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DEAR COLLEAGUES, DEAR FRIENDS,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to come to Vienna for the 2012 WONCA Europe regional conference.

The main theme of this conference, "The Art and Science of General Practice and Family Medicine", has been carefully selected and means more to us than just a new conference title. We aim to provide a forum for all colleagues practicing in primary health care, using a broad spectrum of methods, skills and approaches, ranging from evidence-based medicine to complementary methods. To be efficient as a family doctor requires more than just scientific knowledge; this additional aspect may be considered to be the art of medicine. A special symposium is planned to address the fact that scientific evidence requires skilful implementation to become effective for our patients.

Vienna, sometimes considered the cultural capital of the world, seems the ideal location to explore this theme. The city contains many historic places and world-renowned cultural highlights, offers state-of-the-art facilities, and continues to be a centre for research and development.

The central image of our conference serves as a symbol for the theme. Skilfully created in the 18th century, the world-famous wax anatomical models are situated in the Josephinum, the building where the first medical school in Vienna was founded in 1786. They document the combination of scientific knowledge about anatomy with the art of transforming that knowledge into beautiful and accurate models, which were used for teaching.

We invite you all to join us for an exciting conference in a fascinating city in the heart of Europe. Welcome to Vienna!

Gustav Kamenski
President

Manfred Maier
Chairman of the Scientific Committee

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EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GENERAL PRACTICE AND FAMILY MEDICINE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Austrian Society of General Practice and Family Medicine (OEGAM)

OUR AIMS FOR THIS CONFERENCE ARE:

- to receive submissions on all topics relevant to the main theme
- to offer centre stage to presentations of original research
- to bring together science and evidence with experience and traditional medicine
- to focus on bringing evidence into the reality of practice
- to provide a full spectrum of sessions such as symposia, workshops, short presentations and poster presentations

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

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THE JOSEPHINUM:

Founded by Emperor Joseph II for the purpose of educating physicians for the army, the Collegium Medico-Chirurgicum-Josephinum quickly became known as the Josephinum. The building was constructed between 1783 and 1785 according to a design by Isidor Canevale, court architect to Joseph II. Today it houses the collections of the Medical University of Vienna, which include the world-famous wax anatomical models, a comprehensive library whose oldest book dates from 1478, an archive of paintings and other pictures of interest to the history of medicine, and a collection of publications and hand-written documents, among them the complete archives of physician-scientists such as Julius Wagner-Jauregg and Theodor Billroth.

