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Editorial

Dear readers, in the last 10 years, the international HPH network has successfully managed to develop a vision and a concept, to implement and evaluate pilot and model projects (first model project in Vienna from 1989-1996; European Pilot Hospital Project of Health Promoting Hospitals from 1993-1997) and to implement international and national networking structures. By the end of 2000, the network has grown to a size of 29 national/ regional networks in 21 European countries with more than 500 registered member hospitals (please find articles from the Emilia Romagna, Norwegian, Slovak and Lombardia networks in this Newsletter). As the newest member, Russia has joined the network in Autumn this year. More information will be provided in the next issue of this Newsletter.

Analyses of these achievements, as well as opportunities and challenges for further development were discussed at the 8th International Conference on HPH in Athens, Greece in June this year. From the conference discussions, it became quite clear that the comprehensive HPH approach has good potentials for addressing the health of hospital patients, staff, the population in the community, and to developing "healthy" hospital organisations (see reports in this Newsletter).

In times of Evidence Based Medicine, future HPH developments might aim at developing a better knowledge base for HPH. This subject will be amongst the main topics of the 9th International Conference on HPH in Copenhagen, Denmark, May 16-18, 2000 (see announcement in this Newsletter). We are looking forward to interesting discussions - please reserve the date!

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Short Report on the 8th International Conference on HPH

- **HPH looks back on a 10 year story of success (29 national/ regional networks in 21 countries so far). Future developments will have to deal with challenges and chances like EBIM and the Quality movements.**

What were the main topics of the 8th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals?

With the title "Health Promoting Hospitals in the 21 Century: Challenges and Opportunities, Strategies and Scenarios for Patients, Staff, Communities and the Hospital as an Organisation", the 8th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals (Athens, Greece, June 14-16, 2000) was dedicated to discussing possibilities for the further development of the HPH network and concept in the next decade.

Participation

As in previous years, the conference was used as a forum for an exchange of knowledge and experiences by representatives of the main professional groups from hospitals (19,5% medical doctors and nurses respectively, 6,5% hospital administration), by health promotion specialists (16%), by health and other scientists (8%), health politicians (2%) and representatives of health administration (8%). A total of 306 visitors from 33 countries attended the conference (most of them from Europe, but also from North and South America, Asia, Africa and Australia). According to conference evaluation data, this was the first HPH conference for 52% of the audience.

Pre Conference Workshop

It has already become a tradition that the annual international HPH conferences are preceded by a pre-conference workshop that provides orientation for HPH newcomers (see article in this Newsletter for further information).

Plenary Sessions

In 3 plenary sessions with 7 presentations and a panel discussion, the conference program addressed the four main strands of the HPH concept: health promotion for hospital patients, health promotion for hospital staff, health promotion for the population in the community, and developing "healthy" (in a metaphorical sense) hospital organisations.

The opening plenary was chaired by Dr. Mila Garcia-Barbero (WHO Regional Office for Integrated Health Care Services, Barcelona) and addressed general questions of HPH development.

The introductory keynote, which was delivered by Prof. Jürgen M. Pelikan from the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for the Sociology of Health and

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Medicine in Vienna, Austria, was dedicated to a general overview about the success of the HPH development so far, and to an analysis of possible future developments.

As main successes, Prof. Pelikan diagnosed the development of an open umbrella concept for Health Promoting Hospitals that is applicable in widely varying environments, and adaptable to changing circumstances, as well as the development of strategies that allow to implement health promotion in and by hospitals (as was successfully demonstrated by a number of model and pilot projects).

It was also possible to involve important international partners in the development of the HPH movement. As the main challenges for the future, Prof. Pelikan identified the necessity to improve the knowledge base for HPH, mainly by carrying out research and evaluation projects. It will also be necessary to develop better strategies do disseminate knowledge, especially concerning models of good and best practice. One possibility might be the development of information and training modules for HPH practitioners.

Prof. Pelikan's presentation was followed by an overview about the HPH development in Greece, which was delivered by Pof. Yannis Tountas from the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine in Athens. He focussed on problems of the current medical system and possibilities of HPH to address these problems, and used examples from ancient Greek medicine where hospitals were located in the most beautiful parts of the country, and where doctors saw their patients as a unit of body and spirit, as possible models of good practice for the presence.

