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Forum

2nd-4th November, 2017

Abstract Submission Due

10th July, 2017

Early bird

31st July, 2017

Venue

Panormos, Sensimar Royal
Blue Resort & Spa hotel



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A significant number of high impact key note speakers, senior and junior scientists, core stakeholders and several healthcare professionals representing a wide range of European countries will contribute and enrich the forum's scientific program.

The organizing committee is looking forward to hosting you in the beautiful island of Crete during this year's forum!



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Under the auspices of the Region of Crete
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7th EURIPA Rural Health Forum

“Rural Renaissance”

Panormo, Crete, Greece

2nd-4th November, 2017



"Rural Renaissance"

Dear young and senior rural doctors,
dear researchers,

Welcome to the **7th EURIPA Rural Health Forum**.

The forum will be hosted in the village of **Panormo** in the county of **Rethymon, Crete, Greece** from **November 2nd-4th 2017**. It is being organized by the University of Crete (UoC), which has substantial experience in hosting large conferences and events including the 9th WONCA Rural Health conference (2009).

The theme of the 2017 Forum is **"Rural Renaissance"** featuring the importance of strengthening and enhancing the potential of rural settings in the face of a constantly changing environment, predominated by the ongoing financial and refugee crisis. Our theme attempts to address the demands of a challenging world and recognizes the health inequalities among and within rural regions in Europe.

7 Plenary themes

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Implementation science in rural settings	Ecology and environmental change	Cancer and rurality. Inspire action, take action	
4	5	6	7
Lifestyle and health with focus on smoking and nutrition	Financial and refugee crisis and the role of rural communities	Healthy and active ageing and wellbeing	Education and training of rural GPs

Info: Chronic diseases (e.g. cardiovascular, respiratory), dementia and home care, behavioral factors and interventions, assessment of beliefs, attitudes and knowledge of rural communities and health care professionals are only a few topics that are embedded in the 7 plenary themes.

A holistic approach to health, patient centeredness, together with the four dimensions of quality Primary Health Care (continuity, accessibility, e necessary for rural societies. These are core components of establishing a stable environment for a **"Rural Renaissance"**.

This year's EURIPA forum is expected to be full of **new ideas** and **strong networking** of rural GPs, young researchers, academicians and stakeholders. The informative workshops, the innovative scientific sessions, the traditional events and the interactive activities organized by our scientific committee will offer a unique experience to conference attendees. The **local beauty, culture and entertainment** of the island of Crete will make this year's forum memorable.

Your role is substantial to maintain the **vision of EURIPA** towards strengthening the networks of young and seniors GPs, enhancing general practice in rural areas and embracing the unique characteristics or rural villages. These are expected to contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive public health policy and the revival of the rural spirit.



A trip that combines science with Cretan cuisine, culture and hospitality, history, sea, relaxation, entertainment-nightlife!!

Several aspects of GPs and patients daily problems, facilitators and barriers towards holistic healthcare in remote population groups, needs and expectations for enhancing primary health care and practical interventions will be discussed.

If you are **practicing in a rural area** for just a short period of time or you have taken this as a life-long commitment, if you are a **young or highly experienced researchers**, or a **promising healthcare professional** (i.e. nurse, social worker, physiologist etc), or a **medical student**, even if you are a **policy maker or key informant**, we are looking forward to receiving your contributions to the scientific content of our Forum.

We look forward to welcoming you to Crete with great hope that this year's forum will serve as the first step towards **"Rural Renaissance"**!

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