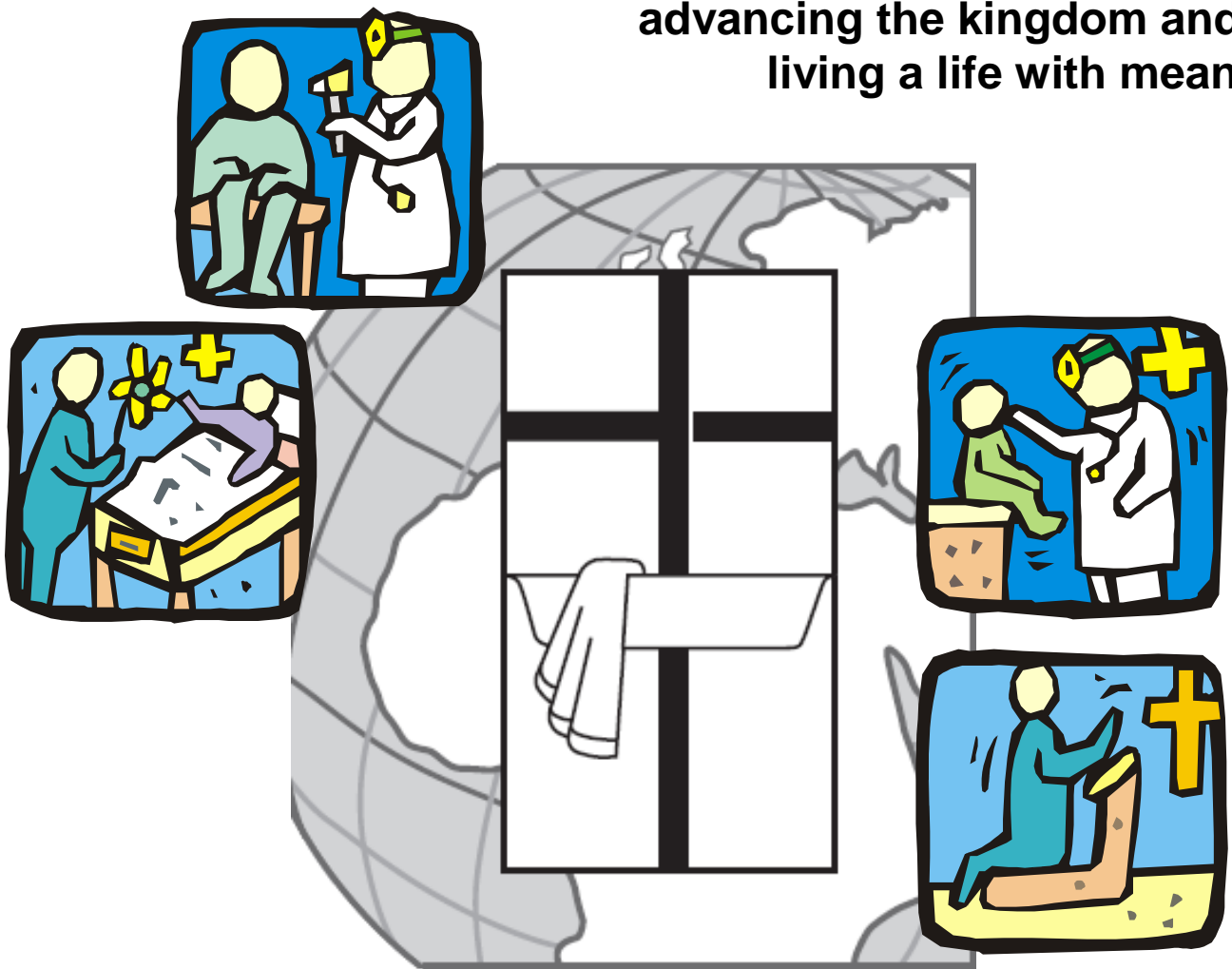


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## Leadership Training for Christian medical students

ICMDA Central Europe

**23. - 26. April 2010**

adjacent to the Austrian medical students' and  
junior doctors' conference MedKong  
in Schloss Klaus, Austria

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As a young medic, you are presumably very busy: **Studying medicine or working as a junior doctor is a fascinating but exhausting thing to do.** There are loads of books to study, many difficult exams to pass, countless papers of research to explore and a demanding job waiting for us. And being a Christian doesn't make it a lot easier. As Christians, we even ask more **questions about right or wrong** when we assess medical decisions and ethical attitudes. You might even put more effort into **helping your patients** in every thinkable way – and besides, you are involved in church as well. You may sometimes ask: Is it worth it? What is my point to make?

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. – So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ...“* (Joshua 1,9)

Despite all doubts and mistrust, Joshua was called to lead Israel into the Holy Land. He found confidence by trusting in the Lord and became a leader for the people around him. **Does God call us to follow him in medicine?** Would he want us to advance his kingdom just where we are? Should I be a leader for others around me?

