



Newsletter

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Editorial

Dear reader,

Preparations for the 20th HPH conference (Taipei, Taiwan, April 11-13) are making good progress. Continuously updated programme information and the online abstract submission form are available at <http://www.hphconferences.org/taipei2012>, online registration is provided at www.hph2012.com. We look forward to meeting you in Taipei!

This Newsletter informs you also about a new collaboration between HPH and another WHO-initiated HPH network, i.e. the SEEHN network. In the partners section, please find information about WHO's Rio Declaration on the social determinants of health and on a new WHO fact sheet on dangerous clinical waste. In the taskforce and network column, the Austrian network presents its last conference and its new section on Baby-friendly Hospitals. And we announce the launch of a new HPH network in Slovenia and a new link to the French edition of the HPH Newsletter for our French readers. Finally, we have reviewed some interesting literature for you.

As always, you are heartily invited to submit own contributions for the next issue (Deadline: December 15, 2011), and to send us your feedback on the Newsletter!

Sincerely yours,

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International HPH Network

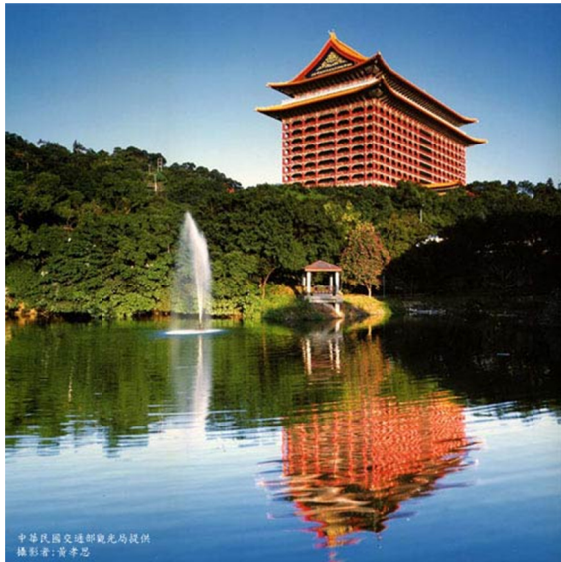


The 20th International HPH Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from April 11-13, 2012, as the first HPH conference outside Europe. The programme is currently being developed under the title **"Health promoting healthcare in a changing world: Innovating service provision, healthcare management and health systems design."** A HPH Summer School and a pre-conference on the ENSH Gold Level Forum will also be organized. The conference will offer unique opportunities to meet high-ranking international speakers and to share knowledge and experiences on health promotion in health service systems around the globe. Participants will also have the chance to visit Taiwanese hospitals.



Abstracts can be submitted until **December 15, 2011** at <http://www.hphconferences.org/taipei2012>.

The online registration can be accessed at www.hph2012.com. The deadline for Early Bird registration is **January 31, 2012**.



We are pleased to announce that, with great supports from the local host (the Bureau of Health Promotion, DOH, Taiwan), the registration fees for the 20th International HPH Conference have been greatly reduced, making it much easier for long distance participants to attend the conference. The conference website www.hph2012.com also offers selections on different levels of accommodations. Please check out the conference website frequently for updated information. We greatly welcome everyone to come to Taiwan in 2012!

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HPH and SEEHN: Collaboration between 2 WHO-initiated networks

So as HPH, the South-Eastern European Health Network (SEEHN) was established by WHO. The SEEHN network held its 25th meeting, 3rd Ministerial Forum and 10-year anniversary meeting in Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina) in October 2011. The meeting was titled "Health in All Policies", and its focus was on health promotion, and closely related to the new WHO Health Policy and Strategy Health 2020. SEEHN is a network of national health development centres, established under the auspi-

ces of the adjacent forum of health ministers. The collaboration includes some of the most economically challenged countries in Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. At the meeting, Israel too joined SEEHN as a full member. The network is supported by several European partner countries, by EU organisations and by WHO Europe.

The two WHO-CC Collaboration Centres of the HPH Network (Copenhagen and Vienna) were invited to participate and present information on the HPH framework and its solid evidence base. They were represented by Hanne Tonnesen and Jeff Svane from Copenhagen as well as Jürgen Pelikan from Vienna. Examples of their statements include the research results from smoking intervention and surgery and effective rehabilitation programmes for NCDs etc. HPH demonstrated the clear health gain obtained by implementing health promotion directly into hospitals and health services. HPH has several members in the region of SEEHN as well as national / regional networks in all partner countries. The 10 SEEHN countries agreed:

- to sustain and strengthen regional cooperation in public health in south-eastern Europe;
- to work towards equity and accountability in health; and
- to strengthen public health capacities and services for control and prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Likewise, an important part of the agreement was to collaborate and take in knowledge and experience from partner countries and organisations. A future collaboration between the two networks should be formally negotiated as a Memorandum of Understanding. This is actively supported by WHO, which will invite to a common executive meeting of the two. The next steps in future collaboration could include mutual invitations to participate in further conferences in the two networks. One of the immediate results is that Albania has followed up on discussion and expressed its formal wish to start HPH developments in its hospitals and health services. This may include a WHO HPH School in the spring of 2012.

