

ASPE International Committee

The first Swiss Standardized Patient Conference was held on the 21st of January 2009 in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. It was initiated by the

school of nursing "Berner Bildungszentrum Pflege" and the University of Bern.

More than seventy delegates from different health professions were represented, such as nurse educators, medical educators, midwives, physiotherapists, chiropractors, fire-fighters and actors. Judging by the number of delegates from Switzerland and Germany, there is a great need to exchange experiences and scientific evidence in the field of Standardized Patient education.



The following topics were presented at the Conference by delegates in twelve short communication presentations:

Recruiting: How to find suitable Standardized Patients.

Training: How to train SPs for their role, including how to give feedback to the student.

Research and Evaluation: Literature, research projects and publications

The keynote speaker was ASPE member Dr. Jan-Joost Rethans from the University of Maastricht, Netherlands. He presented "Who Should Provide Feedback, SP or Faculty?" and "Chances and Pitfalls of SP Organizations."



Following the keynote speaker there was a workshop which was titled "Swiss Standardized Patient Organization in Health Profession Education: How to Proceed?" It was decided there will be a second SP Conference in 2010 and a web link with all the conference presentations. The highlight of the conference was the opportunity to see a nurse and medical OSCE the following day. The transfer between theory and practice was made visible during this visit.

Altogether the SP Conference was a great inter-professional success. We will gladly keep ASPE informed about future developments in Switzerland.