As the main purpose of hospitals is to provide the best possible care for their patients, health promotion for hospital patients was chosen as the subject for the second main conference session, which was chaired by Prof. Irena Miseviciene, co-ordinator of the Lithuanian HPH network. Dr. Svend Juul Jorgenson from Bispebjerg Hospital,

Copenhagen, Denmark, stressed in his presentation the importance of evidence for deciding on the best possible medical care. Sue Cruse from Hertfordshire Health Promotion spoke from a nurse's perspective and focussed in her presentation on the need to use a nursing model that allows to see the patient in a comprehensive/ holistic perspective, and proposed that the Betty Newman's model of nursing might ideally be combined with the HPH approach.

These two presentations were followed by a panel discussion about health promotion for hospital patients. Prof. Kris Schutyser, HOPE, advocated the integration of a patients' rights approach into Health Promoting Hospitals as one important aspect. Dr. Matti Liukko, Finland, spoke from the perspective of health administration and stressed the need to define costs and benefits of health promotion, as financial arguments are most likely to win the support of health administration. Dr. Karl Purzner, Austria, represented the perspective of a hospital manager and pointed out that health promotion for hospital patients will not work without some organisational preconditions, amongst others professional hospital management. Last but not least, Dr. Nick Arkadopoulos, Athens, who was invited to represent the viewpoint of a clinician in this panel, proved to be a strong supporter of health promotion and sees health promotion as an ideal approach for combining both outcome orientation and quality of life orientation for hospital patients.

Plenary 3 of the conference was dedicated to the other 3 strands of Health Promoting Hospitals. Prof. Jean-Francois Caillard, Assistance Publiques – Hôpitaux de Paris, presented problems and opportunities for workplace health promotion in the hospital. In his lecture, he highlighted that the Health Promoting Hospitals approach allows to implement some principles that were defined by the International Labour Organisation in 1995: 1. the maintenance and promotion of workers' health and

working capacity; 2. the improvement of working environments in order to make work conducive to safety and health; 3. developing working cultures that support health and safety at work, and, as such, also promote a positive social climate and smooth operation, and may thus even enhance the productivity of an enterprise.

Mr. Keith Cernak from Partners for Health, Seattle, USA, presented an approach for community health promotion that involves a network of hospitals and other health care providers. He illustrated that the network was especially effective in violence prevention.

Mr. Helmut Hildebrandt, Germany, spoke about problems and chances to develop hospitals into "healthy" organisations, and described the development from a charity approach to a market approach as one of the biggest challenges for the future development of (health promoting) hospitals. He also discussed advantages and problems of different approaches of hospital financing and focussed especially on capitation approaches as incentives for integrated care where HPH could take a leading role.

Besides these plenary presentations, 8 parallel sessions provided room for discussion groups about the contents of the plenary presentations, conference workshops (The role of medical doctors in Health Promoting Hospitals; Health Promoting Hospitals for children as hospital patients; Health promoting mental health care services; quality strategies of health promoting hospital networks; Experiences and trends in combining Health Promoting Hospitals and EFQM; Strategies for implementing non-smoking strategies in Health Promoting Hospitals), and 65 oral presentations about health promotion projects for patients, staff, the population in the community, and developing "healthy" hospital organisations. 70 posters, showing project examples for patient, staff and community oriented projects were presented in a poster session.

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Conference evaluation

The conference closing plenary was for the first time organised as a feedback forum about the conference. Dr. Hubert Lobnig, Austria, organised this closing. In groups that represented the European regions, conference visitors shared their judgments of the conference and discussed what they had learned and what they would bring back home from the conference. Representatives from each group were then asked for a plenary statement. There was a lot of positive feedback, but also some critical comments, especially concerning the wide variety of topics that were presented at the conference.

According to the feedback forms, the quality of conference design and presentations and the social conference program were judged as very good or good by two thirds of the conference visitors respectively.

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Christina Dietscher, Vienna

Pre Conference Workshop for HPH Newcomers at the 8th International Conference on HPH: A short report

- **Annually, a pre-conference workshop provides an opportunity for HPH Newcomers to get acquainted with the wide and comprehensive HPH approach.**

What did the workshop aim at?

