

International Forum GASTEIN

YOUNG FORUM GASTEIN NETWORK



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WHAT IS YOUNG FORUM GASTEIN?

The Young Forum Gastein (YFG) initiative is a joint project of the International Forum Gastein and the European Commission (currently Directorate Generals for Health and Food Safety and Communications Networks, Content and Technology).

It is aimed at bringing together young professionals from across Member States of the European Union and beyond who work in the field of health.

The purpose of the initiative is to introduce promising young decision-makers and experts to the Gastein process – bridging the gap between research and policy-making and facilitating learning and networking.

It offers a unique opportunity to learn about current developments in Europe and to network with a number of high level experts in the field of health.

The International Forum Gastein initiated the project on the occasion of its 10th anniversary in 2007, and the network of members now numbers in excess of 330 people – and growing!

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WHO CAN BECOME A YOUNG GASTEINER?

A limited number of scholarships are available for applicants fulfilling the following requirements:

- Citizenship of one of the 28 EU Member States or candidate countries or EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland);
- 35 years of age or under;
- Proficiency in English (oral and written);
- Hold a Masters degree in a health related subject;
- Relevant work experience of at least 2 years (full time) in the field of health/public health (policy or research);
- Proof of current work in the field of public health (for a university or national research institute, a government ministry or for a non-governmental organisation);
- A limited number of places are also available for young professionals working in industry, however scholarships to cover the costs of participating must be borne by the employer.

Scholars are selected on the merit of their applications and also to ensure balanced participation (1) from countries, (2) representatives of science, administration, civil society and industry and (3) alumni and newcomers.

ACTIVITIES

The Young Forum Gastein initiative was founded in 2007 with 34 Young Gasteiners involved in health research and public administration attending the EHFG. The number of scholarships has grown year by year, with 79 Young Forum Gastein scholars participating in EHFG 2015.

Over the years the Young Gasteiners have played an increasingly visible role in the EHFG conference, undertaking tasks as rapporteurs, interviewing delegates, tweeting and blogging, compiling the Gastein Conference Report, attending specific Young Forum Gastein workshops and meetings, and of course participating in the general conference programme with its plenary and parallel forum sessions, workshops and evening networking events.

In addition the Young Forum Gastein has started increasing its activities during the year outside the EHFG conference, with Network members meeting up at international conferences and summer schools, and participating in specially organised workshops hosted by the European Commission and other partners, as well as utilising social media such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, the Young Forum Gastein Members Website, and technology such as webinars and skype conferences to keep in touch and help implement a new strategy for Young Forum Gastein for “2016 and beyond”.



Young Forum Gastein Scholars with European Commission trainees' Health Affairs Sub-committee at the so-called “Political Hour” meeting with Commissioner Andriukaitis' cabinet, Brussels 2015.



Young Expert Panel on Person-centred Care, Brussels 2014.



Mock European Parliament Hearing with Dr Marc Sprenger, Director of European Centre for Disease Control, 2012.

TESTIMONIALS



YFG is so special because it facilitates a cross-generational exchange between researchers, policy-makers and practitioners working on European health challenges.

Martin Cichocki,
Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of
Health Promotion Research,
Austria



For me, Young Gastein is an excellent learning and networking opportunity, where I get inspired to continue developing my work as a Public Health practitioner.

Sofia Ribeiro,
Primary Health Cluster of Sintra,
Portugal



There is nothing more important you can make out of a conference than establishing new connections which may enrich your professional and personal horizons. And this is what YFG does best.

Alexander Nawka,
Charles University Prague,
Czech Republic



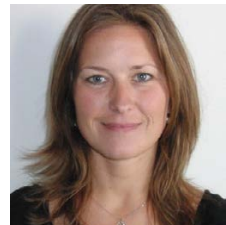
The YFG Network members helped me to easily find high-level interview partners from the Dutch Ministry of Health and the biggest Dutch health insurer for my current research on hospital financing and selective contracting.

Inga-Lena Boos,
Hertie School of Governance,
Germany



Join Young Gastein - know
European health policy.

Timo Clemens,
Maastricht University,
The Netherlands



To have personal contacts in so many different countries enables us to share the information about different European health systems, but it has also helped me solve the problems I encounter in my day to day work in a much easier and faster way.

Eliska Dvorakova,
General Health Insurance Fund,
Czech Republic