

WONCA Deadline

The World Congress for Family Doctors is being held in Hong Kong from 10 to 14 June this year. How about joining the South African contingent at the WONCA Congress and meet with other general practitioners, family physicians, primary care doctors, rural generalists or name it what you will, from all over the world?

The deadline for booking of flights and accommodation is upon us. See the information in this journal and act now if you are planning to come.

The theme "Family Medicine – Meeting New Challenges" will be addressed from various angles. Several South Africans have had their papers accepted and are participating in sessions on: The Rural Practitioner, AIDS Education in Schools, Patient Centredness Research and Quality Improvement in Third World settings – are a few of the contributions. It will be great if many South African family physicians could attend, and support their colleagues as they conduct workshops on these topics or make presentations.

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Many GPs in South Africa are despondent about the future of South African general practice. Hong Kong gives us the opportunity to talk to doctors functioning in every system under the sun. Go and hear from colleagues directly how they and their patients experience their system. Ours is going to change. What it will change to, will depend on the level of our imagination, involvement and debate. WONCA gives us an opportunity at the right time. We can come back after the 14th of June better informed and hopefully inspired to work for a fair and sustainable health care system for all.

See you there!

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