HPH combines a vision, a concept and a set of strategies for hospital development (quotation from the HPH Short Information Package). Therefore the aim of the pre-conference workshop was to form a coherent picture of HPH and the New Public Health at the beginning of the 21st Century; and to challenge those who are actively involved in change management and reorientation of health services.

The pre-conference workshop provided a supportive environment for participants to explore and ask questions, developing a dynamic dialogue, and answering questions on what we have learned from the past and what we can learn for the future.

In order to represent the comprehensive HPH approach, the workshop facilitators came from different fields: Nick Arkadopoulos is a surgeon at the 2nd Department of Surgery, University of Athens School of Medicine, and Project Co-ordinator of the Aretaieion HPH Project at Aretaieion University Hospital in Athens, Greece. In the workshop, he represented the medical perspective.

Denise Richardson is senior lecturer and consultant to health promotion and health development projects at the Department of Health Studies, Faculty of Health, University of Central Lancashire. She represented the nursing perspective in the workshop.

And Karl Purzner is a psychiatrist who works in Organization Development and Knowledge Management at the Social-Psychiatric Centre Baumgartner

Höhe – Otto Wagner Hospital, in Vienna, Austria. He represented the management perspective in this workshop.

Workshop Specific Objectives

The workshop focused on the questions: What have we learned from the past? What success stories of health promotion do we have from the past 10 years? What can we learn for the future?

Content and working methods

The workshop was underpinned by the five main principles from the Ottawa Charter as the working framework and collective consciousness for health promotion development:

- Building Healthy Policy
- Creating Supportive Environment
- Strengthening Community Action
- Developing Personal Skills
- Reorienting Health Services

Introductory presentations provided examples of perspectives of the implementation of the HPH concept for hospital development from the:

- Conceptual Framework Perspective
- Medical perspective
- Management perspective
- Nursing Perspective

Each presentation was followed by discussion through questions and answers.

Questions and Group Work

In small groups, the participants worked along three main questions:

1. What do you systematically know about successes and problem areas of health promotion in hospitals in the 1990's?

The following examples of success were listed:

- Prevention of hip fractures in older people through using 'hip protectors' – example of evidence based physiotherapist designed preventive aid.



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- Making the home environment safer.
- 'Speeding Up' hospital discharges.
- Taking health care into the community.
- Partnership Working/ Co-ordinated approach
- Hospitals responding to a National Policy Framework for Health Promotion.
- Maximum utilisation of expertise, experience and knowledge
- Opening the hospital to the outside and 'open' the minds of the people to the possibilities of HPH
- Activate and increase community representation and patient/ user/ stakeholder involvement in developing strategies and ensuring accountability.

The following examples of problems were listed:

- Confidentiality for young people versus parental rights to information.
- Communication in Multi-partnership working.
- HP viewed as a PHC function not a hospital function – culture change needed.

2. In which direction will concepts and strategies of HPH have to be further developed in order to be useful tools for further hospital and health promotion development?

The participants formulated the following recommendations:

- Development of National Policy Frameworks for Health Promotion
- Availing resources to implement and sustain HP/ HPH/ HP Settings
- Identification of personnel responsible for HP at national/ regional/ local levels.
- Promotion of Health & Education of Patients.
- Better quality of life of Patients – 'Hospitals at Home'.

3. What will be the possible added value of HPH as a development concept, compared to other developmental strategies – in adapting to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century?

Participants formulated the following challenges/ opportunities:

- Relieve the burden on hospitals, thus increasing efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Support creative environments to enable innovation through participatory action research

Summary

A dynamic dialogue which was developed at the pre-conference workshop was sustained throughout the conference. Participants made a commitment to HPH concepts and principles, reviewed perspectives, and fostered networks for health promotion developments in the 21st century.

The beginning of the new millennium invites questions concerning the possible future of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH). There are still many questions that need to be addressed by policy makers, professionals, public and private sectors and society. There is a need to review the past, examine the present, and look at the future.

From the experiences of the workshop, the workshop facilitators conclude that

- the Pre-conference Workshop for Newcomers has proven very productive; thus, this possibility should be offered also at future conferences.
- an environment and a workshop approach should continuously be offered which reflect the emerging HPH transdisciplinary, transcultural, inclusive participatory action research philosophy and approach.

