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Chronic obstructive respiratory disease 2016. What's new, and what isn't

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a common respiratory problem whose prevalence and impact is increasing. It causes increasing morbidity and mortality in all countries of the world and is principally caused by exposure to smoke from cigarette smoking, or, in low and middle income countries, indoor air pollution from residential biomass fuel use. The International Primary Care Respiratory Group is a Special Interest Group (SIG). The Symposium (which will be interactive) will cover:

- Diagnosis, including the dilemma of screening.
- Vaccination in COPD– which, when and how?
- Physical activity and respiratory rehabilitation in COPD. Do we need a rehabilitation service or are we ready in primary care?
- E-cigarettes: harms and possible benefits in front of tobacco exposure
- The plethora of new drugs for COPD: how to cope and are they really new?
- Exacerbations – get in early!
- Asthma COPD Overlap Syndrome (ACOS) – is it really a new diagnosis?

The IPCRG has presented internationally for a number of years including in Istanbul (2x), Lisbon, Warsaw, Prague, Vienna, Malaga, and Heraklion. The sessions have been very well received with excellent attendance. All proposed speakers are general practitioners and are well known Internationally in primary care circles, especially with reference to respiratory medicine.