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## Weekly Journal

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**First Virtual Congress of General Practice and Family Medicine**

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## Editorial

**Dr. Luís Pisco**  
Chairman of the Congress  
Portugal



Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

The 1st Virtual Congress of General Practice and Family Medicine is almost ending. This year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Portuguese Association of General Practitioners and I can say, without a doubt, that this was the remarkable event of 2008. We will surely remember this event for its innovation, dynamism, quality of the scientific program and the involvement of the organizers and participants. By going beyond 1500 participants from 65 different countries, fulfilling our wildest expectations, we, organizers and participants, can all feel proud. When this is so, the Chairman's task of writing the concluding message is extremely facilitated. It remains for me to make some acknowledgements and to bid you farewell. The first acknowledgement is to the team that idealized and made this congress happen. It took many months of intense work for the organizing, scientific and IT committees, with unsurpassed commitment and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank all those who presented their work and contributed to the elevated scientific level of the Congress.

We are counting on them for future editions. A very special thanks and salutation to the many hundreds of colleagues from all over the World who joined us during these three months and who we hope benefited from the organization of this 1st Virtual Congress. A final acknowledgement to our sponsor without whom this Congress hardly would have happened.

The farewell isn't really a farewell. It's rather a see you later.

We will all meet again in the 2nd Virtual Congress.

Luís Pisco

Chairman of the Congress



## Highlights

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### First Virtual Congress available until September

Message from the Vice-President, Dr. Fernando Santos

Dear Congressists:

We reached the end of the 1st Virtual Congress of General and Family Medicine. There are online the words of close, uttered by the President and Vice president of the Congress, and of the Coordinators of the Scientific Committee and Organizing Committee.

From today any more inscriptions will not be accepted in the Congress.

A questionnaire is published from today, in order to collect the congress participants' opinion. Please answer it at <http://www.mgfvirtual.com/questionnaire.aspx>, and you will receive as soon as possible the digital Certificate of Attendance of the Virtual Congress.

During this week, we will announce the scientific award winners.

Let's maintain up to September of 2008, the date of the formal announcement of the 2nd Virtual Congress of General and Familiar Medicine, the scientific content of the congress.

We finished the publication of the module "Virtual Lunch" and in his substitution it is possible now to carry out the download of all who were published.

Up to 30 of June the forum of discussion will be active. We would like maintaining the forum for besides this date, but the informatics pirates' constant attacks, what demands a constant vigilance of the same thing, obstructs his continuation, given that this moderation is carried out by the commission computer science, which is going to enjoy oneself on a few deserved holidays.

We promise to return in September, with new page already formatted for the 2nd Virtual Congress of General and Familiar Medicine.

See you soon.



## What the Participants have to say

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### Dr. Rui Lima

GP Trainee  
Portugal



Dear Colleagues,

The First Virtual Congress of General Practice/Family Medicine has been an innovative initiative of learning and new competences acquisition thus contributing for our continuous professional development, indispensable for a healthcare provision of quality.

The necessity to establish our clinical practice on the best available scientific evidence leads us to the need of a continuous knowledge update. At present, Internet and e-learning play a central role regarding this and it was in this context that this congress arose.

Now that it approaches its final stage, we can conclude it had an unquestionable success and allowed an appreciable participation of colleagues around the world, from every continents. Works were presented and conferences and workshops were performed about varied subjects, allowing intervention of all. The members of the organizing committee and the colleagues that gave their contribution to enrich the congress worked hardly, thus deserving gratitude from everyone. The Congress also made possible the discussion of ideas and the exchange of knowledge and experiences with colleagues from all the world.

General Practice/Family Medicine has often been exercised in difficult conditions concerning facilities, available materials, organization, population that is attended. I am a resident physician of general practice and I work in a healthcare centre in Porto, one of the largest cities in Portugal.

Our specialty, scientifically generalist, is the base of every health system in all the world, since we see the Patient as a Global Person integrated in a familiar and social context and only when it is necessary we refer to the hospital specialties.



## What the Participants have to say (cont.)

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My healthcare centre works from Monday to Friday, from 8 to 20 hours. I perform consultations of Adult Health, Infantile and Juvenile Health, Maternal Health, Family Planning and Oncological Surveillance. I also perform consultations in the domicile. Like occurs in the peripheral areas of other large cities in the world, the population comprised by my healthcare centre is poor and essentially organizes in social quarters. This leads to an increased difficult for the physicians, who have to treat people with reduced budgets, and often with illiteracy, and that frequently don't fulfil the therapeutics due to economic inability or lack of conscience about the severity of their diseases. Chronic disease control becomes much more difficult and our medical activity more frustrating. This situation tends to aggravate with the present global economic crisis era we are living in.

I hope that the primary healthcare reformation which is in course in Portugal to create conditions for the improvement of the provided healthcare and for the increase in patients and healthcare professionals satisfaction. This depends on the effort from all of us.

Meanwhile, this Virtual Congress is an important mark to reunite the family of general practitioners.

Five centuries after Vasco da Gama we met peoples of all the world again, promoting the cultural enrichment of everyone.

I'm sure that the First Virtual Congress of General Practice/Family Medicine will be remembered as a pioneer experience in the General Practice/Family Medicine field, the first of many events of this kind, that will follow.

At last, I would like to thank the organizing committee, in particular, Dr. Denise Alexandra, for the honourable invitation they made me to write this article.

Best regards for all the colleagues.

Dr. Rui Lima



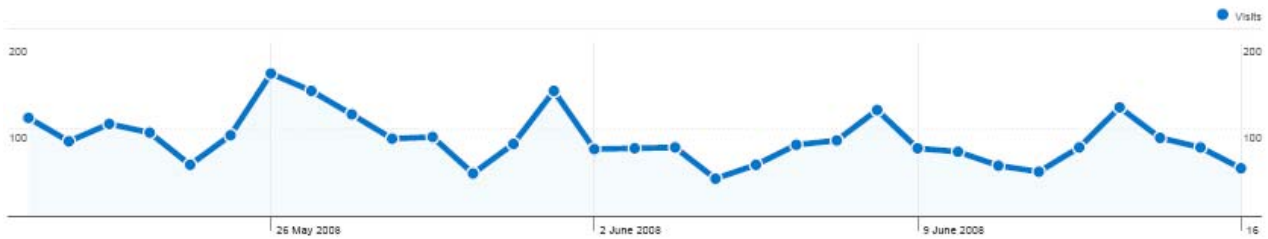
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Comparing to: Site



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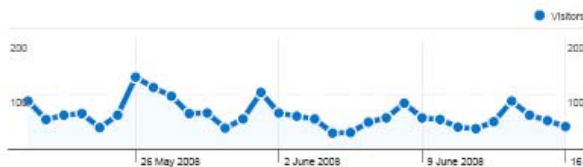
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32.47% Bounce Rate

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Visitors  
1,212

#### Map Overlay world



#### Traffic Sources Overview



#### Content Overview

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/index.php?option=com_conte	829	3.96%
/index.php?option=com_conte	799	3.82%
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## What's new

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### Closing Ceremony of the First Virtual Congress of General Practice and Family Medicine



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### Symposia AstraZeneca

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#### Cardiovascular medicine, research and clinical practice: what still sets them apart?

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## Where we are

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<http://www.jasfarma.pt/noticia.php?id=1258>



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### [Conferences](#)

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## Portugal in pictures

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**Funchal Municipal Market, Madeira Island**