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**PROGRAM
OF THE 5th EAMA TRAINING COURSE**

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- **Dates and Topics**

The European Academy for Medicine of Ageing announces the **fifth** advanced postgraduate course in geriatrics for the years 2003/2004. Again, four one-week sessions will cover important geriatric topics :

1. January 27-31, 2003: **Evidence Based Geriatrics versus Individual Based Geriatrics**
2. June 23-27, 2003: **Organization of Geriatric Care and Programmes** – from the ageing population needs to the quality of care and life evaluations
3. January 26-30, 2004: **Prevention of Age Related Disorders** – from genes to new drug and technological interventions
4. June 21-25, 2004: **Geriatric Psychiatry** – from normal to disturbing mental functioning + **4th EAMA Network Members Meeting**

The highly successful format of intensive student participation in working groups, giving short presentations and leading discussions, as well as state-of-the-art lectures by experts in the field will be followed again.

- **Background**

Nine years ago the ad-hoc group of the European Professors of Medical Gerontology (Age & Ageing 1994; 23: 179-81) instituted the European Academy for Medicine of Ageing with the support of the Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch at Sion (Switzerland).

Three advanced postgraduate courses have been completed in 1996, 1998 and 2000. 97 participants from 15 European countries, as well as from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa have completed this course, obtained their certificate and are now members of the EAMA network.

The fourth advanced postgraduate course has been held between January 2001 and June 2002. The topics of this course were :

- Biology of Ageing and Neurosciences (January 2001)
- Very Old Patient Centered Medicine (September 2001)
- Adaptation, Regeneration and Repair Processes in the Elderly (January 2002)
- Symptom Control, Palliative Care, Terminal Care and Ethical Issues in Geriatrics (June 2002)

Some 43 participants from 17 countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica Tunisia followed this course and were graduated in June 2002 or will complete the four training sessions during the 5th course.

- **Aim of the European Academy for Medicine of Ageing**

- To improve knowledge and skills in geriatric medicine for junior faculty members or promising candidates for future teachers in geriatrics.
- To harmonise the attitudes and goals of future opinion leaders in geriatric medicine throughout Europe.
- To establish a network among medical doctors responsible for the care of elderly persons and those responsible for student instruction, as well as general physicians caring for the aged.
- To stimulate scientific interest in geriatric medicine.

The Executive Board includes Prof. R. Bernabei from Rome (I), Prof. J.-P. Michel from Geneva (CH), Prof. Th. Nikolaus from Ulm (D), Prof. A. Sinclair from Warwick (UK), Prof. H.B. Stähelin from Basel (CH), Prof. Ch. Swine from Yvoir (B) and Prof. P. Perrig from IUKB Sion (CH).

- **Applications**

In order to create a wide network throughout Europe, the organising committee invites applications from all European countries. Since the number of participants is limited to 35 - 40, it is suggested that the national gerontological and geriatric societies nominate 3 to 5 (maximum) applicants and assign priorities and posteriorities. This enables the Executive Board to admit a balanced international group of students coming from many different countries and with different cultural backgrounds.

- **Tuition and other expenses**

The tuition fee for the entire course of four one-week sessions amounts to CHF 4'800.- (Swiss Francs).

In addition are travel expenses, costs for food and accommodation of CHF 900.- to 1'000.- per one-week session (5 course days).

No other expenses are expected to arise.

- **Location of the course**

The four sessions are held at the Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch near Sion, Switzerland.

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