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- EGPRN
- Mediterranean Institute of Primary Care (MIPC)



**4th EURIPA Rural Health Invitational Forum / 77<sup>th</sup> EGPRN  
Workshop: an EURIPA-EGPRN joint meeting**

Attard-Malta  
17-20 October, 2013

**Theme:**

*Research into different contexts in General Practice/Family Medicine:  
rural vs. urban perspectives*

**Conference Venue:**

**Corinthia Palace Hotel and Spa \*\*\*\*\***

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## Invite letter

Dear EURIPA members

EURIPA is proud to present this year as our Rural Health Invitational Forum a proposal for a joint meeting to be held between EURIPA and EGPRN, since EURIPA has recently set up a research stream focussing on the field of rural and remote health and health care, and EGPRN represents the research stream at WONCA's networks . The proposal follows discussions held at the WONCA meetings in Warsaw and Vienna, where members of both Executive Boards agreed to have one of the first such inter-network meetings within Wonca Europe.

This joint meeting on research in family medicine with the special topic of "**context**" and how it affects health care in family medicine is a unique opportunity for collaboration between two network organisations within Wonca Europe. This will be indeed a network meeting of networks!

We have prepared a joint bid with a special venue, the small Mediterranean island of Malta, which has been at the crossroads of trade and inter-cultural exchange since more than 6000 years. The venue is a classic five star hotel in the centre of Malta, next to the Presidential Palace and Gardens in Attard. The Hotel affords good meeting facilities, excellent fine and casual restaurants, and first class service. The conference fee is very affordable, and with contained costs, coming to Malta with its strong international connections should be painless and easy.

The scientific programme is very exciting, with input for the first time from two organisations, offering a unique blend of research and expertise. Key note speakers with links to both organisations shall give the meeting an appetising opening, and the meeting is expected to be well attended, with participants from both networks. For the first time we shall have both a parallel and a joint meeting, with one day of parallel EURIPA and EGPRN conferences, and one joint conference day. Even the business meetings and social events of the two groups will be parallel and joint as appropriate. A new approach to working together!

We propose to hold the conference in Malta in October 2013, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope you shall accept our bid so that we can really get the show going and organise a stellar conference for this year!

Best wishes, and looking forwards to welcoming you in Malta!

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