

**Dear Community of National Directors of Training,**

Thank you for your active participation in the recent ESC Education Conference (for those who missed the event, please see below for highlights). We are very grateful for your help in shaping the future of education across the ESC, in concert with the National Cardiac Societies. With increasing availability of technology, this is an exciting time for education, and the potential benefits to trainees, practising cardiologists and our patients.

As suggested during the conference, this is the first of a termly newsletter, bringing to your attention the latest developments from the ESC Education Committee, and providing a way for National Training Directors to interact with us and each other. We look forward to working with you all in the future.

Best regards,

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**On behalf of the ESC Education Committee**

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## **2016 ESC Education Conference facts & figures**

The 4th ESC Education Conference took place 14-15 December 2016 at the ESC Heart House in Sophia Antipolis, France. The attendees represented 43 ESC countries, and in total 77 participants.

All attendees contributed to the conference by preparing summaries on Assessment of Skills and Knowledge for their respective countries and their National Cardiac Society.

Seminars on the major activities of the ESC and involvement in education and assessment were delivered by keynote speakers.

[2016 ESC Education Conference presentations are available](#)



Figure 1 Interactive workshop session - country focus Greece

*Give us your feedback & contribute to publication on key messages*



Figure 2 Interactive workshop session- country focus Ireland

A paper on the key messages on Assessment of Skills and Knowledge, as voiced by the National Directors of Training at the 2016 ESC Education Conference, is in progress / will be published in a peer reviewed journal.

Contribute to this paper by answering the post-conference survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESCeduc2016>



Figures 3 & 4 Plenary Session 14 December 2016

## 2015 ESC Education Conference

[The role of the ESC in education](#) – read the article on 2015 ESC Education Conference. Thank you for contributing to this publication!

Key Learning:

“It was apparent throughout the conference that the ESC has a central role in providing educational materials.

While the ESC does not have a legal mandate to impose educational and training standards in individual countries, it is uniquely well placed to develop standards recognized and endorsed by a broad base of European cardiologists. The Core Curriculum was identified as one such endeavour. Delegates from several countries reported that the existence of the ESC Core Curriculum in Cardiology was seen as having been instrumental in separating and identifying Cardiology as a clinical entity for training.”

Read more at:

<https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article/37/45/3364/2743507/The-role-of-the-ESC-in-education>

## ESC Survey on National Training in Cardiology in Europe 2016

This is your chance to contribute to the update of the ESC Core Curriculum for the General Cardiologist (4<sup>th</sup> edition). Thanks very much to the National Directors of Training from 37 ESC member countries who have contributed so far:

**Contributors:** Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK,

### **There is still time to contribute!**

Data collection closes on **15 February 2017**. Contact [mros@escardio.org](mailto:mros@escardio.org) for any questions.

### **Next step: data validation**

All participating National Cardiac Societies will be contacted to validate data submissions prior to publication.

## *Network with your fellow National Directors of Training - coming soon!*

You requested a networking facility to share information with your fellow National Directors of Training, on possibilities of exchanges for trainees or offering mentorship/experience for practising cardiologists. This will be available soon.

## *Spread the word*

As a valued member of the Community of National Directors of Training, you receive information on ESC educational activities. Institutions/ hospitals are a great place for education and training, interaction between trainees and trainers.

Prior to each monthly general cardiology webinar, you will receive a "Help us spread the word" email with easy steps to follow to network this information at national level and to promote the event on national cardiac society websites, within your respective social networks or disseminate to institutions.

### **WEBINAR SERIES: General cardiology**

**Great teaching and training opportunities!** You will be systematically invited to attend the [ESC Webinars in general cardiology](#).

## Register for the upcoming General Cardiology webinar

With M. Piepoli and U. Landmesser; **21 February, 18:00 - 19:00 CET**

[New ESC CVD prevention guidelines 2016: how should they change my clinical practice in preventive cardiology?](#)

## Check the other Webinar Series:

- [Cardiovascular Imaging](#)
- [Acute cardiovascular care](#)
- [Heart Rhythm](#)
- [Heart failure](#)

## ESC Clinical Case Gallery

[Check the latest cases online](#)

- Great teaching material to enrich the implementation of guidelines.
- Practical typical clinical cases, with Q&A. Interaction with the authors using the online blog.

## *Comments or suggestions*

Send through any comments or suggestions to [mros@escardio.org](mailto:mros@escardio.org), we look forward to hearing from you!