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# Key Dates for 2016

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- June 11th 2016** 2nd National takeAIM conference
- June 14th 2016** 5th Acute Medicine Awareness Day
- June 16th 2016** 5th Society for Acute Medicine Benchmark Audit (SAMBA)



# SAM Belfast

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**SAM Belfast – May 5th-6th 2016**

<https://www.eventsforce.net/sambelfast>

The spring meeting is rapidly approaching. The quality of the abstracts continues to improve. Louella Vaughan, our research lead, felt that the research abstracts were of a very high quality, perhaps the best ever!

Clearly this has been another hard winter, and so the opportunity to catch-up with colleagues, and hopefully enjoy some spring sunshine, will be a welcome break.

This is SAM's first visit to Northern Ireland. The local hosts and organisers, Eleanor Campbell and Michael Trimble, have worked with our immediate past-president, Alistair Douglas, to assemble some excellent speakers. As always we have a packed nursing and AHP programme. We are also delighted that the National Outreach Forum (NoRF) are joining us for their national conference.

We know that Christine Lawson and her team always make SAM conferences occasions to remember. Christine has the unique ability to make a large conference intimate and personal; every delegate is made to feel special. The latest from Christine is that plans for Belfast are well on track with 95 posters accepted.

The headline act in a strong programme is Professor Pat Croskerry, who has published over 80 journal articles and 30 book chapters on patient safety and clinical decision making. He has worked in patient safety for the last 15 years and has given over 500 talks locally, nationally and internationally. He established the first Canadian Symposium on Patient Safety and we are lucky to have him in Belfast.

We have the maximum 12 external clinical CPD points, crammed into 21 sessions over two days. At least 250 people are expected at the Titanic Quarter Centre. Belfast is a unique city, full of surprises, with fascinating walks, bus and taxi tours, cultural escapes, scientific exhibitions and literary inspirations.

The confluence of multi-professional healthcare professionals from across Ireland, Europe and rest of the UK, makes this arguably the most exciting medical meeting this spring. If you have not already booked your place, sign-up today, for the legendary hospitality that is SAM Belfast 2016.



# SAM Edinburgh

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**SAM Edinburgh – September 12th-13th 2016**

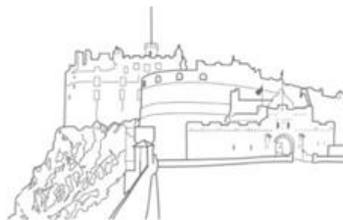
<http://www.pastpresentfuture2016.org>

Abstracts are now invited for our 10<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Meeting which we are co-hosting with the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. The link above takes you to the conference website, including the draft programme and registration details.

This ambitious joint conference will combine the historical aspects of medicine with a look into the future of healthcare across a broad range of clinical topics. It will be hosted at the world renowned Edinburgh International Conference Centre in Scotland's cosmopolitan capital city which offer visitors a captivating blend of rich history, natural beauty and adventure. Put this joint SAM-RCPE conference in your diary to enjoy two days of high quality, independent CPD.

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# SAM and the Media

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There are many ways we can improve care. Influencing and informing national health policy is one of the most important. This winter now feels as bad 2014-2015. Unlike last year, NHS performance data is now only published monthly in England. In March 2016 the figures for January 2016 were released; we released a statement and published SAM's response on our website. Our press release was picked up by national press and, ultimately, led to a question being asked in the House of Lords. The Government Peer agreed with many of our points. Details are available at the weblinks below.

SAM response to January 2016 performance data

<http://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/news/sam-presidents-response-to-latest-nhs-performance-data/>

SAM quoted in national press

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/mar/10/nhs-hospitals-overwhelmed-patients-could-die-top-doctor>

Link to parliament TV, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

[Parliamentlive.tv](http://Parliamentlive.tv) 14.58.02 in the box on the right:



# Trainees

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## FAMUS

From Nick Smallwood, Trainee Rep:

'We've just had FAMUS (focused acute medicine ultrasound) approved by the SAC as a specialist skill for ultrasound.....SAM has now approved an acute medicine specific ultrasound standard and training programme which will allow acute physicians to gain skills in point of care ultrasound.'