Denise Richardson, Preston

Nick Arkadopoulos, Athens

Karl Purzner, Vienna

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Announcement: 9th International Conference on HPH

- **What evidence is there for Health Promoting Hospitals? And what can HPH contribute to reducing inequalities in health?**

These will be the main questions to be addressed at the 9th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals that will be held from May 16-18, 2000, in Copenhagen, Denmark – please reserve the date! Many thanks to Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, for being prepared to host this conference. A First Announcement and Call for Papers will be mailed to you at the beginning of December. The most recent information about the conference programme will also be available at the web-site of the HPH co-ordinating centre at <http://www.univie.ac.at/hph>

The Emilia Romagna Regional Network of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH)

- **The Emilia Romagna Regional Network of HPH has made positive experiences with joint projects of Health Promoting Hospitals.**

The Health Promoting Hospitals Network of the Italian region Emilia Romagna was constituted in April 1999, with 18 participating Local Health Units (LHU) with a total number of 65 hospitals. Activities so far include the production and distribution of "HPH News", a newsletter that reports about the general situation of the network.

The Emilia Romagna network has also printed a booklet in Italian language, that includes the most important international documents of relevance for HPH, starting from the Ottawa Charter up to "Health 21". The network is now preparing a second booklet with

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the Italian translation of the WHO Health Promotion Glossary.

In Emilia Romagna, it has become an emerging trend that different local health units and hospitals develop and carry out projects together on a voluntary basis. The professionals working on these projects have shown a deep interest in getting in touch with professionals from other countries who are working on the same topics.

The 6 main topics on which we are developing the projects are:

- Safety
- Continuity of care
- Smoke-free hospitals
- Comfort
- Nutrition
- Cross-cultural hospitals

Finally we would like to announce that the Emilia Romagna network of HPH will be organising the 4th Italian Conference on HPH, which will be held in Reggio Emilia, November 16-17, 2000. The conference is entitled "Inter-culture, communication for health, and safety: new frontiers for Health Promoting Hospitals".

Participation at this conference is free and open to HPH members from other countries too.

Fabrizio Simonelli, Bologna

The Norwegian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH)

- **With the establishment of the Norwegian HPH Network, Northern Europe is now completely on board of Health Promoting Hospitals.**

The initiative to establish the Norwegian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) was taken already during the 6th International conference in Darmstadt 1998.

An interim Steering Committee was formed and consists of the following persons:

- Svein Jacobsen, Assistant Director of Health and Social Services, Buskerud County Council
- Fanny Sæthre, Consultant on Health Information, Bærum Hospital, Akershus County
- Jorunn Svendsen, Consultant on Health Information, Bærum Hospital, Akershus County
- Monika Scrandal, Consultant on Health Information, Martine Hansens Hospital, Akershus County
- Else Karin Kogstad, Consultant on Health Information, (Sentralsykehuset i Akershus) The Central Hospital in Akershus County
- Birgitta Lundberg, Project Director, (Sykehuset Østfold) The Østfold Hospital
- Kai Arne Wallin, Special Consultant, Østfold county

Østfold county was asked to temporarily host the secretariat of the national network. The secretariat was formally acknowledged by WHO in December 1998 with Kai Arne Wallin as co-ordinator.

Østfold county hosted a Nordic Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals in the last week of May 1999. The conference marked the beginning of the Norwegian Network and spread information to Norwegian hospitals about Health Promoting Hospitals. The assistance from the Swedish Network and Bispebjerg Hospital in Denmark contributed in making the conference a success.

Before the establishment of the Norwegian Network, the Main Hospital in Akershus County was affiliated to the International Network, and The Østfold Hospital to the Swedish Network. Both hospitals are now affiliated to the Norwegian Network, together with the Ski Hospital in Akershus County and the Main Hospital in Buskerud County. Several hospitals are in the process of sending membership applications to the network.

The activities of the network so far include also translation of background information about Health Promoting Hospitals into Norwegian. In addition to the translated material we have de-

veloped our own information material, but there is still much work to be done. The interim Steering Committee has been also busy working out the economic basis of the network. We decided that membership subscription should be NOK 10,000.- (Euro 1,257,77) This amount includes also the subscription to the International Network.

