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News

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SINGAPORE 2015

Our fourth Scientific Meeting, and the only one in 2015, will be held in Singapore 29–30 May 2015—add to your diaries now!

UNLOCK <http://www.theipcr.org/display/RESUNL/About+UNLOCK>

The latest study, Primary care COPD patients compared with large pharmaceutically-sponsored COPD studies: an UNLOCK validation study has been accepted for publication by PLOS One. Our first UNLOCK research post has been set up in a collaboration with the University of Minho, Portugal, and we welcome Pedro Teixeira who started on 1 March 2014. He will be working 50% of his time on UNLOCK Portugal, and 50% on coordinating four international projects. We now have 13 countries on board.



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MEMBERS' NEWS

It is really encouraging to see how many of our members now have a seat at the table for national policy and guideline decisions to ensure that primary care has a voice. Amongst the examples we have received are Australia, Canada, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Vietnam and the UK. In addition, many of our colleagues run COPD, TB and asthma schools for primary care. To profile one, our new member in India, the Chest Research Foundation, trained 684 general practitioners, general physicians, paediatricians and respiratory technicians and medical trainees between May and November 2013, and they also offer a free six-weekly two-hour webcast to which 600 trainees log in each time. Some groups outreach directly to patients. For example, our Vietnamese group ran its first asthma-COPD patient club meeting which 150 people attended. We look forward to more stories of the reach and impact our groups have on respiratory care around the world.

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