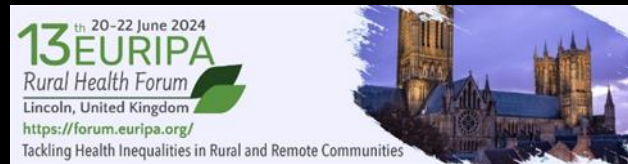




Newsletter Number Two

Spring is here and plans for this year's EURIPA Rural Health Forum are evolving rapidly. There are some new developments for our Forum in Lincoln this year to tell you about.



Registration is now open for Early Bird Registrations, and will remain open until 19th May 2024. For the first time this year EURIPA is offering four **Bursaries** to students and young doctors/nurses. Each bursary is worth 250 euro and can be used to reimburse the registration fee, travel or accommodation. Please circulate to any young doctors and nurses and students that you have in your practice.

The **Call for Abstracts** is open and the deadline has been **extended to Wednesday 17th April 2024**. Abstracts can be submitted for Oral Communications, Posters and Workshops. This year there will be a **Poster Walk** in Lincoln for the duration of the Forum and the authors of the **five highest scoring posters** will be invited to give a **short presentation** on Friday evening when the voting will take place for the Best Poster.

Either your work in a rural setting is a lifelong commitment or it is just a few years' experience, but please contribute to the scientific content of our Forum by submitting an abstract before the deadline.

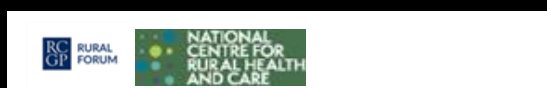
Awards will again be given for the Best Poster, the Best Oral Communication and the Berit Hansen Prize.

As usual all the abstracts will be **published** in the Book of Abstracts in Advances in Clinical and Experimental Medicine (<https://advances.umw.edu.pl/en/home/>), a journal with 2.1 Impact Factor.

The programme itself will also have some changes. In the Opening Ceremony on Thursday afternoon we will welcome Professor Jonathan Van Tam to give the **Inaugural Address** to start the Forum. Professor Van Tam was the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England during the recent pandemic and is currently Faculty Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Nottingham. Lincoln Medical School, as a new medical school, delivers the University of Nottingham's Medicine and Medicine with Foundation Year degree programmes.

This year we will also feature two **Panel Discussions**. The first one will take place on Thursday afternoon and will focus on the development of a **Statement** from the Forum that will be published. The second Panel Discussion will take place on Saturday morning and will be hosted by **Lincoln International Institute of Rural Health**, our hosts for this year's Forum. The Institute has just been awarded a major grant of £10.9million to set up the new Lincoln Institute for Coastal and Rural Health, which build on the existing work.

As usual we will have two invited **keynote speakers**. We are delighted to welcome **Pauline Wilson** and **Toni Dedeu**. Pauline works in the Shetland Isles and she led the programme to





establish a voluntary credentialing process for doctors working in remote rural locations in the UK, who provide Unscheduled and Urgent Care. Toni Dedeu is the Deputy Director of the WHO European Centre for Primary Care in Kazakhstan. You will be able to find out more about them both in the next edition of the Forum Newsletter

Planetary health is currently very topical (the focus of this year's Family Doctor Day on 19th May) and during the Forum we will have a tree planting ceremony on Friday morning and we will also have a 'planetary health' lunch on the Saturday to close the Forum.

If you would like to hear more the inside story of the Forum, a new **Podcast** is now available. Veronika Rasic, from EURIPA's Executive Committee, has interviewed Mark Gussy and John-Wynn-Jones. Mark and John are the joint chairs of the Forum organising Committee and they tell Veronika how they each became involved in Rural Health and give their insights into this year's Forum and what will make it special.

You can find the podcast at:

<https://sites.libsyn.com/457074/site/13th-euripa-rural-health-forum-prof-john-wynn-jones-prof-mark-gussey>

and at

<https://theruralroadtohealth.blog/podcast/>

And, of course, there will be a Rural Dinner and local tourist trip. The Rural Dinner will be very special as it will take place in the 13th century Chapter House with its beautiful vaulted ceiling and stained glass windows set within the magnificent medieval Lincoln Cathedral. The trip will be to the Belton Estate and historic Carolean style country house dating from the 1600s, featuring 1300 acres of wild ancient, wooded parkland and beautiful formal gardens including the Italian and Dutch gardens, as well as the extensive range of ornate art collections including late 17th century English portraiture, oriental ceramics, and world-renowned library hosted within the historic mansion.

Chapter House



Belton House

Any questions please email secretary@euripa.org We look forward to greeting you in Lincoln.

Come and join us in Lincoln and experience an EURIPA Rural Health Forum for yourself!

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