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Dear Colleagues, Dear Readers.

The Year 2011 begins with new ideas and intentions. In the first newsletter of 2011, we report on the efforts to encourage and advance young General Practitioners in Thuringia.

We would also like to present a study we just launched, on dealing with the long-term consequences of sepsis (SMOOTH).

On the "1st Thuringian day of general practice" on 21 May 2011 there will be the opportunity to meet with colleagues on matters profession. In addition to joint learning we celebrate the accreditation of GP's involved in teaching General Practice. I wish you a happy and successful 2011.

Prof. Dr. J. Gensichen

Becoming a GP in Thuringia website

In 2010, the Coordination Centre for General Practice in Thuringia was founded. It should help to attract young doctors to primary care work and thus secure comprehensive cover in the long term. Participants include: the physicians' association Thuringia, Thuringian State Hospital Association and the Thuringia State Medical Association. The Institute of Family Medicine Jena is a cooperative partner. The focus is on targeted GP training in both inpatient and ambulant areas, socalled block training. The contact between doctors in training (ÄiW) and training facilities (hospitals and GP

surgeries) are made easier. Regular seminars are offered for doctors intraining (ÄiW). Currently, 32 ÄiW's participate in this program. For more information, see "www.hausarztwerden-in-thueringen.de".

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Thuringian day of general practice Saturday 21st May 2011 **SIGN UP NOW!**

A "Thuringian day of general practice" will be offered for the first time by the Institute of Family Medicine Jena. The aim is an exchange between colleagues on scientific and General Practice related topics ("Bridge"). For doctors there are topics such as: palliative care, tick bites and Lyme disease, diabetes mellitus. There will also be as an accreditation ceremony for teaching practices. Workshops for practice staff focus on areas such as: implementation of quality management guidelines, AED training and communication with patients, as well as data protection. A detailed description of the program and registration forms can be found on our website:

www.allgemeinmedizin.uni-jena.de. Let's look forward to an interesting and stimulating day. Contact person is Ms. S. Möhring-Moldenhauer: simone.moehring-moldenhauer@med.uni-





approximately 150,000 Annually, people in Germany suffer from sepsis, an infection of the whole organism. The surviving patients are usually treated in primary care after discharge from hospital. How we can practically support long-term care is now being examined by the sepsis team of the Institute of Family Medicine. On 28th February 2011 the intervention study SMOOTH, sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), was officially launched. The goal is to develop a sepsis-specific aftercare program. The SMOOTH study is part of the integrated research and treatment center for sepsis and consequences (IFB/CSCC: sepsis Center for sepsis Control and Care) at the University Hospital of Jena. The contact person is Dr. KonradSchmidt: Konrad.Schmidt@med.uni-jena.de

EQuiP Summer School 2011: Research in Quality Improvement in Primary Care, Ghent, Belgium

This course provides an introduction to excellent research practice in Primary (Head: Prof. Gensichen). Colleagues from across Europe will gather for a week in the old market town of Ghent and learn methods for research in General Practice. For information on the first Summer School, held in 2009, please visit our homepage under Lehre/EQuiPSummer School/EQUIP 2009.

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