



Spain, January 25, 2019

Subject: Invitation to Conference Exchange Madrid 2019

Dear National Exchange Coordinators,

We would like to invite our colleagues from the Vasco da Gama Movement to participate in a conference exchange in **Madrid from the 10th to the 17th March 2019**.

We would like to ask you to inform the GP trainees / young GPs of your country about this exchange program. We will be also grateful for your help in selecting the participants.

Conference-exchange information:

Arrival **Sunday March 10, 2019 to Airport of Madrid (Aeropuerto Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas).**

Primary care exchange:

March 11 to 13 - 3 days of observation in Primary Health Care Centres

March 15 - 1-day visit to the Emergency Room. University Hospital of Getafe or La Paz (pending confirmation)

Conference:

Thursday March 14, 2019 Free registration and assistance to the [XXI Conference of Residents and II Conference of Young Family Doctors of SoMaMFyC](#).

Bilingual conference: the main activities will be carried out in Spanish and a parallel itinerary will be offered in English during the day of the congress.

All candidates are required to participate in the abstract contest, sending summaries to the scientific committee about what one

European foreign doctor must do to come to work in your country and what are the weaknesses and disadvantages and the most positive, strong and attractive points of the health system of your country.

Free choice of language (English or Spanish). The four best summaries will be selected for an oral presentation.

All attendees will be asked to prepare a brief presentation on the Family Medicine Learning Program in their country during residency and the job opportunities available after completing the GP / FM specialization program.

The 100% attendance of the scientific exchange program is mandatory to receive the exchange certificate of the VdGM conference.

Social program:

During the afternoons of the whole week we will attend:

- ✓ *The illustrious College of Physicians of Madrid for the welcome meeting of Madrid CE.*
- ✓ *Rooftop terrace of the Circle of Fine Arts, Madrid's famous downtown art gallery*
- ✓ *Historic Center of Madrid.*
- ✓ *Old San Miguel Flea Market.*
- ✓ *Tablao "Las Carboneras" and its magical night of flamenco dancing.*
- ✓ *"Retiro" Park.*
- ✓ *and much more*

(exact prices pending confirmation)

Accommodation:

We will help the assistants with advice on cheap and well-located hotels or Airbnb flats.

What is not included:

- ✓ *Accommodation*
- ✓ *Transport*
- ✓ *Social program*

- There are **14 places** available for this exchange.
- Candidates have to prepare a letter of motivation and a CV in English.
- Deadline for the application is **Friday February 15, 2019.**

Dear NECs, please help us with the selection by sending your candidates ordered by the selection criteria of your country to hippokratesspain@gmail.com.

- Our final selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - ✓ The candidate needs a good knowledge (upper intermediate spoken level and listening comprehension) of English or Spanish
 - ✓ To be elected, candidates must commit to playing an active role in the exchange program and be willing to share experiences in their country of work.
 - ✓ One person per country. The second and third candidates will be selected from among the countries with the highest number of applicants.
 - ✓ The involvement of the applicant in the work of VdGM and the commitment to our movement will be taken into consideration.
 - ✓ We will also try to provide more opportunities to applicants who have not previously participated in an exchange.

Note: The candidate must be an open-minded person willing to avoid isolation and individualism and work as a team with all the participants in the exchange. It must be understood that the scientific contents of the exchange are essential and mandatory and that the purpose of the visit to Madrid is to know the Spanish health system, taking advantage of the opportunity to open up to different ways of living, working and doing medicine, breaking down the barriers of ignorance of different cultures and beliefs, share our experiences and points of view and enjoying the spirit of union and friendship.

Thank you very much for your help. Do not hesitate to contact us to solve any problem or doubt.

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on behalf of the Madrid Conference Exchange Organizing Committee



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