grapevine* will be April 2023; contributions are welcome by mid-March for publication in April. Reminders for contributions will be circulated on the mailing list and announced at the web site.

If you are interested in contributing to the next edition of *Grapevine* please get in touch with the Executive Secretary, Jane Randall-Smith at Jane@montgomery-powys.co.uk . Please think about what you do in your practice and if you would like to contribute to the clinical case section, or send us a piece about your practice, tell us about research you are doing or have published, an event that is being held in your country please do get in touch.

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