



Invitation

We welcome you to participate in the world's northernmost International workshop for teachers in communication skills!

The workshop takes place 30. – 31. May 2005 at the University hospital of North Norway, Åsgård, in Tromsø, Norway and is titled:

Integrating communication skills training in medical school – what works and why?

Aims: To share knowledge, experience and assessment of communication skills teaching in different medical schools with different curriculums and different methods of teaching.

Methods: Invited presenters will describe aims, content, methods and context of teaching programmes. Presenters and participants will then be encouraged to share ideas and experience in how to teach and evaluate specific topics in communication and how to include these in the curriculum. Sessions consist of introductions, small group work and plenary summaries.

Presenters:

Professor Suzanne Kurtz, University of Calgary, Canada
Professor John Spencer, University of Newcastle, UK
Professor Arnstein Finset, University of Oslo, Norway
Professor Anders Bærheim and Torild Alræk, University of Bergen, Norway
Ass. professor Hilde Grimstad, University of Trondheim, Norway

Planning committee and chairs - University of Tromsø, Norway:

Tor Anvik – senior lecturer – Institute of community medicine
Tordis Sørensen Høifødt – senior psychiatrist – University hospital of North Norway
Tone Nordøy - ass. professor – Institute of clinical medicine
Tore Sørli – professor – Institute of clinical medicine
Vidje Hansen – ass. professor – Institute of clinical medicine

The presentations and the workshop will be held in English!

Registration

To register as participant send e-mail to: inger.lise.selles@ism.uit.no

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Last date for registration is May 1st. 2005.

Registration fee is NOK 1.500 (ca. € 200 / £ 130) and includes coffee/tea/biscuits at breaks, lunches both days and a midnight sun dinner and transport on Monday May the 30.th.

Participants may book rooms at a special price at Scandic Hotel, tel. (+47) 77 75 50 00 – quote the reference "Workshop at the University of Tromsø - UNI300505" when you book!

We hope to see you in Tromsø!



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International workshop for teachers in communication skills

University hospital of North Norway, Åsgård, Tromsø, Norway, 30. – 31. May 2005

Programme

Monday 30.th of May 2005

- 10.00 – 10.30 Registration and coffee/tea/biscuits
- 10.30 – 11.00 Welcome, practical information and introduction
- 11.00 – 11.45 "What characterises a well functioning doctor-patient relationship and what do we know about its importance for the quality of care and treatment?"
Professor Arnstein Finset, University of Oslo
- 11.45 – 12.15 Group and plenary session
- 12.15 – 12.30 Break
- 12.30 – 13.15 "Improving communication skills training in medical school – what works and why?"
1. The Canadian experience
Professor Suzanne Kurtz, University of Calgary, Canada
- 13.15 – 13.45 Group and plenary session
- 13.45 – 14.30 Lunches
- 14.30 – 15.15 "Improving communication skills training in medical school – what works and why?"
2. The UK experience
Professor John A. Spencer, University of Newcastle, UK
- 15.15 – 15.45 Group and plenary session
- 15.45 – 16.00 Break
- 16.15 – 17.30 "Feed-forward as a tool in consultation training"
Interactive workshop demonstration with a simulated patient
Professor Anders Bærheim and Torild Alræk, University of Bergen
- 17.30 – 18.00 "What did we learn today?"
Summing up in groups and plenary
- Ca. 20.00 : Dinner and Midnight sun at the "Fjellheisen" mountain restaurant
Transport by coach and cableway



Tuesday 31.th of May 2005

08.30 – 08.45 Good morning and introduction

08.45 – 09.30 “How to integrate communication skills training with training in other clinical skills?”
Professor Suzanne Kurtz, University of Calgary, Canada

09.30 – 10.00 Group and plenary session

10.00 – 10.15 Break

10.15 – 10.45 “Teaching and assessing communication skills in skills lab and with GPs”
Assoc. professor Hilde Grimstad, University of Trondheim

10.45 – 11.15 Group and plenary session

11.15 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 12.00 “What have we learnt so far – and how do we proceed?”
Group and plenary session

12.00 – 13.00 Lunches

13.00 – 15.00 Group and/or plenary sessions according to what the participants have decided on *

15.00 – 15.30 “What to take home – and should we meet again?”
Group and plenary session

15.30 Good bye!

* The participants will decide which themes to pick and in what way.