THE ORGANISERS

The conference is organised by EACH in association with Patient Education and Counseling, an Elsevier publication.

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LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference will take place in Oslo, Norway. The venue is the Oslo Conference Centre in downtown Oslo, located near hotels and restaurants.

Details of available accommodation will be included in the second announcement.

www.each-conference.com

Deadline for submission of symposia: 15 November 2007

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 February 2008

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EACH is an interdisciplinary non-profit organisation which brings together researchers and trainers in the field of communication in healthcare. Its objectives are to facilitate the exchange of ideas, and products of teaching and research activities, across a network of individuals and institutions in Europe and beyond. EACH is associated with the scientific journal Patient Education and Counseling.

Following a successful 2006 meeting in Basel, attended by 420 delegates from 40 countries, Oslo will host the next EACH conference in September 2008.

The EACH 2008 conference will encourage networking among participants, and try to bring together:

- People from different professional groups in health care: physicians, psychologists, nurses, physiotherapists and other health personnel
- Educators and other practitioners in the area of health communication
- Experts with different conceptual backgrounds: medicine, psychology, sociology, linguistics, philosophy, arts
- People with different types of expertise: practitioners, teachers and researchers

**Format of the Conference**

A hallmark of EACH conferences should be to foster exchange among participants. As we believe in the unique expertise of each conference participant, we wish to promote and endorse discussion amongst them in the different sessions available.

- Each day will start with a state-of-the-art lecture from a keynote speaker.
- Oral presentations will be grouped around specific topics and held together by a set of research questions to which the papers relate. The chair of each session will highlight research questions and give back the floor to the audience. This will move the focus of discussion from the presenting authors, who are seen as helping the audience to new insights by their presentation.
- Symposia will be offered in parallel to oral presentations. We will encourage symposia with presenters from different countries in order to promote comprehensive coverage of selected areas of research. An early deadline for submission of symposia will aid the planning of the conference.
- Ample time will be devoted to workshops and seminars. These will focus on experiential learning, sharing teaching material, demonstrating teaching approaches and research methodology.
- Poster sessions will be organised around main themes and will be arranged to promote dialogue between the poster presenters and the audience.

**Topics will include:**

- Basic and applied research in clinical communication
- Teaching clinical communication skills
- Communication and the brain
- Shared decision making in general and hospital practice
- Communication and emotion

The conference will start on the evening of Tuesday, 2 September 2008 and close in the afternoon of Friday, 5 September 2008.

**Call for Symposia**

**Deadline for proposals: 15 November 2007.**

Delegates interested in giving a symposium are requested to contact the Conference Chair (arnstein.frsen@medisin.uio.no) by 15 November 2007 and propose a theme, with or without a formalised abstract. Authors will be notified of acceptance by mid-December 2007. If a proposed symposium is not accepted, the authors will have the opportunity to send individual abstracts by the abstract deadline to be considered for oral or poster presentation in the main programme.

**Call for Papers and Workshops**

**Deadline for abstracts: 1 February 2008.**

Contributions for oral and poster presentations, and workshops, should be submitted by 1 February 2008 using the online submission form at www.each-conference.com indicating to which topic the paper relates. Authors will be notified of acceptance by 1 April 2008.

**Conference Publications**

Selected papers will be published in Patient Education and Counseling the official journal of EACH.

**Language**

The language of the conference will be English. However, the organisation of workshops in other languages is welcome to foster the propagation of communication in health care among participants who prefer to use their native language.