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DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL THEME CONFERENCES IN THE FIELD OF CONTINUING EDUCATION.


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A forum for active learning

- ◆ A bridge between
 - research
 - professional development at work
 - clinical practice
- ◆ Establishment of networks
- ◆ Contacts across sectors
- ◆ Political awareness of the development of the profession




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The idea?


- ◆ New research
- ◆ New experience from practice
- ◆ Areas with new inspiration to our members
- ◆ Can we think of new areas, where new jobs can be created?

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Examples of Themes

- ◆ Test for the elderly
- ◆ Physiotherapy for children with a severe handicap
- ◆ Rehabilitation in primary care
- ◆ Balance problems in adults and children




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The Planning committee: knowledgeable specialists and resource persons


- ◆ Head of a physio-department
- ◆ Specialist/clinical expert in a hospital or in private practice
- ◆ Researcher
- ◆ Teacher from a physiotherapy education institution
- ◆ Representative from a Special Interest Group
- ◆ Co-responsibility for the programme and for hosting the conference

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The planning of a Theme Conference

- ◆ Planning takes 3-4 meetings
- ◆ 1 - 3 days of duration
- ◆ 50 - 150 participants from all over Denmark and sometimes Norway and Sweden
- ◆ 180 Euros



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Programme of a Theme Conference

- ◆ A keynote lecture
- ◆ New knowledge in the area
- ◆ Examples of implementation
- ◆ Discussion and dialogue in small groups
- ◆ Discussions about implementation across the groups



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What is the purpose



- ◆ New knowledge - research and experience
- ◆ Dialogue
- ◆ Political awareness

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New knowledge


- ◆ Teaching of colleagues
 - www.fysio.dk
 - Video on the web
- ◆ Research often leads to a change of implementation in clinical practice
- ◆ Leads to new research/projects, promotion of new areas
- ◆ Strengthen physiotherapy and the workplaces of physiotherapy

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Dialogue

- ◆ Discussions
- ◆ Personal contacts across sectors
- ◆ Within the same sector across the country
- ◆ Establishing of networks
- ◆ Sharing experience, exchanging ideas



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Political awareness

- ◆ Professional political awareness
 - Promotion of new areas in existing jobs
 - i.e. health and prevention
- ◆ Promoting new areas leading to new jobs
 - Contact to the government and local politicians
- ◆ Linking our profession with jobfunction, demands from our society, personal CPD, documentation and quality

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