A National Conference will be organised in autumn 2000 or early spring 2001. A formal Steering Committee will then be elected to replace the interim committee. The question of membership subscription and the secretariat for the network will also be discussed at the conference, where members and potential members will be represented.

The Network intends to build its own database and web-site with information about the network and Health Promoting Hospitals in general. The database/web-site will present an overview of projects and surveys in Norwegian hospitals and links to other countries and the international network. In addition we will publish a national news bulletin with the latest information about the Network.

In order to involve as many hospitals as possible, the contact and follow-up of interested hospitals, as well as the dissemination of information about the network to hospitals which haven't yet shown any interest will be a priority in autumn 2000.

Kai-Arne Wallin, Sarpsborg

Health Promoting Hospitals Slovakia

- **What conditions does health promotion need to prosper? Here are some comments from the Slovak Network.**

Gradually, more and more hospitals are joining the HPH network in Slovakia. The national HPH network currently has five members out of a total of more than 90 hospitals. Two more are pre-

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paring to join. Consequently, there is a lot more to be done for this number to grow. There are several reasons for the slow speed of formal involvement. However, many hospitals are doing a great deal of work in the area of health promotion without considering them as a special activity. For example, most hospitals fulfil the anti-smoking policy; 12 hospitals have fulfilled the BFHI (Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative) conditions; several hospitals are active participants in the CINDY and Healthy City programs of WHO. But only very few of these hospitals fulfil the membership criteria of the network, i.e. have three documented projects in the field of health promotion, as the preparation and implementation of these projects requires additional work, which consumes times and resources. How to exactly prize and therefore also motivate hospital staff to become active in health promotion is the biggest problem. From health insurance companies, the hospitals receive only a limited amount of financial resources, which does not cover the total of health care performed. Prevention and promotion activities are unfortunately not backed by our health insurance companies. This is why it becomes more and more important to get to know about the positive results of HPH projects and hospital activities that are linked to the HPH Network, as such results could convince insurance companies of the advantages of disease prevention and health promotion.

Current activities within the Slovak Network of HPH

Current activities of HPH member hospitals in Slovakia include: The Children University Hospital announced a symposium "DFNsP Day", which was held at the end of October and concentrated on natural nourishment of children under one year of age. Further information can be obtained by sending a request e-mail to this address: provita@gtinet.sk; In September, the TB & RD Institute Nitra-Zobor prepared an anti-smoking campaign for school children to coincide with the new cycle of the school

Asthma programme. Further information is available on this web-site: <http://www.viapvt.sk/stoprakovinepluc.htm>;

And, under the project Preventing Osteoporosis mass-media campaign, an examination was held from August to October in 4 big cities, and an examination of population groups at risk took place in 3 small cities. For further information contact this address: vounr@nextra.sk.

Zora Bruchacova, Bratislava

The development of the HPH network in the Lombardia Region – Italy

- **The HPH Lombardia Network successfully implemented joint projects between member hospitals as a method to better involve these hospitals.**

After more than one year from the establishment of the Lombardia Regional HPH Network, 62 public and private hospitals out of a total of 112, are now included in the network.

These hospitals have presented 195 projects that are planned for the next five year period. 70 of these projects are related to the topic "continuity of care".

At www.dgsan.lombardia.it/SiSegnala/HPH.htm, more information about the following topics is available:

- the specific projects, their project leaders and contact address (telephone, fax, e-mail, web-site if any);
- List of members hospital of the network and their local HPH coordinator.

The Scientific Committee of the Lombardia network invited all members hospital to set up their own HPH home page as a part of the hospital web site, and link it to the web-site of the HPH Lombardia Network.

In order to facilitate the exchange of information and international/ national/ regional relationships, the network also set up an e-mail contact address: hph@dgsan.lombardia.it

To-date, the member hospitals of the Lombardia Network are engaged in the following main activities:

Activities to facilitate the dissemination of information and international/ national/ regional relationships on topics of common interest

In October, 1999 the 3rd Italian National Conference on HPH was held in Milan. The Milano Salute (Mosan) meeting was a very important exhibition dedicated to problems in health care. The conference also provided opportunities to show the results of the first step of development between the network and the WHO regional Office for Europe, headed by Dr. Mila Garcia Barbero.

