EIPEN 2015 Conference:
‘Bridging the gap between education and practice in health and social care’
EIPEN is coming to The Netherlands! A consortium comprising HAN University of Applied Sciences and Radboudumc University Medical Center in Nijmegen, Zuyd University of Applied Sciences in Heerlen, Robuust (Eindhoven) and the Jan van Es Institute in Almere is organising the renowned biennial international EIPEN Conference from 26 – 28 August 2015. The conference is to be held on the HAN campus in Nijmegen.

What is EIPEN?
The ‘European Interprofessional Practice and Education Network for Health and Social Care’ (EIPEN) is an international membership organisation of educational and clinical institutions and of individual professionals in Europe. It organises biennial conferences as well as regional workshops, and it supports members’ collaborative projects. EIPEN fosters interprofessional collaboration, with a view to improving the quality of health care, based on a holistic view of the wellbeing of ill and disabled people.

Conference theme
The theme of this 5th European Conference on International Practice & Education is entirely in keeping with the objectives, ambitions and expertise of the organising partners: ‘Bridging the gap between education and practice in health and social care’. That theme does justice to the radical changes in contemporary society and therefore also in the world of health and social care. Furthermore, it reflects the spirit of the age and opens a window to the future. In short, it’s a theme that is both relevant and urgent and that affects us all!

Would you like to participate?
EIPEN 2015 Conference is an excellent platform for exchanging knowledge for national and international experts and policy-makers in the domain of interprofessional education and collaboration in health and social care. Interested students from institutes of higher education, whether or not those institutes are involved in the congress, are very welcome to take part! You can register via www.eipen.eu.

Submissions of proposals no later than 1 May 2015
You are kindly invited to contribute to the conference in the form of a presentation, a workshop or a poster. Abstracts can be submitted until 1st May 2015. Further information about the submission of abstracts can be found on the EIPEN website, www.eipen.eu.

More information
If you would like to know more about the content and organisation of the EIPEN 2015 Conference, please contact Karin van Beek (project manager at the Institute of Health Studies, HAN University of Applied Sciences, by e-mail at karin.vanbeek@han.nl or by telephone on +31 24 343 16 29. And of course you can visit the EIPEN website, www.eipen.eu. We look forward to meeting you in Nijmegen in August!

Combination of EIPEN and EFPC
The EIPEN Conference will be held in Nijmegen from Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th August 2015. Successively the three-day international conference of the European Forum for Primary Care will start in Amsterdam on Sunday 30th August. The theme of the EFPC congress is ‘Integrated Primary Care: Research, Policy & Practice’. This is a unique opportunity, especially for foreign guests, to visit both conferences. You can find more information at: http://www.euprimarycare.org/amsterdam/efpc-2015-amsterdam-conference-30-august-1-september.