

EIPEN 2019 Conference: **Submission of abstracts deadline May 10th**



Our 7th European Conference is hosted by the University of Antwerp. Antwerp is the largest city in Flanders, well-known for art and fashion, historic buildings and modern architecture, science, trade and industry. 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, and at the same time we want to combine scientific quality with opportunities for networking. Almost 30 proposals have been submitted during the early-bird period, which closed in March. These authors receive notification of acceptance before the end of April. Proposals can be submitted until May 10th. Please note that the total number of participants for this conference will be limited to 150. So don't wait to register.

► *Go to the EIPEN website www.eipen.eu to submit a proposal or to register before May 10th.*

Cooperation agreement with **ENPHE**



EIPEN has started to set up cooperation agreements with European partner associations and networks of institutions and professional bodies in health care. The aim is to join forces in implementing interprofessional practice and education throughout Europe. The European Network of Physiotherapy in Higher Education is one of the first networks that entered a partnership with EIPEN. Patricia Almeida (ENPHE president) and Andre Vyt (EIPEN chair) signed the agreement on March 16th during a seminar in Hochschule für Gesundheit (Bochum, Germany).

Associated partner networks of EIPEN adhere to the EIPEN charter on interprofessional practice and education, including the key competences in interprofessional collaboration that need to be acquired by health care professionals. The charter formulates statements for political leaders, decision-makers, managers and governance boards in health care institutions, professional bodies and networks, public and governmental agencies, health insurance organizations, patient organizations, educational institutions and accreditation bodies in European countries.

► *Want to know more about the EIPEN charter and the key interprofessional competences? Consult our website!*

Pre-Conference Capacity Building Seminar



Due to its success the capacity building seminar on teaching, learning and assessing interprofessional competences (first held in May 2018) is organized as a pre-conference seminar. The seminar starts on September 3rd at 4pm (incl. an evening dinner) and ends on September 4th at 4pm. 6 IPE-experts are involved in this training. The number of participants is limited, and EIPEN members have priority.

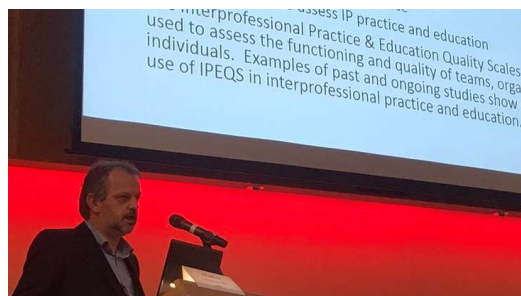
During this seminar, the 5 key competences will be used as a basis. EIPEN is further developing these competences into a model with behavioral indicators that can be used for competence assessment in study programs. A core group of experts is meeting in Spring to start this work and to select examples of how competence levels or elements can be embedded in a study program. Institutional members are involved in this process. The resulting model will be used as course material in the training seminar.

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

EIPEN present at the INHWE conference in Dublin



The EIPEN Executive Office was present at this well-organized conference of the young global network INHWE, together with some EIPEN members. The programme focused on interprofessional collaboration, providing interesting presentations and opportunities for networking. Andre Vyt gave an invited keynote



speech as chair of EIPEN. He pointed out the need for a further implementation of the EIPEN key competences as defined by EIPEN. Higher education institutions across Europe should guarantee the effective acquisition of these IP competences by final-year students in health care programmes, and also develop postgraduate programmes for professionals for this purpose. If only introductory activities are organized for undergraduate students, a significant change as demanded by the WHO will not occur.

► *The next INHWE conference is on the theme: Future education of healthcare. See below.*

Upcoming interesting conferences in Europe

- **COEHRE Conference** 3-5 April, Vic, Spain
<https://mon.uvic.cat/coehre-2019/>
- **ENPHE Conference** 10-12 October, Groningen, Netherlands
<http://www.enphe.org>
- **INHWE Conference** 9-11 May, Nicosia, Cyprus
<http://www.inhwe.org>
- **NipNet conference** 9-10 May, OAMK Oulu, Finland
<https://www.oamk.fi/en/about-oulu-and-ouas/events-calendar/nipnet/>