

Letter to ECTS MA Members

February 10, 2012



Dear Colleague, dear Friend,

As delegates by our medical schools, we know how tough is the job to sustain mobility of students in medicine, year after year. We just held a board meeting on February 10, 2012 in Lisbon so has to discuss about problems and success in our enterprise.

We have the pleasure to invite you to participate to the next annual ECTS-MA meeting in Bordeaux, 27 & 28 April, jointly with the Medine2 European project.

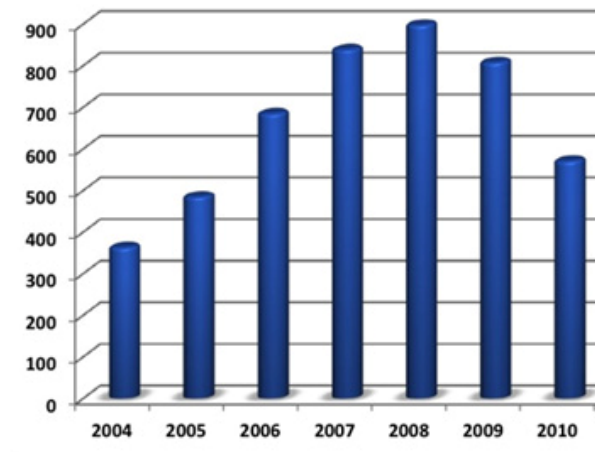
This annual meeting 2012 will consist on an ECTS School on Friday pm 27th of April. The ECTS School will be also opened to the Medine2 participants (see our proposed preliminary program here enclosed). This ECTS School will be mainly focused on the administrative and academic ways to promote, facilitate and organize mobility.

A survey will be sent to you before the meeting in order to evaluate our usual mobility practices and how to manage with transcripts of records.

The Saturday am 28th of April will be focused on the clearing house which remains the best way to solve efficiently specific bilateral mobility problems. The General Assembly will be held at the end of the meeting with the presentation of new faculty members, the reports from the president and the treasury, a large discussion of the perspectives of our association and the elections for new (invited) members on the board.

As you can see below in the figure, our last statistics using data from 35 partners who completely fulfilled the database show a recent decline in mobility. Such a decline may be explained by the economic crisis but also by curricula reforms started in many medical schools, according to the Bologna process, which create new difficulties to find sufficiently similar programs to facilitate mobility. This must be discussed and clarified.

Outgoing students from 35 ECTS-MA faculties (n=5299)



As indicated in the work package 2 from the Medine2 project we have the pleasure to present you the electronic mobility poster. The electronic version of the poster will be available in at least 4 main languages (English, German, Spanish and French) on Medine2 website so as to be integrated in the website from your medical school (Faculty, Academy, University or Institute).



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A letter will be rapidly sent to you for your Deans in order to recall the missions of ECTS MA which are to promote and facilitate mobility inside our institutions but also to ask for the 2012 membership (fees of 200 euros).
Can you also have a look on the new pages of www.ectsma.eu and check your data, as member institution of ECTS MA. All modifications have to be sent to Monique Léonard monique.leonard@ulb.ac.be with a copy to Human Salemi human.salemi@meduniwien.ac.at

We hope to see you in Bordeaux at the end of April for interesting and constructive discussions according to the missions of our association.

Best regards from the elected Board Members and Invited Members,

Sylvain Meuris, President,
Juan Argüelles, Vice-President
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Human Salemi, Secretary,
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