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News from HPH Partner Organizations



WHO conference on social determinants of health

WHO convened a global conference on October 19-21, 2011 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to build support for the implementation of action on social determinants of health. The conference brought together over 1000 participants representing 125 Member States and a diverse group of stakeholders. The event was attended among others by Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General. On October 21, 2011 participating Member States adopted the Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health.

Government representatives agreed to strive individually and collectively to develop and support policies, strategies, programmes and action plans, which address social determinants of health, with the support of the international community, that include:

- To adopt better governance for health and development
- To promote participation in policy-making and implementation
- To further reorient the health sector towards reducing health inequities
- To strengthen global governance and collaboration
- To monitor progress and increase accountability

The full declaration is available online at http://www.who.int/sdhconference/declaration/Rio_political_declaration.pdf

New WHO fact sheet on clinical waste

According to WHO, up to 20% of clinical waste are considered as hazardous material. This amount includes infectious, toxic or radioactive waste. Infectious and anatomic wastes together represent the majority of the hazardous waste, up to 15% of the total waste from healthcare activities. Sharps represent about 1% of the waste but they are a major

source of disease transmission if not properly managed. Chemicals and pharmaceuticals account for about 3% of waste from health care activities while genotoxic waste, radioactive matter and heavy metal content account for around 1% of the total health care waste.

The health impacts of medical waste include sharps injuries and the transmission of infections such as hepatitis and HIV, poisoning through environmental intoxication and contamination of drinking water, and radioactive contamination.

WHO therefore calls for improved medical waste management in medical settings around the globe. For further information, please go to <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs281/en/index.html>

News from HPH Networks, Task Forces and members

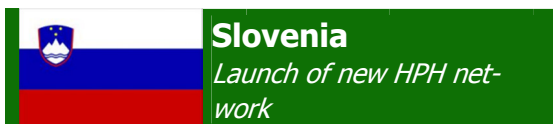


The Austrian HPH network held its annual business meeting and national conference from November 9-10, 2011, in the town of Salzburg. The business meeting was attended by almost 50 representatives of full and supportive network member organisations. The delegates approved 5 new hospital members to the network. The Baby-friendly hospital (BFHI) section of the network, which was founded in 2010, announced its involvement in a national roll-out project for BFHI in Austria, coordinated by the Austrian Ministry of Health, and funded by the Federal Health Agency. The project will provide BFHI-related information and training to Austrian hospitals until 2013. The Austrian Minister of Health, Mr. Alois Stöger, diplômé, opened the conference which was attended by almost 130 visitors, and personally handed over membership certificates to the representatives of newly accepted as well as prolonging member hospitals, to representatives of one newly certified and one re-certified baby-friendly hospital, and to three certified smoke-free hospitals on silver level. The scientific conference programme focused on promoting health by exercise promotion,

by developing smoke-free hospital environments and by supporting mental health for patients and staff. As already established last year, a thematic paper on one of the conference topics – this time on exercise promotion – was produced by the network in collaboration with partner organisations, and distributed to the conference audience prior to the event. The paper sets the case for exercise promotion in and by hospitals and health services, summarises evidence on health promotion interventions in the field, and gives examples from Austrian HPH member hospitals.



The social programme of the conference was quite impressive. The conference evening was organised in the Salzburg Residence, the former residence of Salzburg's Arch Bishop, which had also welcomed Chinese Paramount leader Hu Jintao on his state visit to Austria just a week before. Delegates enjoyed delicious regional food and were entertained by a "health cabaret" and dinner music. Further information about the conference (in German language) is available online at the conference website <http://www.ongkg.at/konferenzen.html>. Virtual Proceedings will be available shortly at the same web address.



During its meeting on November 11, the HPH Governance Board formally approved the new national HPH network in Slovenia. The International HPH network now consists of 38 national / regional HPH networks. The new Slovenian network will be coordinated by Jerneja Farkas-Lainscak, MD, PhD, Chair of Public health at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ljubljana.

Welcome the new network that will strengthen HPH in South-Eastern Europe!



The Montreal Regional HPH Network in Canada, coordinated by *L'Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal* (<http://www.santemontreal.qc.ca/>), have been providing French translations of the HPH Newsletters over the past years – *merci beaucoup pour conforter la lecture du bulletin HPH pour l' audience française!*

The service will be continued under a new link. French-speaking readers can now access the French Newsletter edition by clicking on the following URL: <http://hps.santemontreal.qc.ca/documentation/bulletin-du-reseau-international/>

We hope that the Bulletin will be frequently used by French-speaking readers!

