

Prognosis for 2003

The Eu creates one million new jobs

Dr. Leiner, President of the Forum, says: better professional opportunities for physiotherapists, psychotherapists, physicians, nurses and medical auxiliaries.

According to estimates of Dr. Leiner, MP and President of the EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN, (Bad Hofgastein, Austria), at least one million jobs will be created in the EU health care sector by the year 2003 – spread across all Member States

During the EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN from 30 September to 2 October 1998, high-ranking representatives from the fields of politics, economics, the sciences and others, will debate on the development of job creation initiatives at a European level and on a health monitoring system yet to be created. The theme of the congress is ‚European Health Policy at the Turn of the 21st Century‘. Dr. Leiner, a representative of the People’s Party in the Vienna Parliament, says „The increasing life expectancy for large sectors of the population (by 2010 the proportion of over-80-year-olds alone within the population as a whole is expected to increase by 79%) predestines the health sector to be one of the most promising growth sectors of the European labour market“.

Dr. Leiner adds that in particular medical auxiliaries, physiotherapists and psychotherapists, physicians and nurses will benefit from better job opportunities not only as regards care of the elderly but also in the probably oncoming fight against infectious diseases arising as a result of increasing population density.

Dr. Leiner’s optimistic prognosis is partly based on the US employment boom in the health care sector, which has now lasted several years. In 1990 there were around 7.5 million people employed in the health care sector in the USA. The number grew by the beginning of 1998 to nearly 9.8 million. The operational centres of the US home care services alone have nearly doubled. For instance, there are more job offers for psychotherapists and physiotherapists than ever before.