## Contracts

Nick Smallwood and Sanjay Krishnamoorthy have surveyed their trainee colleagues, including questions related to the imposed new contract. The results can be [viewed in full on our website](#), although not unexpectedly trainees feel the new contract will not:

- **Improve recruitment to acute medicine**
- **Improve training**
- **Improve patient safety**

By the time this newsletter is published we will have entered a new round of strike action. Assuming the link is still working, the parliamentary debate regarding the junior doctors contract is available at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b076yh3l>

As I have said on many occasions, SAM's position is that we are working very hard with our takeAIM fellows to attract the best young doctors to acute medicine. Even before the new contract was imposed, recruitment was not easy. The trainees' survey shows that the imposed contract will make things worse. To encourage the best people to join us we need optimum conditions for training and work life balance. Hence we will continue to support our trainee colleagues.



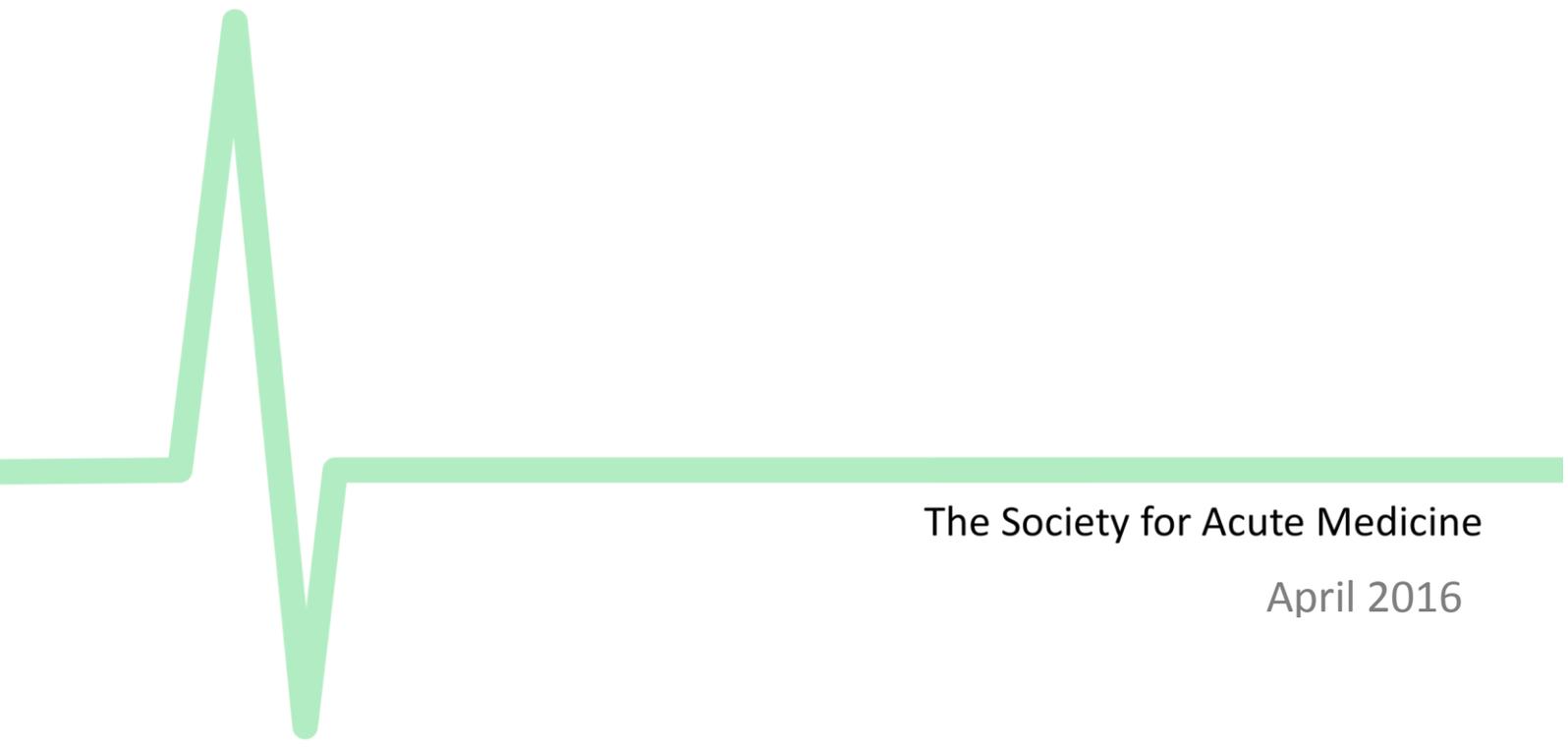
# Nursing & AHPs

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From Ian Setchfield and Jan Christian:

- The SAM Nursing Network is preparing a scoping exercise regarding the role of Advance Nurse Practitioners (ANP) within acute medical care. We will be contacting AMU leads registered with SAM and, asking them some basic establishment questions. In AMUs with ANPs we will forward a survey, so we can start to gain an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of ANPs within acute medicine. This will assist us in a bigger piece of work around ANP competencies and potentially a SAM ANP forum. Please contact Naomi Morrison at [Naomi.Morrison@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Naomi.Morrison@nuh.nhs.uk)
- If you are an ANP or Advanced Allied Health Practitioner, please contact us via the [SAM Administrator](#) to share your experiences of both the positive and the more challenging aspects of your work.
- The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) library has completed a literature review regarding the role of nurses in acute medical care. The data will be used to plan the next stage in achieving our aim of Acute Medical Nursing being recognised as a speciality, akin to Critical Care Nursing.
- As mentioned above, it is not too late to register for SAM Belfast on the 5&6<sup>th</sup> May 2016; **remember this is a joint conference with the National Outreach Forum:**
  - **A great opportunity to learn about the delivery of care for acutely ill patients within AMU**
  - **Join the debate regarding the role of outreach in AMU or whether AMUs should have a dedicated high dependency unit or an enhanced monitoring unit**
  - The more people who attend, the more varied and informative the debates and sharing of innovative ideas
- The Belfast multiprofessional programme includes educational development sessions, from qualifying through becoming an ANP.



