



Newsletter

No 39 – August 2009

ISSN: 1814-4934

Editorial

Dear reader,

Welcome back to work after a hopefully relaxing and health promoting summer! This issue provides you with updates about the upcoming 18th HPH conference 2010, which will highlight the contribution of HPH to address determinants of health inequalities. We would also like to inform you about progress in the international HPH evaluation project “PRICES-HPH”.

In the “partners” section you will find information on the WHO suicide prevention and heart health days as well as on WHO-Euro initiatives to tackling the obesity pandemic.

This issue’s HPH network section features an international study on health care for undocumented migrants (carried out in cooperation with the TF MFCCH), and a self-evaluation model and tool on the respect of children’s rights in hospitals, as well as smoke-free hospital activities in the Czech HPH network.

We welcome your comments and feedback to this newsletter, as well as contributions for #40 (see page 6 for instructions to authors).

Sincerely yours,

Jürgen M. Pelikan, Christina Dietscher, Vienna

Content

International HPH events and projects:	
Conference 2010, PRICES	1, 2
News from WHO and WHO-Euro	2
News from HPH networks, members and TFs: MFCCH, HPH-CA, Czech Republic	3
Events, publications, links	5
Imprint	6
Call for Papers for HPH Newsletter # 40	6

International HPH Events

18th International HPH Conference:
Save the date and look forward to the Call for Papers!



Next years’ international HPH conference will take place in Manchester, UK, from **April 14-16, 2010**. As topic, the Scientific Committee decided to highlight

“Tackling determinants of health inequalities: Contributions of the HPH Network”

The conference 2010 will focus on those determinants of health inequalities that can be successfully influenced by health services. Plenary sessions will focus on:

- Health determinants that can be tackled by hospitals and health services
- Addressing health determinants for people in different life phases
- Addressing health determinants in healthcare staff
- Cooperation between levels of care to reduce inequalities in health

The Scientific Committee will invite papers on these and other topics of relevance for HPH via the scientific conference website at

<http://www.univie.ac.at/hph/manchester2010>

Local conference information including online hotel booking is available at

<http://www.hphconference2010.co.uk>

News from PRICES-HPH – an international HPH evaluation project

PRICES-HPH (“Project on a Retrospective Internationally Comparative Evaluation Study on HPH”) is an international HPH project coordinated by the Vienna WHO-CC. The main aims of the project are to increase the knowledge base on what is done in HPH with regard to institutional arrangements and thematic priorities – both on the level of HPH networks and HPH member organisations – and to analyse data concerning differences in regions, health systems and hospital types. Findings will be used to inform the further development of HPH-related tools.

A first step of the project was a questionnaire survey amongst HPH network coordinators in spring 2009. The feedback rate was 74%. Questions focused a.o. on the structures of the networks, on capacity building strategies, on the perception coordinators have of the International HPH Network, and on outcomes achieved so far (e.g. with regard to growth in membership figures, production of documents and tools, alliance-building). Data are currently being analysed.

The second part of the project will be a survey in HPH member hospitals. Together with a group of HPH network coordinators and volunteers from HPH hospitals, and with support from a scientific advisory board, a questionnaire on HPH structures and processes in member hospitals was developed. In order to ensure good-quality responses, the questionnaire is currently being translated into the mother tongues of the participating national / regional networks, the start of data collection is envisaged for October 2009.

During the next HPH conference in Manchester (April 14-16, 2010), first results of the project will be presented and discussed.

For further information, please contact Vienna WHO-CC:

hph.soc-gruwi@univie.ac.at

News from WHO and other HPH partner organisations

WHO health related action days

WHO health related action days represent an option for HPH networks and member health services to take joint action on themes connected to physical and mental health.

September 10, 2009: World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10 promotes worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. On average, almost 3000 people commit suicide daily. For every person who completes a suicide, 20 or more may attempt to end their lives. With the sponsoring International Association for Suicide Prevention, WHO and other partners advocate for the prevention of suicidal behaviour, provision of adequate treatment and follow-up care for people who attempted suicide, as well as responsible reporting of suicides in the media.

