



## A Brief History of the European School of Internal Medicine

<http://www.esim2010.org/>

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**Venue:**

Brighton & Sussex Medical School, at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England

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ESIM was founded in 1997 in Alicante, Spain, and was the brainchild of Professor Jaime Merino, then President of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM). His purpose was twofold: to provide an exciting scientific programme on advances in Internal Medicine, and to develop links between young residents in training from all over Europe.

The School was an immediate success, both scientifically and socially, and was held annually in Spain until 2006. From 2006 to 2008 it was held in Lisbon, under the successful direction of Antonio Martins Baptista. In 2009 ESIM moved to the UK when Chris Davidson took over the role of Director. ESIM will continue to run in the UK until 2011.

Previous ESIM programmes available on the website show the varied nature of the topics covered and the increasing use of workshops in place of lectures to increase student interaction. The responses of the residents themselves to the School is well illustrated in a number of video interviews available on the website. [www.esim2009.org](http://www.esim2009.org)

Between 60 - 70 Young Internists have attended ESIM annually since its foundation, so that there are now almost 1000 internists across Europe who have benefitted from this unique professional experience. This has formed the basis for the development of the Young Internists Section of EFIM, an active group with it's own website.  
<http://www.younginternists.efim.org/>

**ESIM 2010** will be held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Brighton & Sussex Medical School, University of Sussex in Brighton on the south coast of England. The website [www.esim2010.org](http://www.esim2010.org) contains preliminary information about this year's summer school and maintains the links to previous ESIM courses and video interviews.

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