

EIPEN 2019 Conference: Call for proposals and submission of abstracts launched



Our 7th European Conference will be hosted by the University of Antwerp and is chaired by prof. Paul Van Royen, who chairs a working group of interprofessional learning in which 5 higher educational institutions collaborate. Together with Ghent the team of Antwerp has pioneered IPE in Belgium. Antwerp is the largest city in Flanders, well-known for art and fashion, historic buildings and modern architecture, science, trade and industry. 30 EIPEN members used the opportunity to pre-register in 2018 at a reduced fee of -30%.

The conference is aimed at presenting research and innovation in interprofessional practice and education, at training of new skills and methods, and at discussing hot topics in this area. We welcome proposals for oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops, and roundtable discussions. All submitted abstracts of proposals are going through a blind review by the scientific committee. Acceptance rates in the past varied between 68 and 79%. We want to guarantee the quality level of contents brought forward in the conference, and at the same time we want to combine scientific quality with opportunities for networking.

► *Go to the EIPEN website www.eipen.eu for info on proposals (deadline for first call of abstracts: March 1st, for early-bird registrations: March 10th). Want to know more about Antwerp? Visit www.visitantwerp.be*

Pre-Conference Capacity Building Seminar



Due to its success the capacity building seminar on teaching, learning and assessing interprofessional competences (held in May 2018) is organized as a pre-conference seminar. Participants are welcomed on September 3rd with an evening dinner to get acquainted, and follow an intensive course on September 4th (9am-4pm), in which 4 IPE-experts are involved. The number of participants is limited, and EIPEN members have priority.

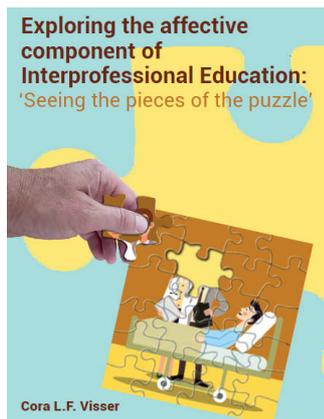
► *Registration modalities are on the EIPEN website. EIPEN members pay 240€ instead of 360€, incl. dinner and lunch.*

WAIFE as worldwide association for experts in IPE

The number of experts in IPE is limited, the need for information and support is high, and the opportunities for worldwide contacting and sharing have grown. A community of persons and institutions that are recognized for their expertise can support and ensure the quality, coverage and development of interprofessional practice and education. The World Association of Interprofessional Practice and Education is a platform for disseminating the available expertise. Experts and centres of expertise can register on the basis of specific criteria.

► *You can find the association on www.waife.net*

Recent **doctoral research** in IPE by EIPEN members



Cora Visser from the VU University Medical Centre in Amsterdam promoted on exploring the affective component of interprofessional education. When IPE is not carefully developed and implemented, existing negative stereotypes among students and their educators can be enhanced. Engaging students in IPE and influencing their attitudes towards interprofessional collaboration is important, because negative attitudes can stand in the way of learning. IPE is placed in the context of three frameworks concerning motivation in education. They all concern the optimal alignment of teacher guidance and student's self-guidance at different stages of the training. Finally, for interprofessional decision making, the ability to communicate with other professionals about one's professional perspective is considered.

► *Cora Visser is an individual member of EIPEN. EIPEN mainly consists of institutional members, but also individuals in Europe can become a supportive member. More info is on the EIPEN website.*

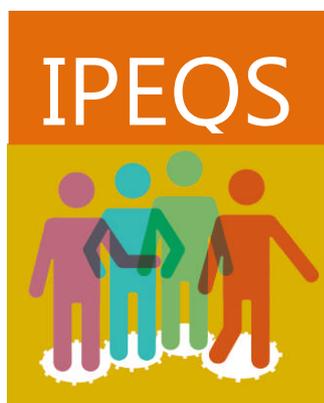
EIPEN continues the work on a set of **key interprofessional competences**

We started with a concept of key competences in 2009. This competence framework has been validated in 2017 with more than 30 persons at our conference in Lausanne on the basis of the criteria relevance, clarity, and achievability. EIPEN continues the work in the coming months. The aim is to have a consensus on key competences that should be integrated in bachelor programmes in health care throughout Europe. EIPEN is contacting European professional bodies and student associations to this end.



► *Yvonne Vignoli (CAERUM, Switzerland) had an interview with EIPEN's chair on this, which you can view online via the links in the EIPEN website or directly at <https://tube.switch.ch/videos/b0b46281>*

The **Interprofessional Practice & Education Quality Scales**



The IPEQS consists of a set of questionnaires that can be used for quality management of interprofessional practice or education. So IPEQS can be used in educational as well as clinical contexts, on the level of organisation, team, and individual professional. The standard method is based on self-assessment by teams and team members. IPEQS has been used already in different studies: primary care, intensive care, residential care and acute geriatric care. It also has been used in a benchmarking exercise with 20 higher education institutions. Besides introducing the scales, the book also contains chapters on how to embed the instrument in a policy based on integrative quality management. It describes additional tools that can be used.

► *Members of EIPEN receive a free copy of the book, forthcoming in 2019.*

Upcoming conferences **in Europe**

- **AHEAD Conference on IPPE: IP leren en werken** 7 February, Amsterdam, Netherlands
<http://www.ahead.amsterdam/congres>
- **Congrès Interdisciplinaire des Professionnels En Gériatrie (CIPEG)** 3-4 April, Montpellier, France
<http://cipeg.fr/>
- **2nd Global Conference on The End of Life Experience** 13-14 April, Bruges, Belgium
<http://www.progressiveconnexions.net/interdisciplinary-projects/health-and-illness/the-end-of-life-experience/conferences/>
- **NipNet conference "Looking into the future in digitalized healthcare"** 9-10 May, OAMK Oulu, Finland
<https://www.oamk.fi/en/about-oulu-and-ouas/events-calendar/nipnet/>
- **ICSC 8th International Clinical Skills Conference** 19-22 May, Tuscany, Italy
<http://internationalclinicalskillsconference.com/>