



Newsletter

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Editorial

Dear reader,

this Newsletter issue informs you about events and projects in the International HPH Network: The preparations for the 17th HPH conference in May in Crete are in their final stages, and the date and venue for the 18th HPH conference 2010 have already been set – reserve the date!

A new evaluation project on the International HPH Network, PRICES-HPH, aiming at identifying and disseminating good practice on network and organisational levels, is currently being started.

In the “Partners” section of the Newsletter, please find information on a new WHO report on socio-economic differences in safety issues.

And with regard to HPH network news, the Montréal network in Canada presents its new working group on staff health. If you want to submit a contribution about your own network / health service / project for the next Newsletter issue, please follow the instructions at the end of the document. The deadline for issue 37 will be April 17.

Yours sincerely,

Jürgen M. Pelikan, Christina Dietscher, Vienna

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International HPH Events

17th International HPH Conference:

The Conference will take place from May 6-8, 2009, in Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. With the title “Hospitals and Health Services without Walls – new services, new partnerships, new challenges for health promotion”, the conference will primarily focus on the challenges and chances of cooperation between different types of health services for health promotion.

The main conference topics will focus on:

- Healthcare without walls – a vision for health promotion in health care?
- Integrated health promoting healthcare for different target groups
- How to organise health promoting cooperation between different healthcare providers
- Political, legal and economic preconditions for health promoting health care without walls

From the almost 400 papers that were submitted for the conference, the Scientific Committee selected close to 100 for oral presentation and about 240 for poster presentation – so be sure that a full and rich programme will await you in Crete!

For further information about the conference, and a link to online registration, see

<http://www.univie.ac.at/hph/creta2009>

In case you have any questions about the 2009 HPH conference, please contact the WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at the following e-mail address:

hph.soc-gruwi@univie.ac.at

We are looking forward to meeting you in Greece in May 2009!

Jürgen Pelikan, chair Scientific Committee

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18th International Conference on HPH – save the date!

The conference will focus on the contribution of health services to tackling inequities and is scheduled to take place in Manchester, UK, vom April 14-16, 2010.

You will be informed by a separate mailing once the conference website is online and the Call for Papers is open.

PRICES-HPH – international HPH evaluation project launched

HPH is obviously successful – but we don't know enough about how it works: Since the first European Pilot Hospital Project (Rudolfstiftung Hospital Vienna, 1989-1996) and the European Pilot Hospital Project on Health Promoting Hospitals (EHPH, 1993-1997) no further internationally comparative evaluation on HPH has been performed so far. This lack of knowledge has repeatedly been criticized in the scientific literature. In comparison to other health promotion networks, especially cities and schools, HPH seems under-researched. Apart from a lack of arguments to convince decision-makers, sponsors and professionals in health care, this lack of knowledge is also problematic from a quality perspective, since little is known about problems and needs for improvement.

Against this background, PRICES-HPH, an international evaluation project on HPH, has been launched, with the aim to address the following research questions:

- What was / is done in HPH networks and member organisations?
- How comprehensive do these activities cover the concept of HPH? How do they relate to recommendations and requirements of the International HPH Network?
- How are the specific network features related to organisational features of member organisations and their health promotion interventions?
- Overall: What can be learnt about the implementation of HPH?

In order to answer these questions, the project will use different methods to look at HPH on three different levels:

- Structures and processes of the international and the national / regional HPH networks
- Structures and processes of implementation in member organisations
- Quantity and quality of interventions in / by member organizations

The project will run in 2009 / 2010 and is coordinated by the Vienna WHO-CC on Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care. It was approved by the HPH Governance Board, and 28 HPH networks will participate.

For further information, please contact the Vienna WHO-CC (hph.soc-gruwi@univie.ac.at)

News from WHO and other HPH partner organisations

Addressing the socio-economic safety divide

New publication by WHO-Euro

Injury and violence are a leading cause of death and disability in the WHO European Region. Wealth is a major determinant of health, and there is a steep social gradient of ill health due to injuries and violence. Addressing this important cause of inequity in health is a matter of social justice, says a new WHO publication. The document summarises evidence on the socioeconomic safety divide from a large systematic review: *Socioeconomic differences in injury risks. A review of findings and a discussion of potential countermeasures*. It provides messages for policy-makers, researchers and public health advocates and safety planners on what can be done to address this safety divide. Action needs to be inter-sectoral; governments need to aim for equity across all types of government policies; and action needs to be taken both to make the social and physical environment safer generally and to target disadvantaged populations.

Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services are in a good position to contribute to closing the safety gap e.g. by

-) training safety ward staff
-) cooperating with community workers
-) supporting victim self-help groups.

The full WHO publication is available online at
<http://www.euro.who.int/document/e92197.pdf>

News from HPH Networks, TFs and members

Canada – Montréal: New HPH Working Group on Health Promotion for Staff / Healthy Workplace

According to current international consensus (OECD 2008), the availability of qualified workers in health care establishments has been compromised by various factors, including difficult work conditions and aging populations. So creating healthy workplaces and improving the health and wellness of staff have now become must-do strategies for better job retention among senior management and employees alike.