Several hospitals from different Italian regions attended this meeting. 62 of them were members of one of the four HPH regional networks in Italy and presented 119 projects as oral or poster presentations.

This meeting provided the opportunity for hospitals to exchange experiences and to create new partnerships. June 14 – 16, 2000: We attended the 8th International Conference on HPH in Athens.

- 10 hospitals of our network were present with 18 posters on several topics;
- a member of our Scientific Committee made an oral presentation in one of the parallel sessions.

The participation in the conference was a success for our network.

Activities to improve the quality of projects in order to obtain achieved results

From October 1999 to February 2000, specific training courses were run by the Lombardia Region for the local HPH Co-ordinators. These courses were divided into three stages of two

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days each, and lasted for a period of three months. The objective of the courses was to help member hospital of the network to set up an adequate and uniform project methodology.

Identifying topics of common interest and carrying out collaborative projects between hospitals and Health services of the community

The Scientific Committee of our regional network became aware that many hospitals find it difficult to co-operate with other network members in order to improve their work.

For this reason, the Scientific Committee developed a group work strategy for the member hospitals: Five topics of common interest were defined amongst which the member hospitals were free to choose, and the following groups were developed as a result:

- Nutrition: 2 hospitals
 - Diabetes: 4 hospitals
 - Smoke free hospital: 3 hospitals
 - The intercultural hospital: 6 hospitals
 - Hospital admission: 12 hospitals
- (TOTAL: 27 hospitals)

These topics were selected because they were found to be the most common in the member hospitals, and also because they are dealt with in the international network.

Experts and consultants on project management will support the hospitals in planning and implementing their projects.

Main problems of the Lombardia Network

In the short lifetime of the Lombardia regional network, the following main problems have been encountered:

- Difficulties in planning projects due to a lack of economic resources and difficulties in finding sponsors.
- Communication difficulties due to a lack of information networks and facilities in many hospitals, and a low level of technical knowledge (handling of e-mail) amongst hospital staff.
- Some projects are defined as "Health

Promoting projects" but they are only projects aiming at the improvement of hospital quality, as they do not contribute to "the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve their health".

- Limited knowledge of hospital staff concerning methods of project management. A basic training course for staff is needed in order to assure some uniformity of the projects, which is the only way to make the projects comparable, and to allow for objective evaluation.

- Difficulties in pooling together common resources and different professions in order to develop a deep collaboration between public and private hospitals.

One of the attempts to address these problems are the five inter-hospital projects mentioned above.

Umberto Fazzone, Milano

Network News

- "Network News" is a new column that will keep you briefly informed about changes and developments in the national/ regional networks of HPH.

New co-ordinators

Austria: Ms. Alice Grundboeck, former co-ordinator of the Austrian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals at the Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for the Sociology of Health and Medicine, left the institute for a professional re-orientation. Ms. Christina Dietscher took over as the co-ordinator of the Austrian Network.

Finland: Ms. Hallman-Keiskoski, health education nurse at the Nursing District of Central Finland, is the new co-ordinator of the Finnish HPH Network and succeeds Matti Liukko in this position.

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France

Dr. Anne-Laurence LeFaou, former French network co-ordinator, started a new job and therefore passed on her responsibilities in the co-ordination of the French Network of Health Promoting Hospitals to Dr. Annick Deveau, a public health doctor at Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris.

Call for papers for issues no. 16 and 17 of the HPH Newsletter

- **Deadline for Newsletter 16: December 4, 2000;**
Deadline for Newsletter 17: May 25, 2001

If you wish to submit an article for issue no. 16 or 17 of the HPH Newsletter, please do not exceed 750 words. If you wish to make longer contributions, please contact the editors (c/o Christina Dietscher).

Especially invited are contributions

- about specific HPH projects (either for hospital patients, for hospital staff, for the population in the community or for developing "healthy" hospital organisations)
- about comprehensive HPH approaches in the development of hospitals
- about experiences and developments of the national/ regional HPH networks
- information about HPH conferences and publications
- about related initiatives that might be of interest to the HPH audience

Please send your contributions to the co-ordinating centre by e-mail (hph.socgruwi@univie.ac.at) or on disc (word for windows 98). Please do also include some short information about the author(s) of the contribution (max. 15 words).



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