2nd Winter European School of Internal Medicine. Welcome address.

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Saas-Fee, 16th January 2012
Three messages to the residents from the president

1. We need you!

2. You need us!

3. We will be, together, increasingly powerful and essential for the European citizens
The past. Initial EFIM.

Paris, 1996
Building the future.
Young internists of EFIM

We need you!
Internal Medicine alone vs Internal Medicine + Specialty

Countries with data:
- Estonia
- Portugal
- Spain
- Latvia
- Norway
- Iceland
- Czech Republic
- France
- Greece
- Germany
- Lithuania
- Italy
- Romania
- Turkey
- Austria
- Hungary
- Finland
- Poland
- Malta
- Switzerland
- Belgium
- Netherlands
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- Ireland
- Slovakia
- UK

Courtesy of Runolfur Palsson
Strengths of IM

Adaptability

Versatility

A cost/effective specialty
Collaboration vs commitment

What’s necessary to make these fried eggs go well with bacon?
Collaboration vs commitment

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Collaboration
Commitment !!
EFIM. September 2010
Internal medicine – cornerstone of a modern health care system

EFIM goals in 4 years:

• EFIM will be the European authority in internal medicine

• EFIM will be a brand (such as ACP)

• Educational courses will be developed

• Communication will be optimized

You need us!
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- Four main tracks
  - Scientific
  - Educational
  - Professional
  - Political/administrative

You need us!
You need us. EFIM ‘flagships’ (1)

- European Journal of Internal Medicine
- Working groups
  - Quality of care
  - Political issues
  - Core competencies
  - Rare diseases
  - Exchange programme
  - .........................
EFIM ‘flagships’ (2)

- Research course
- International research projects
- Congresses
- Young internists
- Fellowship initiative
- European School of Internal Medicine
ESIM Key role

- It fits with EFIM goals (2010 – 2014), educational track.
- It has maintained successful activity.
- The participation promotes the collaboration between countries.
- The organisation fosters the commitment of successive National Societies.
- The format facilitates educational techniques (innovation).
ESIM Key role. Why successful?

- Important role developed by participants (i.e. clinical case presentations)
- Nice ‘atmosphere’ (school of IM but also of life)
- Venues & complementary activities (culture, sport,...)
- Fulfilment of learning objectives
- Evaluation of residents (feed-back to National Societies)
‘the parents of ESIM’.
The ‘generation gap’

“Senior” internists

At least, we coincide on WEDNESDAY

“Junior” internists
Confident about the future......

But, we need your support! ....and commitment