

AMSE at the Annual Conference of AMEE, 27 – 31 August 2016, Barcelona / Spain

Summary

The [Association for Medical Education in Europe](#) (AMEE) is a worldwide organisation with members in 90 countries on five continents. Members include, teachers, educators, researchers, deans, administrators, curriculum developers, assessors, students and trainees in medicine and the healthcare professions.

AMEE promotes international excellence in education in the healthcare professions across the continuum of undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education. AMEE, working with other organisations, supports teachers and institutions in their current educational activities and in the development of new approaches to curriculum planning, teaching and learning methods, assessment techniques and educational management, in response to advances in medicine, changes in healthcare delivery and patient demands and new educational thinking and techniques.

The annual conference of AMEE has been established as the key meeting for everyone involved in medical and healthcare professions education including teachers, educationists, researchers, administrators and students. The conference provides an opportunity to network with others with similar interests, to hear and discuss the views of acknowledged experts, to take part in workshops and courses and to present your own work through a short communication or poster. AMEE conferences are held in late August/mid-September on a wide range of topical issues in medical and health care professions education.

AMEE conference attendance has increased steadily over the past 15 years and now attracts over 3.200 delegates each year.

In Barcelona, important conference themes included:

- Management of Faculty of Medicines and Faculty/Staff Development
- Responding to challenging circumstances
- Justifying the costs of innovation
- Decision-making in a complex environment

Of particular interest for AMSE was the symposium "Should medical education be based in universities?" discussing whether in future the medical education can/should also take place outside of universities.

In a private meeting AMEE (President Trudie Roberts, General Secretary Ronald Harden, EC member Patricia Lilley) and AMSE (President Peter Dieter, Treasurer and EC members Valerie Wass and Harm Peters) discussed possible interactions and collaborations between in the future AMEE and AMSE (details will follow).