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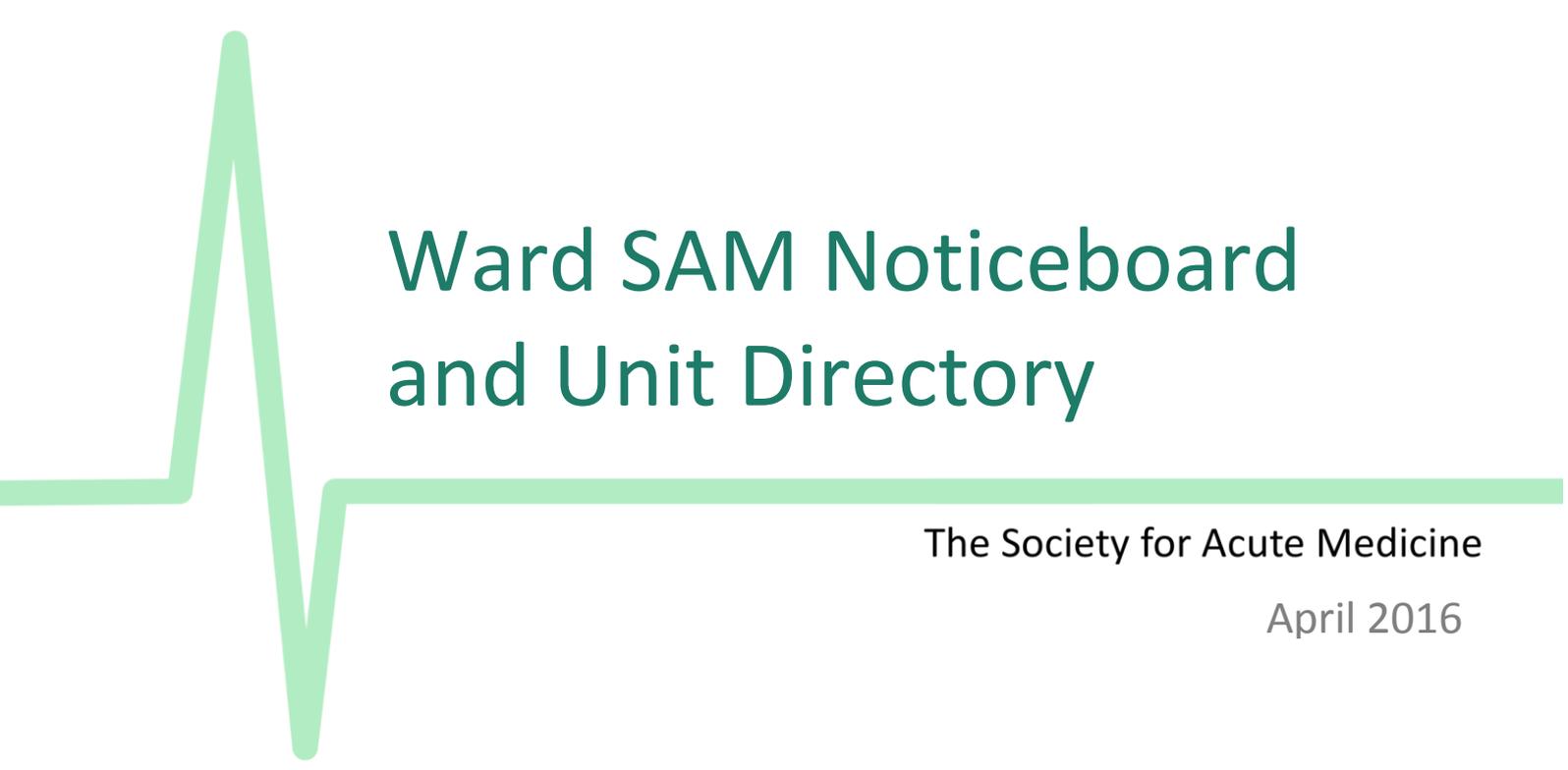
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- Continuing the education theme, SAM's Nursing Network has continued to work with Bolton University. We hope to be in a position to advertise the first accredited developmental pathway in acute medicine later this year. The first students to enter this pathway can use accreditation of prior learning (APEL). To reach Masters level the stages are:
  - Postgraduate Certificate in Acute Medicine - available from September 2016
  - Postgraduate Diploma in Acute Medicine - available from September 2016
  - Masters in Acute medicine - available from January 2017

The Masters pathway has three potential outcomes:

- Masters in Acute Medicine - Clinical Practice
  - Masters in Acute Medicine - Education
  - Masters in Acute Medicine - Management and Leadership
- **Special thanks** for developing the programme goes to **Dian Huyton, ANP at Bolton, and Vicky Daye, Matron at Salford**, as well as the healthcare team at Bolton University. We have heard from a number of colleagues around the country who are putting together a similar package. Ultimately we want this to become a nationally accepted academic pathway for nurses wishing to specialise in acute medicine. Anyone wishing to discuss, become involved or share their experience of specialist academic pathways should contact [ianchristian@btinternet.com](mailto:ianchristian@btinternet.com).
  - Do you use the SAM 'Integrated career and competency framework for registered nurses in acute medicine'? If so please contact us via the SAM administrator as we are keen to evaluate the use of this document within acute medicine.
  - Finally, do not forget to follow us on twitter **@acutemedicine**

To contact Jan or Ian, e-mail us at [administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk)



# Ward SAM Noticeboard and Unit Directory

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## Win a FREE place for a non-med at a SAM conference

The AMU at the University Hospital of South Manchester has a well-established SAM noticeboard. Strategically situated by the staff coffee room, the board includes posters presented at SAM conferences, SAMBA data and general information about who we are. SAM is always looking to increase the number of non-medics, especially now that Jan and Ian have revamped their nurse programme. A SAM noticeboard on the AMU serves many functions and lets everyone know who we are.