In these four days of **leadership training**, we want to exchange ideas about how to tackle medicine and how to follow Jesus at the same time. All personal and medical areas of our lives can be filled with hope and confidence from above! In building fellowships of Christians in medicine, in organising conferences, in making our voice heard and in praying together we can find ways to grow and bear fruit in our hospitals and universities.

The leadership training is framed around the second ever Austrian students' and junior doctors' conference **MedKong** (23.-25.4.10), where Prof John Wyatt (Neonatologist, London, UK) will be one of the main speakers on the topic: **“Worthy-life : Worthless-life - Who defines the value of life?”**

In special sessions during the conference and especially on the following Monday (26.4.10), we will discuss **practical steps of how to launch and lead Christian medical groups in different countries of Central Europe.** In our bible readings, we will explore how Joshua was called to be a leader and traded doubts and hindrances into hope and strength. In seminars and small groups we will share our personal experiences and learn about ways to reach out to others.

This training is especially designed for **medical students and recent graduates** who have a desire to see God at work in their faculties and are willing to take leadership roles in their countries. We look forward to seeing you at the ICMDA Leadership Training for Central Europe with around 25 other students from Poland, Switzerland, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, Austria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic!

Yours,

Dr **Christopher** Gerken (ICMDA Area Student Representative for Central Europe)  
Dr **James** Tomlinson (ICMDA Eurasia Regional Secretary), and  
**Matthäus** Fellinger (ARCHAE Austria)

## Common Program of MedKong and Leadership Training:

### **Friday, 23.4.10:**

18:00 Arrive  
18:30 Dinner  
20:00 Opening Session: John Wyatt  
22:00 Camp Fire

### **Saturday, 24.4.10:**

7:30 Praise and Prayer (optional)  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Praise and Worship  
- Bible study: Andrej Turkanik  
- Main talk: John Wyatt  
12:30 Lunch  
16:00 Seminar 1  
17:15 Seminar 2  
18:30 Dinner  
19:30 Main Talk: Matthias Beck  
21:30 Saturday Night Fever

### **MedKong Seminars:**

1. Medical work among people with disabilities  
Prim. Dr. Johannes Fellingner  
[Linz, AUT]
2. Pregnancy Crisis Issues & Care  
Ceila Wyatt [London, UK]
3. Mission in sports  
Tobias Maroske [Altenkirchen, D]
4. In Mission - Enlarge Your Vision  
Dr. Dana Galchis [Cluj, Romania]
5. Learning from the life of Job  
Dr. Georg Bittmann [Wien, AUT]
6. Medicine at the end of life  
Helen Neubacher [Wien, AUT]
7. In relation to...  
Prof. Jan van Arkel und Mag. Martie van Arkel [Schenkenf., AUT]
8. Discussions on Ethically Challenging Cases  
Prof. Dr. John Wyatt [London, UK]

### **Sunday, 25.4.10:**

7:30 Praise and Prayer (optional)  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Main talk: John Wyatt  
10:00 Worship Service and Blessings  
- Sermon: Andrej Turkanik  
13:00 Lunch  
14:30 Coffee & Cake  
15:30 LT Bible reading I  
16:45 LT Workshop I  
18:00 Dinner  
19:30 News, Praise and Prayer

### **Monday, 26.4.10:**

8:00 Breakfast  
9:15 LT Workshop 2  
11:00 LT Workshop 3  
12:15 Lunch  
13:30 LT Workshop 4  
15:00 LT Bible reading II  
16:30 Fare well

### **Leadership Training**

#### **Workshops:**

1. Building up local Christian medical groups
2. Organizing national conferences or summer camps
3. Reaching out with the gospel to fellow students, colleagues and patients
4. Sustaining newsletters, websites, email lists and other publications

**Venue:**

**SCHLOSS KLAUS**  
International Christian  
Conference Center  
4564 Klaus/OÖ - Austria  
Tel: 0043 7585/441  
[www.schlossklaus.at](http://www.schlossklaus.at)

**Travel:**

Schloss Klaus is centrally located in Austria. It is connected by the

**motorway A9 Wels-Graz**. The **airport of Linz** is within easy reach (1-2 h), also Vienna is not too far (2,5-4h). The town Klaus/Pyhrnbahn has a **railway station**. Check: [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) for details!

**Please let us know how you plan to travel – we might be able to give you a lift from the airport or station!**

**Cost incl. accommodation and all meals:**

Students from Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia: 35 €  
Junior doctors from Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia: 69 €  
Students from Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland: 95 €  
Junior docs from Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland: 145 €  
(payment on arrival)

**Financial matters shouldn't hinder your coming!!!**

We might have some bursaries on assistance:

please ask Christopher Gerken ([Christopher.Gerken@web.de](mailto:Christopher.Gerken@web.de)) for details.

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ARCHAE is the national organisation for Christian doctors in Austria and part of ICMDA.

The **ICMDA** is an association of national Christian medical and dental societies. Today it unites almost 56 national movements reaching out to Christian doctors, dentists and medical students around the globe.

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