EIPEN 2019 Conference: Don’t miss the deadline of May 10th

Prof. Van Royen and his team of the University of Antwerp will be welcoming you at our 7th European conference. Almost 50 persons have already registered. As the number of participants is limited and the conference is also gaining attractiveness to persons outside of Europe, it is best to secure your registration rather sooner than later.

The EIPEN 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. Submissions need to be research-based and/or innovative. Institutional members of EIPEN can also submit showcase posters of existing good practices.

All submitted abstracts of proposals are going through a blind review by the scientific committee, consisting of 11 members: Corinne Borloz, Hans De Loof, Joke Denekens, Greta Moorkens, Tiina Tervaskanto-Maentausta, Anne Mairesse, Giannoula Tsakitzidis, Loes Van Bokhoven, Paul Van Royen, Yvonne Van Zaalen and Andre Vyt. 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 aim to combine scientific quality with opportunities for networking. The registration fee covers all scientific and social activities, catering, lunches and dinners.

Go to the EIPEN website www.eipen.eu for info on proposals (deadline May 10th). EIPEN members benefit from a reduced fee. Want to know more about Antwerp? Visit www.visitantwerp.be

Pre-Conference Capacity Building Seminar

The pre-conference capacity building seminar on teaching, learning and assessing interprofessional competences starts on September 3rd at 4pm (incl. an evening dinner) and ends on September 4th at 4pm. 8 IPE-experts are involved in this intensive training: Bianka Vandaele, Giannoula Tsakitzidis, Matic Kavcic, Minna Maaninen, Nadja Brocatus, Paul Van Royen, Tiina Tervaskanto-Maentausta, and Andre Vyt.

The number of participants is limited, and EIPEN members have priority. The target group consists of persons who are intending to set up or innovate a module, course, or course unit with interprofessional competences as learning outcomes. During this seminar, the IPEQS and the framework of key competences, with behavioural indicators and examples of teaching, learning, and assessment methods, will be used as a basis. The seminar takes place at the same location as the conference.

Registration modalities are on the EIPEN website. EIPEN members pay 240€ instead of 360€, incl. dinner on Tuesday evening and lunch on Wednesday.
COHEHRE signs cooperation agreement with EIPEN

COHEHRE (the Consortium of Higher Education institutions in Health care and Rehabilitation in Europe) and EIPEN signed a cooperation agreement during the conference in Vic University (September 4th). Opportunities will be taken to actively collaborate, stated Jennifer Lewis Smith (president COHEHRE) and Andre Vyt (chair EIPEN). The main common interest is quality enhancement of health care through the promotion of interprofessional education in Europe. COHEHRE supports the charter of EIPEN to achieve this aim and in this way is recognized as an associate partner organization.

According to the EIPEN charter educational institutions need to ensure that graduates of study programs for health and social care professions effectively acquire the key competences in interprofessional collaboration as defined by EIPEN. The framework of key competences was developed in 2006, first published in 2009, and additionally validated in 2017. Our interprofessional framework was indeed among the first ones worldwide. The framework is now being further elaborated by a core group of IP experts, with active consultation of institutional members. It will be presented at the upcoming conference, further validated with stakeholders, and disseminated among educational and clinical institutions.

The EIPEN Charter as a basis for our strategy to enforce IPPE across Europe

Our charter was developed and first presented at the 2011 Conference in Ghent. Artevelde University College was the first institution to formally sign it, and later on it became an element in accepting membership. Members of EIPEN automatically adhere to this charter and are expected to work accordingly. Since 2019 also associate partner networks of EIPEN approve and adhere to the charter when signing a cooperation agreement. We see it as a firm basis for enforcing interprofessional collaboration across Europe. As indicated by the WHO in 2010, active commitment of different stakeholders is necessary, including policymakers and politicians at national and European level. This is indeed what we want to bring about.

The charter formulates statements for leaders and governance boards of institutions, professional bodies and networks, agencies, health insurance and patient organizations, and accreditation bodies.

▶ Want to know more about the EIPEN charter and the key interprofessional competences? Consult www.eipen.eu

Upcoming interesting conferences in Europe

▶ 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