To encourage your teams and wards with their noticeboards we are running a competition:

- **WHAT to submit?**
  - A picture of your noticeboard and team together with a short description of what your board displays (maximum 200 words).
- **WHO can enter?**
  - Non-med(s) working in acute medicine, although doctors are encouraged to fully support their teams. The main entrant does **not** need to be a SAM member.
- **MUST**
  - Your unit must be registered in the SAM Unit Directory on our website.
- **PRIZE**
  - One free place at a future SAM conference. The winner can attend on their own or better still, a unit can combine the free place with our existing non-med deal of '3 for 2' and have **3 people attend for the price of 1.**
- **CLOSING DATE**
  - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016. If the winning unit is already attending SAM Belfast we can refund you for one place or hold your prize for Edinburgh or next year in Cardiff.
- **APPLY**
  - To SAM at [administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk). The winning photo and accompanying pitch will be published in the May newsletter.



# Here Comes SAMmer

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## Here Comes **SAMmer**

This summer we are holding three of our premier events within the space of a week. The events are organised and run by different acute medicine colleagues and so being close together should not be a burden. We are hoping to capitalise on the flurry of activity to get acute medicine at the top of everyone's agenda!

### *takeAIM – June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> National TakeAIM Conference, Birmingham*

<http://takeaim.org.uk/>

Following the success of the first takeAIM conference, a second gathering is taking place. For those of you who are not yet familiar with takeAIM I strongly recommend a visit to the website. As well as national conferences, a series of regional meetings are taking place. The next local sessions are this Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Birmingham, Bristol, Bradford and Newcastle. The takeAIM team are developing a local network of mentors to spread the word and support future local meetings. The local meetings last for three hours and start at 6pm.

Please help us get as many people as possible engaged and enthused about acute medicine, starting early with medical students, as well as foundation and core medical trainees.

### *Acute Medicine Awareness Day - June 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 the 5<sup>th</sup> Acute Medicine Awareness Day*

This year we are reverting to holding the Acute Medicine Awareness Day in June. We are looking to expand the number of participating sites. We are keen to know what type of products SAM can provide to assist you in running an event, for example balloons, pens etc.

### *SAMBA – June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 the 5<sup>th</sup> Society for Acute Medicine Benchmark Audit (SAMBA)*

Last year we had 82 units taking-part. **Please let's make it 100 units in 2016.**



# Research Committee

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## **NIHR clinical academic careers case study videos available!**

The NIHR Trainees Coordinating Centre (TCC) has a series of short case-study videos from NIHR Trainees talking about their clinical academic careers. The NIHR provides training and career development awards. Click to [Find out more...](#)

## **The Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME)**

FDIME are offering research grants to young internists/researchers who are interested in pursuing research in the study of rare diseases in internal medicine. The grants are available for researchers up to the age of 38 years. Applications must be submitted by 3 June 2016. For further information and to obtain an application form, email: [contact@fdime.org](mailto:contact@fdime.org)

