



Dear colleagues  
Dear friends of our Institute



General Practice in Germany has received a richly endowed research award

for the first time ever, and in a unique form too. In memory of Lothar Beyer (1995-2005), the family of our Research Manager Martin Beyer has set up the 'Lothar Beyer Foundation' and provided it with endowment funds totalling € 150,000.

Under the umbrella of the German Institute for General Practice as an official foundation and with the support of the DEGAM German Society of General Practice and Family Medicine, the Dr. Lothar Beyer foundation offers generous prizes for General Practice research. In its first year, the prizes have been designated for excellent research work on the subject of 'Family practice-based medical care for mental problems and disorders'.

German General Practice and all the staff at our Institute are both deeply impressed and extremely grateful to the Beyer family for their generous private initiative.

You can find out more about other interesting developments in this issue of short @nd sweet.

Enjoy your read!

Ferdinand M. Gerlach

You can find further details on the research prize on our homepage under

<http://www.allgemeinmedizin.uni-frankfurt.de/aktuelles/beyer-stiftung.pdf>

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### The Professionalization of General Practice

In June 2008, a new field of work commenced at our Institute: 'Research Methodology and Project Management in General Practice'. Jutta Will and Corina Güthlin will provide support to all researchers and the teaching team in planning, implementation and publication for all manner of projects.

The execution of research projects proceeds according to fixed and standardized processes, but nevertheless requires individual planning and counselling. Both are united in this work area in which the so-called PQM-Team (Process and Quality Management) records specific processes and then makes them broadly available in the shape of Standard Operating Procedures, or as professional Project Management. The latter is the responsibility of Jutta Will, who has a degree in home economics and nutritional science. She also has useful experience in the management of laboratory projects.

Corina Güthlin will draw on many years of experience in quantitative and qualitative research methodology to provide valuable help when it comes to applying for, executing and evaluating research projects. She will accompany our scientists throughout the whole process of applying for research projects right

up to publishing the results. Furthermore, she will work on general subjects concerning research methodology in General Practice, the results of which she will also publish.

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### 42nd Congress of the DEGAM German Society of General Practice and Family Medicine

The 42nd annual conference of DEGAM will take place from September 25-27 under the motto 'General Practice: the Basis for Community Health Care'.

DEGAM's annual congress is the most important scientific forum in German General Practice. The focus of this year's congress will be care for persons with chronic illnesses, professional learning and quality development. In addition, the results from the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)'s special emphasis placed on 'Promotion of Research in General Practice' will also be presented

The detailed Congress agenda can be found on DEGAM's homepage ([www.degam.de](http://www.degam.de)); where you can also register directly.

The Congress will take place at the Campus Benjamin Franklin of the Charité Hospital in Berlin-Steglitz (Hindenburgdamm 30, 12200 Berlin).



## Online Registration for students now possible

Online registration is now possible for all compulsory seminars and practical training. Feedback from students has been consistently positive – “the best organized practical training on the whole degree course”. For Institute employees the whole work-intensive process of allocating courses to students can now be dropped and students’ own wishes taken into consideration in an optimal fashion.

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**Save the date!**  
**2nd Frankfurt  
General Practice Day**  
**May 9, 2009**

## Opera tickets for participants in the PRoMPT study

As part of the ongoing cooperation with our Institute, the Frankfurt Theatre and Opera Society has made available for the PRoMPT study 80 tickets for the opera performance of Rossini’s ‘Il Viaggio a Reims’ (Journey to Reims) on May 24th, 2008.

A prize draw has taken place among study participants and those fortunate enough to win a ticket will be able to enjoy an evening at the opera with a companion of their choice. So far, feedback has been very positive.

The PRoMPT project team would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks to the Frankfurt Theatre and Opera Society for the successful cooperation!

## MultiCare: Multimorbidity patterns in General Practice

The aim of the new MultiCare prospective observational study is the registration and analysis of interrelations and interactions in multimorbidity.

The focus of the research is on the question how patients and their relatives deal with the daily demands made on them. The results of the study should help improve family practice-based medical care for patients with multimorbidity.

We are looking for family doctors in the Frankfurt area. Participants will receive financial compensation. Patients will be interviewed at home (only in exceptional circumstances will the interview take place in the Practice).

### Interested family doctors should get in contact with:

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An introductory information meeting for interested family practitioners will take place at the Institute for General Practice at the Goethe-University in Frankfurt at 4:30 pm on September 3, 2008.

## Berlin Health Prize 2008: Words are not enough



Adherence – Doctor and Patient share responsibility. Medicines end up in the rubbish bin, exercise and

fitness courses are quickly discontinued, doctors’ dietary recommendations do not progress beyond an initial stage. In a nutshell, patients all too often have problems with therapy adherence. Innovative ideas and models for doctor-patient relationships are being sought which allow patients to participate actively and on an equal footing with their doctors in the planning and implementation of therapies.

The Berlin Health Prize, which is endowed with prize money totalling €50,000 is being offered for the seventh year running.

The deadline is September 30.

[www.berliner-gesundheitspreis.de](http://www.berliner-gesundheitspreis.de)

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