



Dear colleagues,
Dear friends of our institute,



It's good for us
and it's good for
our faculty:
We are very
pleased our
institute won

not just one but two awards this autumn.

Our work area "Chronic Care and Medical Care Research" received the richly endowed "German Research Award for General Practice 2008" bestowed for the first time this year by the Lothar Beyer Foundation, and the working group "Evidence-based Medicine" was awarded the "GMA Prize for Young Teachers 2008" by the German GMA Society for Medical Education.

These awards for first-rate practice research and excellent teaching are good for general practice in the widest sense. Only if our faculty continues to steadily develop and remain attractive will students and doctors choose this career path in the future. With our research and teaching work, we would like to make a small contribution in this respect..

You can find out more about these awards and other topics in this issue of short @nd sweet.

Enjoy your read!

Ferdinand M. Gerlach

Lothar Beyer Award for Frankfurt

The work area "Chronic Care and Medical Care Research" at our Institute has received the Lothar Beyer Foundation's "German Research Award for General Practice 2008", with an endowment of €25,000.

The Frankfurt research scientists were distinguished with the award for work on improving the treatment of patients with depression in primary care.



*Radiant Faces of the awardees:
Prof. Ferdinand Gerlach, Dr. Juliana Petersen
and Prof. Jochen Gensichen (left to right)*

With the award, the scientific jury gave its recognition to the study program which, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. med. Jochen Gensichen (now University of Jena), deals with important questions concerning the medical diagnosis of depression in the family practice.

The prize was conferred as part of the 42nd Congress of the German Society of General Practice and Family Medicine (DEGAM) which took place in Berlin in September.

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Well received: 1st General Practice Day in Frankfurt

On April 26th, 2008, the "1st Frankfurt General Practice Day" (GPD) took place. We asked our visitors to assess the event by means of questionnaires. The results show that over half the participants (52%) were "very satisfied" (school grade A), while the second best grade was granted by almost 40% of visitors. Participants were also given the opportunity to praise, criticise and make suggestions for improvement of the GPD in free text. As a result we will be able to take recommendations for workshop topics, the timetable and general organisation into account next time.

This feedback will enable us to make the second GPD on May 9, 2009, even better .

We look forward to your visiting us!

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

Job Vacancies

The Institute for General Practice is looking for research assistants for a number of projects, as well as an archivist, study nurses and administrative staff.

[Further information](#)



EbM Frankfurt awarded Young Teachers prize for 2008

At this year's Society for Medical Education (GMA) Congress in October, the working group "Evidence-Based Medicine Frankfurt (EbM)" was awarded the "GMA Prize for Young Teachers 2008".

The award winners are Dr. Tobias Weberschock, Dr. Reinhard Straetz and Martin Bergold. The Institute for General Practice's working group was distinguished for "excellent performance in the field of higher education medical teaching" as a result of extensive teaching activities in evidence-based medicine.

The prize, which is the only one of its kind for higher education in medicine in the whole of Germany is awarded annually by the German Society for Medical Education.

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Frankfurt Research Scientist goes to Oxford

In September, our long-time employee Dr. med. Christiane Muth, MPH, participated in the opening meeting of the Brisbane Initiative in Oxford.

The Brisbane Initiative is an international cooperation of universities which aims to foster and develop future leaders in primary care research. Currently, the initiative is affiliated with 31 universities with a primary care faculty.

Christiane Muth was selected from a large number of international applicants because of her personal achievements, as well as those of the Frankfurt Institute for General Prac-

tice. The health scientist and specialist for internal medicine is, among many other things, the author of the DEGAM guideline on chronic heart failure, as well as of several further publications, particularly in the areas of chronic care and chronic heart failure.



The one-week meeting was attended by numerous recognised scientists. The group of ten, which includes participants from Great Britain, Ireland, The Netherlands and Germany, is beginning a 2-year development program with the primary aim of strengthening international research cooperation in primary care.

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EGPRN – European General Practice Research Network

The European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN) was established at the end of the eighties and now has over 300 members from more than 30 countries. The aim of the network is to intensify the exchange of information between research scientists in member countries and to facilitate joint research projects. Employees at our institute have been participating in this exchange of information for more than ten years now.

One of the network's most important activities is the six monthly conference which takes place in alternating countries. Contrary to many congresses which attempt to cover an unmanageable number of topics, the discussion of presentations at the conference is provided with ample time.

This year's autumn conference took place in Budapest from October 16-18. Martin Beyer presented for discussion the results of the institute's project on medication safety and multi-medication under the title 'A Matter of Attention – Inconsistencies between prescriptions and drug intake in elderly multi-morbid patients'.

Furthermore, the Institute is on the Research Strategy Committee of the EGPRN, the current aim of which is to develop a European research agenda that will help explain to third-party sponsors the importance and focus of research applications and highlight ways of developing primary care in countries in which it is not well established.

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