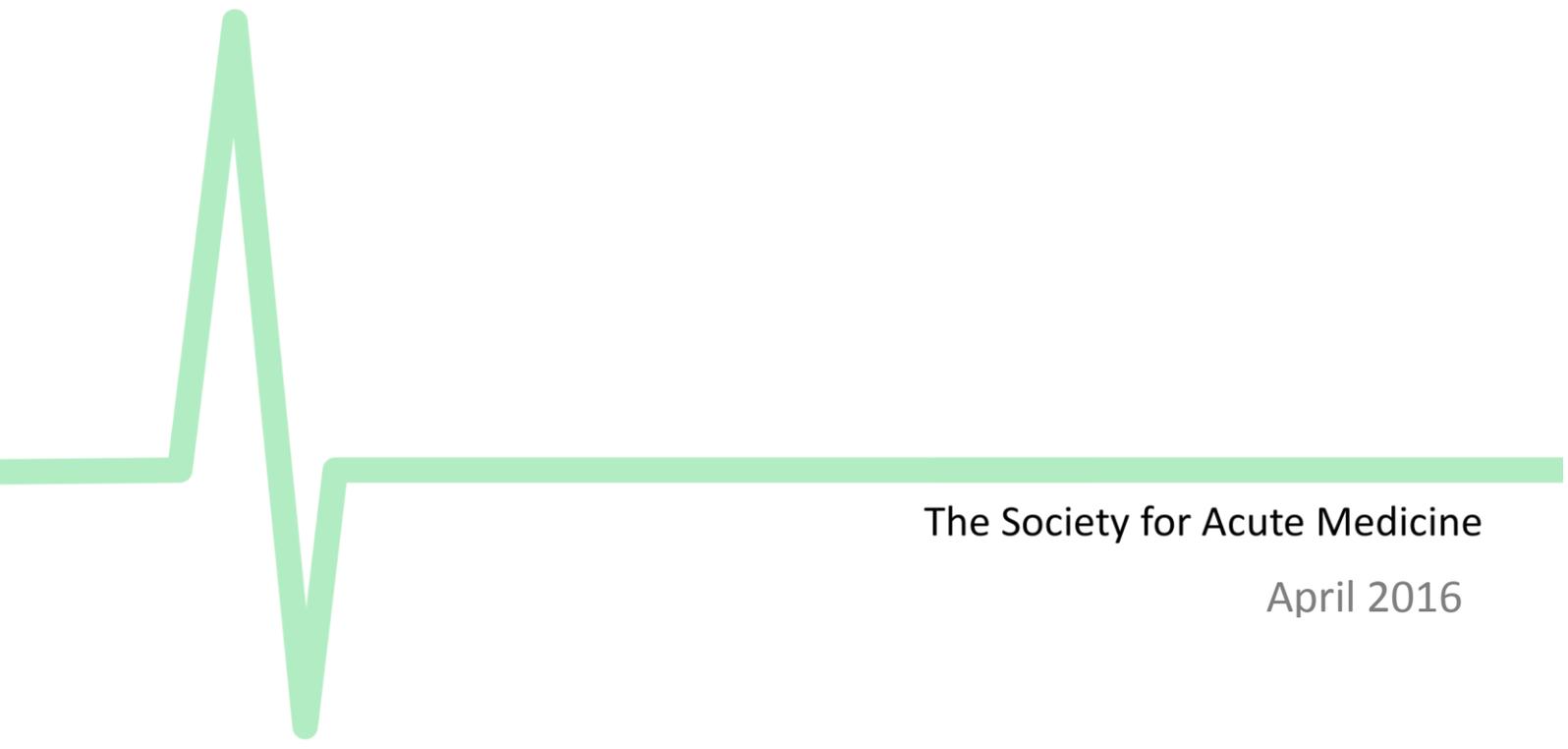
## **European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM)**

SAM is a member of EFIM, represented by past president Alistair Douglas and Council member Roger Duckitt. We have two messages from EFIM this month:

1. The 26<sup>th</sup> European School of Internal Medicine, Costa Rei - Muravera, Sardinia from 12 – 18 June 2016 <http://www.efim.org/european-school-internal-medicine-summer-2016>. For more details and information please contact Ms. Simona Pescetelli at [simieducational@simi.it](mailto:simieducational@simi.it) or visit the website <http://www.efim.org/events/schools/european-school-internal-medicine-summer-2016> or <http://www.esim2016summer.org/>
2. The 12<sup>th</sup> FDIME-EFIM Clinical Research Course, Paris from 4 – 6 July 2016. *'This important educational resource is available for Young Internists who are interested to advance their Clinical Research skills. Sponsorship for the seminar is provided by Amgen (Europe) and the Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME). Places are limited and bursaries are available for up to 17 residents (covering travel and hotel accommodation for a 3 night stay in Paris).'*  
<http://www.efim.org/events/clinical-research-course/clinical-research-course>

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Many thanks for now,



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