

You might consider submitting a proposal for a paper or poster presentation at the upcoming **EIPEN Interprofessional Practice & Education Conference** to be held **14-16 September in Ghent** (historic city in Belgium). The theme of the conference is **Quality of life: An interprofessional matter**. Early registration at reduced rate and submission of proposals/abstracts close June 1st. Presenting participants benefit from the reduced registration rate until July 1st. Please visit the Conference section on [www.eipen.eu](http://www.eipen.eu)

The conference will be the start of **EIPEN** (European Interprofessional Practice & Education Network) as a European **membership organization**, and the platform for a **charter of IPE** in Europe, following the recommendations of WHO. We hope also that a renewed **World Association of IPE** can be launched officially (preparations for this are going on). The EIPEN conference registration fee is limited to 360 euros, incl. welcome package, opening reception, dinner, lunches and catering services. Check out the programme online.

I would appreciate it if you could forward this announcement to health care workers in clinical practice and education you know personally, as well as to leaders and managers in health care, professional bodies, and patient organizations in your region. Following the recommendation of the latest WHO framework, politicians, as well as leaders in educators and practice have to act together to make collaborative practice successful. Interprofessional education can only be fruitful if the necessary changes are implemented in practice.

Please write also your own statement regarding this, and invite colleagues in education and practice, health care managers and leaders of professional bodies in your region to sign the charter of IPE in Europe. They can do this online through the EIPEN website [www.eipen.eu](http://www.eipen.eu). Politicians from the European parliament will be invited to the conference for the presentation of the charter.

The EIPEN conference will be a meeting place not only for Europeans. We also have received submissions and registrations from Asia, Australia, Africa, and America. If you manage a website, a blog, or have a personal social page, please do not hesitate to put a link to it. EIPEN is also on Facebook. If we want to be effective in IPE, we have to use the modern media. Join us in this.

I look forward to see you in Ghent for a wonderful meeting! Block your agenda for 14-16 September. You can choose to combine the EIPEN conference with the TUFH conference in Graz (17-20 September) or stay for a prolonged weekend - Ghent is worth it.

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