With these strategies in mind, the Governance Board of the International HPH Network has created a working group to ensure that staff health promotion is incorporated into the culture, practices and structures of health care establishments.

I am honoured to chair this working group, which includes: Françoise Alarie, Montréal HPH Network, Canada; Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou, coordinator, Taiwan HPH Network; Dr. Filippos Filippidis, University of Athens, Greece; Virpi Honkala, Coordinator, Finland HPH Network; Dr. Mario Robotti, Italian HPH Network; Dr. Cheryl Woodman, Ontario Hospital Association, Canada; and Ruedi Wyssen, Swiss HPH Network. Planetree Inc. has also designated two people to participate in the working group, one of whom will be Beth Comeford, Deputy Director, Prevention Research Center, Yale University, Connecticut, USA.

The purpose of the working group is to produce a guide of best practices to support the development of healthy work environments. This guide will be specially adapted to the specific locations and conditions of health organizations, the world over.

In the fall of 2009, Montréal will host the international working group during an event on developing healthy workplaces. This event will be an excellent opportunity for members of the International HPH Network and the Montréal Network who are working on issues related to promoting healthy workplaces to discuss their work. The Montréal Network has devoted the most recent edition of its e-newsletter to this subject.

The January 2009 edition of Destination health Montréal is available online at:

http://www.santemontreal.qc.ca/pdf/hps/Vol_1_no_2_AN.pdf

These promising collaborative efforts will enrich our perspectives on health promotion and help us find solutions to the problems we have in common.

Louis Côté (Coordinator, Regional HPH Network of Montréal)

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Information on events, publications, links

Events

17th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Hospitals and Health Services without Walls: New services, new partnerships, new challenges for health promotion”

May 6-8, 2009, Crete, Greece

Online information:

<http://www.univie.ac.at/hph/crete2009>

6th European Conference on Promoting Workplace Health
Healthy work – healthy lifestyle – healthy business

April 27-28, 2009

Perugia, Italia

Online information:

<http://www.enwhp.org/index.php?id=593>

5th Annual World Health Care Congress Europe

Innovations in patient centred care, new technology development and Advanced Care Management to Develop Sustainable Healthcare models

May 13-14, 2009

Brussels, Belgium

Online information:

<http://www.worldcongress.com/events/HR09015/>

5th International Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health (ISEqH)

Social and Societal Influences on Equity in Health

June 9 - 11 2009 Crete, Greece

Online information:

<http://www.iseqh-conference2009.com/>

First International Patient and Employee Centred Care Conference

June 8-9, 2009

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Online information:

http://www.conventioncompany.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=79&Itemid=90

First Asia Pacific Conference on Health Promotion and Education

Asia-Pacific Perspectives on Health Promotion and Health Education: Sharing Experiences, Efforts and Evidence

July 18-20, 2009

Chiba-city, Japan

Online information:

<http://www.dokkyomed.ac.jp/dep-m/pub/apac.html>

3rd Transnational Conference of the German-Speaking HPH Networks

Krankenhäuser und Gesundheitsdienste – Partner für eine gute Gesundheit der Bevölkerung und jedes Einzelnen

(Hospitals and health services – partners for a healthy population and for healthy individuals)

September 23-26, 2009

Zug, Switzerland

Online information:

<http://www.healthhospitals.ch/deutsch/content/blogcategory/49/340/>

HPH Links

International HPH Secretariat

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

<http://www.who-cc.dk>

HPH Congress Secretariat

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

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

Subscription to HPH Listserver:

<http://lists.univie.ac.at/mailman/listinfo/hph-forum>

HPH task force on health promoting psychiatric health services

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

HPH task force on health promotion for children and adolescents in & by hospitals

<http://who.collaboratingcentre.meyer.it>

HPH task force on migrant friendly and culturally competent hospitals and health services

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

HPH task force “Tobacco-free United”

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

List of national / regional HPH networks

<http://www.who-cc.dk/networks>

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Call for papers for # 37

If you have news and / or comments about

- projects, conferences, publications, strategies or other activities of national / regional networks and task forces
- single health care organisations (e.g. projects)
- strategic developments with regard to HPH
- partner organisations (WHO, etc.)
- information about upcoming events and publications (including reviews),

you are heartily invited to contribute to the HPH Newsletter!

Guidelines for submission

Please send us contributions of **max. 200 words**, outlining your message, and, if possible, a weblink to extended information. Please address your contribution(s) to Ms. Christina Dietscher, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care, Vienna, Austria, preferably as an e-mail attachment (hph.soc-gruwi@univie.ac.at). Deadline for contributions for # 37 will be **Friday, April 17, 2009**.

Spickliste für Partner-News:

- WHO / WHO-INT
- IUHPE
- EU / health & consumers
- HOPE
- EFN
- IAPO
- European Forum of Hospital Managers
- Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors
- Smokefree Hospitals
- Workplace Health Promotion