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Quality Standards in Specialist Examinations: A European Dialogue April 14, 2025

Austrian Medical Chamber
Weihburggasse 10–12 / 1010 Vienna, Austria

Invitation to the UCAN Pre-Conference

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,



It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 2025 UCAN Pre-Conference, **“Quality Standards in Specialist Examinations: A European Dialogue,”** in Vienna. Hosted in collaboration with the Austrian Academy of Physicians, this event serves as a key platform for in-depth discussions on advancing assessment standards in medical education across Europe.

The 2025 UCAN Pre-Conference will take place on April 14, 2025, at the Austrian Medical Chamber headquarters in Vienna.

Together with you, we aim to discuss how our UCAN network can strengthen the Europe-wide dialogue on valid and reliable specialist examinations as a guarantee for excellent patient care and cross-border recognition of medical expertise.

Amid a global shortage of physicians and healthcare professionals, coupled with increasing mobility in the healthcare sector, the medical ecosystem faces significant challenges. This pre-conference aims to foster dialogue on refining examination formats and content within the UCAN network, ultimately elevating the quality of medical education, training, and continuous professional development across Europe.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Austrian Academy of Physicians for not only contributing inspiring ideas to advance specialist examinations within our network but also for graciously hosting us this year at the Austrian Medical Chamber in the beautiful city of Vienna.

Our good collaboration with the Austrian Academy of Physicians highlights the immense value of cross-border exchange and networking in driving progress in specialist examinations.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Vienna and working together to spark new ideas for the development of specialist examinations.

We wish all of us an inspiring, constructive, and successful conference!

Kind regards,
Prof. Dr. Jana Jünger, MME
Scientific Director

Greeting from the President of the Austrian Medical Chamber

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,



It is with immense pleasure that I welcome you to the **“Quality Standards in Specialist Examinations: A European Dialogue”** pre-conference, taking place on April 14, 2025, at the Austrian Medical Chamber in Vienna.

The significance of high-quality specialist examinations cannot be overstated—they not only uphold professional excellence but also reinforce public trust in our healthcare systems. As medical knowledge and technology continue to evolve at an unprecedented pace, establishing clear standards and adopting innovative approaches are essential to meeting these growing demands.

In Austria, we embrace this responsibility through the Austrian Academy of Physicians, a subsidiary of the Austrian Medical Chamber, dedicated to advancing medical education, training, and continuing professional development. Together with esteemed partners such as UCAN and our scientific societies, we are committed to ensuring that specialist examinations are conducted at the highest possible standard.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to UCAN, a globally recognised institution, for organising this event. With your participation, this conference will contribute to the harmonisation and continuous improvement of examination standards across Europe.

I wish you all an inspiring exchange of ideas, valuable insights, and great success in your vital work in medical education.

With collegial regards,
OMR Dr. Johannes Steinhart
President of the Austrian Medical Chamber

Time	Topic
08:45 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Welcoming Address and Greetings Dr. Peter Niedermoser (Video) Dr. Ruth Krumpholz Prof. Dr. Jana Jünger, MME
09:30 - 10:00	Assessing Standards in International Physicians Prof. John Norcini, PhD
10:00 - 10:20	In a Nutshell: Report on Specialist Licensing in Austria Prof. Dr. Martin Lischka Prof. Dr. Michael Schmidts, MME
10:20 - 10:35	From Day One to Expertise: How Structured Self-Assessment Drives Competency Growth – Insights from Austrian Medical Training Dr. Gudrun Kühnl-Brady, MSc, MME
10:35 - 10:45	Buzz Groups and Discussion
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15- 11:35	Ensuring excellence in Intensive Care: Quality assurance in EDIC (2021 – 2024) Dr. Nica Alexandru
11:35-11:55	Subjective Experiences with Objective Assessments Dr. Zsuzsa Nebenführer
11:55- 12:20	Knowledge and Medical Language Examination for Doctors with Professional Qualifications from Non-EU Countries: Status Assessment and Further Development Prof. Dr. med. Martin Fischer, MME
12:20 - 12:40	Medical Training in Germany: Status Assessment and Further Development Dr. Folkert Fehr, Sinsheim

Time	Topic
12:40 - 12:50	Buzz Groups and Discussion
12:50- 13:15	What Do We Want to Achieve Together? Discussion
13:15 - 13:30	Prospects and Conclusions

Keynote Speakers, Presenters and Moderators

Dr. Folkert Fehr

Head of the Continuing Education Committee of the GMA, Sinsheim

Prof. Dr. med. Martin Fischer, MME

Dean of Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Prof. Dr. med. Jana Jünger, MME

Scientific Director, Institute for Communication and Assessment Research, Heidelberg

Dr. Gudrun Khünl-Brady, MSc, MME

General Directorate of the Vienna Healthcare Association, Vienna

Dr. Ruth Krumpholz

Chair of the Training Commission of the Austrian Medical Chamber

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Lischka

Medical University of Vienna

Dr. Zsuzsa Nebenführer

Dr. Peter Niedermoser

President of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Austrian Academy of Physicians

Dr. Alexandru Nica

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine- ESICM

Prof. John Norcini, PhD

President of Foundation for Advancement of International Medical- Education and Research, Philadelphia

Ass. Prof. Dr. Michael Schmidts, MME

Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences

Dr. Johannes Steinhart

President of the Austrian Medical Chamber

Social Activities (Advanced Registration Required)

	Before the UCAN Pre-Conference
April 13, 2025	For participants arriving on Sunday, April 13, 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Tour: “Barber Surgeons, Doctors, and Charlatans”• Meeting point: Monument Against War and Fascism (Augustinerstraße 8, 1010 Vienna, Austria)• Start time: 17:00.
April 14, 2025	After the Pre-Conference
	Shuttle Bus to Krems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure location: Hotel Marriott, Parkring 12A, 1010 Vienna, Austria• Departure time: 14:15

Notes



Registration Details

Registration is now open and will remain available until
March 30, 2025

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Participation Fees

Non-Members:	€40.00
UCAN members, MME students, alumni, and members of the Academy of Physicians:	free of charge

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Venue

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