Events, publications, links



HPH events

20th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH)

April 11-13, 2012, Taipei, Taiwan

www.hphconferences.org/taipei2012

Events of HPH partners and other organisations

The 13th Triennial World Congress on Public Health Towards Global Health Equity: Opportunities and Threats

April 21-29, 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Further information:

<http://wfpha.confex.com/wfpha/2012/cfp.cgi>

15th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH)

Towards a Tobacco-Free World: Planning globally, acting locally

Singapore

March 20-24, 2012

<http://wctoh2012.org/>

5th Latin-American and 4th Inter-American Health Promotion and Health Education Conference

April 10-12, 2012

Mexico City, Mexico

<http://conferenciapesmexico2012.com/>

2nd Asia-Pacific Conference on Health Promotion and Education

Empowerment for Healthy Settings – Healthy City and Community, Healthy School and University, Healthy Hospital and Healthy Workplace

May 4-6, 2012

Taipei, Taiwan

http://www.nsha.org.tw/aphpe_web/

24th Congress of the European Association of Hospital Managers (EAHM)

Innovative Hospital Manager

Athens, Greece

September 27 and 28 September 2012

<http://www.eahm-athens2012.gr/>

9th IUHPE European Health Promotion Conference

Health and Quality of Life – Health and solidarity Partnership in the current economic situation

September 27-29 2012

Tallin, Estonia

<http://www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012/>



**Books, articles
& reports**
HPH and HPH partners

Articles

Weisz U., Haas W., Pelikan J.M., Schmied H. (2011): **Sustainable hospitals: a social-ecological approach**. In: GAIA 20 (3), 191-198

Available for download at

<http://docserver.ingentaconnect.com/deliver/connect/oekom/09405550/v20n3/s10.pdf?expires=1321437215&id=65682037&titleid=6690&accname=Guest+User&checksum=C48FE29974700817E2B9A4A8FD8A4608>

Reports

World Health Organization (Eds.) (2011): **Governance for health in the 21st century: a study conducted for the WHO Regional Office for Europe**

The document was presented to the 61st session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe that took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from September 12-15, 2011. Key messages from the paper for governance for health and well-being include:

- Governance for health and well-being is a central building block of good governance, guided by a value frame that includes health as a human right, a global

public good, a component of well-being and a matter of social justice.

- Health should be considered as an emerging property of many societal systems; it therefore requires action in many systems, sometimes with and sometimes without the involvement of the health sector.
- Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches reflect this reality and are grounded in strategies that enhance 'joined-up' government, improved coordination and integration and diffusion of responsibility for health throughout government and society.
- Governance for health builds on experiences gained in the health arena with intersectoral action, healthy public policy and health in all policies.

The whole document is available for download at

http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/148951/RC61_InfDoc6.pdf

World Health Organization (Eds.) (2011): **Closing the gap: Policy into practice on social determinants of health. Discussion paper**.

The document was prepared for the WHO conference on social determinants of health that took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from October 19–21, 2011.

Chapter 3 of the paper focuses on the role of the health sector, including public health programmes, in reducing inequities in health.

The paper states that direct payment for health services drives 100 million people into poverty each year. Choices about health system financing and the location of health care services, along with the attitudes of health workers towards different groups in society, are crucial in determining whether the health sector has a positive or negative impact on health inequities. Ensuring that the health sector reduces rather than increases health inequities requires equitable provision of health care services to all groups in society, at all stages of care. Strengthening the competence of public health programmes to address social determinants is a key step in this direction. If it is not acting to reduce inequities, the health sector is in a poor position to ask other sectors to take action on social determinants. The full discussion paper is available for download at

<http://www.who.int/sdhconference/Discussion-paper-EN.pdf>



Links & Web-tools

International HPH Secretariat

and WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals

Director: Hanne TONNESEN (DK)

<http://www.hphnet.org>

HPH Conference Secretariat

and WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care

Director: Jürgen PELIKAN (AT)

<http://www.hphconferences.org>

<http://www.hph-hc.cc>

HPH Task Force on Health Promoting Psychiatric Health Services

Chair: Hartmut BERGER (DE)

<http://www.hpps.net/>

HPH Task Force on Health Promotion for Children and Adolescents in & by Hospitals

Chair: Ana GUERREIRO (PT)

http://www.hphnet.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=294%3Ahp-for-children-a-adolescents-in-a-by-hospitals-&catid=20&Itemid=95

HPH Task Force on Migrant-friendly and Culturally Competent Hospitals and Health Services

Chair: Antonio CHIARENZA (IT)

http://www.ausl.re.it/HPH/FrontEnd/Home/Default.aspx?channel_id=38

HPH Task Force “Tobacco-free United”

Chair: Ann O’RIORDAN (IE)

<http://www.ensh.eu/ensh/racine/default.asp?id=980>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&qid=357231931900>

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http://www.hphnet.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=143%3Atf-on-hph-a-environment&catid=20&Itemid=95

List of national / regional HPH networks

http://www.hphnet.org/index.php?option=com_flexicontent&view=flexicontent&Itemid=18

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Call for papers for #53

If you have news about HPH projects, past or upcoming events & conferences, publications, health promotion strategies or health promotion research from regional HPH networks, HPH task forces, single health promoting health care organisations, or HPH partner organisations (WHO, etc.), you are heartily invited to contribute to the HPH Newsletter!

Guidelines for submission

Please send contributions of **max. 200 words**, outlining your message, and, if possible, a web link to extended information, to Ms. Christina Dietscher, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care, Vienna, Austria, preferably as an e-mail attachment to

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Deadline for contributions to #53 will be **December 15, 2011**.