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**Concerns: training teachers and mentors in the field of adolescent medicine and health:
2017 Euteach summer school, Switzerland**

Dear Colleague,

More and more adolescents present to the hospital and primary care settings with a number of health issues which require specific skills, such as, besides skin, growth or orthopedic conditions, problems in the field of substance use, sexual and reproductive health and mental health. In Europe, the training of general practitioners, pediatricians, gynecologists, nurses or midwives (among others) is currently inefficient if not inadequate in many undergraduate or postgraduate training schools and settings.

To rectify this situation, a group of European experts in the field have set up a training program with the aim to improve the quality of teaching and training in adolescent medicine and health. This program, called *Euteach* (for European Teaching in Effective Adolescent Care and Health) provides a set of training modules and tools available on the net (www.euteach.com) and also offers once a year a one-week training course for health professionals who want to improve their competences in the field and further develop their teaching skills. The 2017 course will take place on July 2nd to 7th (see flyer annexed to this message) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

What we expect in the future is that most training institutions will have identified a member of their training staff who is interested to take the lead in these matters and have trainees educated in a field which will grow in importance in the coming years. If you identify a young (or senior) staff of your Faculty or Department who would be interested to participate, please forward to her/him the information.

Our group is ready to provide any further information on the Euteach program and its summer school. We hope that this message will raise your interest in a currently neglected area and send you our best regards

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