



new therapies for an ageing Europe

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(European Union Geriatric Medicine Society)

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Dear colleagues

Welcome to the third newsletter of the EUGMS 7th Congress to be held in Málaga (Spain) from 28 to 30 Sept 2011. Building on the success of previous congresses, and being held in partnership with the *Sociedad Española de Geriatría y Gerontología* (SEGG) and the *Sociedad Andaluza de Geriatría y Gerontología* (SAGG), this promises to be the biggest European Congress dedicated to Geriatric Medicine ever held in Europe. The SEGG, the host society, is one of Europe's oldest geriatric scientific societies and is one of the largest, with 2,400 members, as well as one of the most active in Europe. Geriatric medicine is a growing medical speciality in Spain, with increasing activity in care, teaching and research, and a strong international vocation.

The theme of the Congress - *New therapies for an ageing Europe* - follows a line in which the EUGMS is very active, namely, promoting the right of older people to benefit from therapeutic advances. Work is under way, together with the European Medicines Agency, to improve access of older citizens to clinical research on new therapeutic substances, and a Pharmacology Working Group exists in the Society to promote the most appropriate use of drugs in this population, including the use of drugs with proven benefit to very old people.

The full programme of the Congress, with an impressive list of speakers, is now available at the Congress website for download. The full list of speakers is now also online at www.eugms-segg2011.org. We would suggest you take some time to browse it: you will find a wealth of discussion topics that are relevant to clinical geriatric practice, or where ongoing research may change present perspectives (physical activity, orthogeriatrics, Alzheimer's disease, sarcopenia, vitamin D, appropriateness of drug treatments, comorbidity, end of life care, bioethical aspects), presented by international leaders. A core curriculum section will be run to update general geriatric knowledge, and some industry run satellite symposia will introduce new interventions. If you are proficient in Spanish, you may also wish to have a look to the SEGG Social and Biological section activities, run in parallel with the EUGMS Congress.

New to this Congress are workshops. These will be open to small groups (40 to 60 persons) and use case studies or a hands-on approach to improve knowledge in many areas of geriatric care. You will find a list of them in your bag, when you arrive to the Congress.

More than 600 posters will be presented in active mid-day sessions, displaying high quality research performed all around the world. Some 60 of them have been



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chosen, due to their highest quality and interest, for oral presentation. Abstracts will be published jointly in two journals: *European Geriatric Medicine* and *Revista Española de Geriatría y Gerontología*, the official journals of the organizing societies. Low price special subscription offers to both journals are available on registration.

You can profit from reduced registration fees if you register **before September 1st**. We are sure you will want to diffuse this email widely, and promote the Congress within your country, so more people can benefit from a cutting edge, convivial meeting in Málaga in September!

Kind regards

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