

## **AMSE Annual Conference 2010: introduction to the scientific programme.**

The 2010 AMSE conference will examine all aspects of the growing international agenda for medical schools.

In our first notice about the Conference, we concentrated on the distinguished opening speakers, who will set the scene. How will the closing session of the Conference bring the themes of the Conference together? The final afternoon will include four eminent contributors, who will set Europe in the global context.

**Bob Jones** (Association of American Medical Colleges, Washington DC)

Dr Jones is Chief Mission Support Officer at the Association of American Medical Colleges, an organisation whose experience of matching students and doctors in student exchanges and in the “match” in North America is unrivalled. He will discuss student exchange from the North American perspective, and will introduce a possible international visiting student application service.

**Peter Scoles** (National Board of Medical Examiners, Philadelphia)

Dr Peter Scoles is senior vice president at the National Board of Medical Examiners. The growing international agenda of medical schools requires that standards in all activities of the medical school must be at a level that is high, and internationally recognised. Dr Scoles will talk about the proposed “Foundations of Medicine” examination, and its international role

**Ion Ababii** (Rector, State Medical and Pharmaceutical University “N. Testemitanu”, Chişinău, Moldova)

Moldova is a country of the former Soviet Union, rapidly developing its international links, despite formidable economic and historic difficulties. Academician Ababii – who has been Minister of Health as well as University Rector - will describe the urgent necessity for all of Europe to work together, with a true international vision.

**Robbert Duvivier** (International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations)

Medical students are among the most eloquent advocates of the international agenda. They are the future: their vision of the international, global, future of medicine is fundamental.

The **preceding sessions** of the Conference will examine the realities of international programmes today, including the benefits and problems of student exchange; the management of overseas campuses; common standards in education, research and research training; and many related topics

The **opening speakers** will examine the idea and the reality of internationalisation: why should medical schools think internationally; what does this mean in the wider societal role of medical schools, and of doctors generally; and what is the political drive – from the European Union and beyond?

The opening team of speakers includes **Stefan Lindgren**, President of the World Federation for Medical Education, **Günter Stock**, President of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, and **Maria da Graça Carvalho**, Member of the European Parliament.