Dear readers,

It is one of the best things for a chief to be able to proudly look at his employees – forming the future generation of scientists and doctors. They have again been attending the important congresses for general practice and family medicine as well as health services research and have – amongst presenting numerous scientific contributions – won two meaningful prizes. Further details can be found in this newsletter. However, there are also exciting discoveries to be made off the beaten tracks, like the 10th annual conference of the network for future research. This year's key note speaker Riel Miller, one of UNESCO’s experts in foresight, talked about the existence of “future literacy” and its trainability – by the way, a similar concept to “health literacy”, which we are discussing in health sciences.

It’s always good to think about the future - let’s build it together!

Sincerely yours
Prof. Dr. med. Horst Christian Vollmar, MPH
Acting director of the Institute of General Practice and Family Medicine

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Teaching doctors needed!

Do you enjoy sharing your medical knowledge and expertise? Are you interested in professional exchange with other teaching GPs and in extending your didactic skills? Would you like to enthuse students with our subject, General Medicine? If you can answer these questions positively, we would like to invite you to become a teaching doctor and train students in your practice! The students will either be in their internship (8th semester, 2 weeks) or in their final practical year (11th semester, 4 months). Contact us for further information!

Upcoming events at the Institute of General Practice and Family Medicine:
- Meeting of teaching General Practitioners on 24th January, 2018, 5-7pm
- Didactics training on 7th March, 2018, 2-6 pm

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We welcome and say goodbye to...

In October, our team received reinforcement by Ms. Michelle Kaufmann, B.Sc. and PD Dr. phil. Ulf Sauerbrey. Ms. Kaufmann is a biochemist and will be supporting our institute’s data management. Dr. Sauerbrey is qualified as a university lecturer in educational sciences and will participate as a research assistant, for instance in a study about the discharge of dementia patients from the hospital to their homes, as well as in the project on physicians’ health. Additionally, he will contribute skills and expertise in the methodology of qualitative research. We are looking forward to our cooperation!

After more than 8 years, our valued colleague Nico Schneider has decided to face new professional challenges and switched workplaces on 1st September 2017 in order to support a research project of the university clinic’s institute for psychosocial medicine and psychotherapy. Although this was a bad news for us, we would like to thank him for his supporting, reliable and loyal work throughout the years and wish him all the best for his future.

Sincerely yours

For cooperating partners, academic training practices and interested people
Award ceremony on the 16th German Congress for Health Services Research

General doctors rewarded for care research projects

Not one, but two research projects lead by scientists from the Institute of General Practice and Family Medicine of the University Hospital Jena received an award at the annual congress held by the German Network for Health Services Research in October 2017. Dr. Konrad Gehringer and Prof. Jochen Gensichen from the Smooth study group won the Wilfried-Lorenz prize for health services research 2017. In their examined aftercare program for patients surviving a severe sepsis, they could emphasize the importance of aftercare by general physicians subsequently to intensive care and furthermore extend its relevance to an international frame and show first approaches to solutions. Markus Krause was rewarded by the Hufeland-Preis foundation with a funding for doctoral candidates in healthcare research for his work in a study examining the quality of family doctor’s care for over 8000 patients suffering from depression. This analysis forms part of the evaluation of healthcare centred around family doctors in Thuringia, supervised by Dr. Antje Freytag. Results indicated a closer medical observation of participating patients, who are consequently more likely to receive an anti-depression therapy from their general practitioner. “Both projects prove how demanding the family practitioners’ role as the main contact person for patients with long-term illnesses can be and what fruitful outcomes can arise from this connection”, acting director of the institute Prof. Horst Christian Vollmar contentedly commented.

News from science

Funding a project promoting doctors’ health

The Institute for general medicine obtained confirmation for funding of a research project concerning utilisation of healthcare by doctors within the framework of the initiative for funding scientific research 2016, led by the Central Research Institute of Ambulatory Health Care. Aiming at comparing utilisation of care services between doctors with statutory insurance plans and the general population with statutory health insurance, routine data will be analysed over the next two years. It is expected to start on the 1st January 2018.

Presenting ourselves on the 51st Congress of General Practice and Family Medicine (DEGAM)

This year, eight of our colleagues presented results from their research projects on the 51st DEGAM congress in Düsseldorf. Dr. Schmidt showed outcomes of a sepsis-register created by general practitioners as well as effects of sepsis-aftercare by family doctors depending on levels of education (SMOOTH-study). Dr. Schulz gave a presentation on the topic of “Behaviour of ill medicine students”, Dr. Wolf on “Retrospective data acquisition of ADHS-symptoms in childhood” and Ms. Hülle about utilisation and costs of medical care of sepsis-survivors. In addition, we were able to introduce 3 posters, which can also be found on our homepage, about the following topics: PTSD (Ms. Gehringer, substituted by Mr. Krause), antibiotic medical therapy (Dr. Petruschke) and the Jena anxiety-monitoring-list (JAMoL) (Mr. Breitbart, substituted by Mr. Krause).

Reporting about the 16th German Congress for health services research

Besides a speech of Prof. Vollmar on current issues tackled by the working group “Digital Death”, Dr. Schmidt gave a talk on the relevance of registers in clinical care research as well as potential improvements in healthcare for people with unipolar depression. Dr. Freytag introduced the new research project “SAVOIR” which is funded by the InnovationsFonds, Dr. Petruschke explained the RAI-study’s interim evaluation and Ms. Römhild presented a poster on methodological issues of the study “Impfen60+”. Similar to the DEGAM congress, committee work was playing an important role during this event.

Alzheimer Europe

In the beginning of October, this year’s Alzheimer Europe Conference took place in Berlin. The event was organized by the German Alzheimer Foundation. Its specialty is without any doubt the mutual participation of both scientists and affected patients. According to the motto “Not without us”, patients suffering from dementia were always present on the conference. One of the heavily discussed topics amongst others was “Dementia and driving”. Before the congress, the INTERDEM group (Early detection and timely INTERvention in DEMentia), a pan-European network of dementia-researchers was holding a meeting to examine new initiatives in research.

Release of impfen60+ campaign

In collaboration with the Thuringian minister for Labor, Social Affairs, Health and Women Heike Werner, the campaign’s kick-off took place on 25th September 2017. Further information on the joint vaccination campaign “Impfen60+” supported by the BMBF can be found on https://www.thueringen-impft.de.

Complimentary material for doctor’s practices can be ordered on http://impfen60.bestellen-wir.de.

Current publications of the Institute


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