At the global level, awareness needs to be raised that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death. According to WHO, prevention programmes and activities in communities need to be strengthened. Health services can play major roles in the process.

September 27, 2009: World Heart Day

Cardiovascular diseases are the world's largest killers, claiming 17.5 million lives a year. In partnership with WHO, the World Heart Federation organises awareness events in more than 100 countries – including health checks, organised walks, runs and fitness sessions, public talks, stage shows, scientific forums, exhibitions, concerts, carnivals and sports tournaments.

For further information, see

www.who.int

WHO-Euro: Initiatives to fight obesity

The “global obesity epidemic” has been increasingly discussed with regards to related health problems

like a higher risk to acquire diseases such as diabetes, CVD and others. As one approach to tackle the problem, WHO-Euro is promoting physical activity a.o. by providing a guideline to quantify the positive health effects of cycling and walking – an initiative that could also support HPH's efforts in the area.

Further information can be found on WHO-Euro's website at

http://www.euro.who.int/transport/policy/20070503_1

News from HPH Networks, members and TFs

TF on Migrant-friendly Culturally Competent Healthcare (HPH-TF MFCCH)

Practices in the provision of Health Care for undocumented migrants in the EU – a survey in 17 countries



The Task Force on Migrant-friendly Culturally Competent Healthcare of the Health Promoting Hospital and Health Services network (HPH-TF MFCCH) is conducting a cross-European survey as part of the **project NowHereLand: Improving services for Undocumented Migrants (UDM) in Europe**. The project is coordinated by the Donau Universität of Krems (Austria) and is financially supported by the European Commission – DG SANCO. The major aim of this research is to improve the level of health protection for the people of the EU by addressing migrant access, quality and appropriateness of health services as important wider determinants for health, focusing on health care services for UDM as an especially vulnerable group.

The HPH-TF MFCCH is responsible for the work package concerning the collection of health care services available for UDM in 17 EU countries: **Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta,**

Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom. This collection will serve to establish a database of practices and select 3-5 EU-relevant and contextualised models of good practice of health care services for UDM. The database will be available for consultation on the website of the NowHereLand project. The services for UDM that we address can be part of an organisation belonging to Governmental health trust as well as NGOs, therefore the collection of practices is addressed to hospitals, primary care services, health clinics, specialised services or dedicated service for this specific clients.

HPH members of the 17 countries involved are kindly asked to fill in the questionnaire aiming at collecting the relevant information about the practices for services available in their institutions or in associated NGOs. Healthcare organisations can download the questionnaire and send it to the Task Force leader (Antonio Chiarenza) by e-mail: TFMFCCH@ausl.re.it or by **fax: +39 0522339638** or fill it in directly on the NowHereLand project website: <http://www.nowhereland.info>

HPH organisations participating in the collection of practices will benefit by gaining visibility and access to the EU database making this a useful tool for networking and reciprocal exchange of practices and experiences. Furthermore, participating institutions will get access to the project website and receive a country report including fact sheets translated into national languages containing EU landscape models of good practices. We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaires and thank you in advance for contributing to this project.

Deadline and contact details

The fully completed questionnaire must be returned to the following address by e-mail, fax or filled in online no later than 30th September 2009.

Do not hesitate to contact us via email should you need any clarification:

Antonio Chiarenza

TFMFCCH@ausl.re.it

HPH-Task Force Migrant Friendly and Culturally Competent Healthcare
AUSL di Reggio Emilia
Via Amendola, 2
42100 Reggio Emilia, Italy

TF Health Promotion for Children and Adolescents in & by Hospitals and Health Services (TF HPH-CA)

Self-evaluation model and tool on the respect of children's rights in hospital: Implementation in a selected group of hospitals

At the 7th Task Force meeting in May 2009 it was decided to push forward the process of implementation of the self-evaluation model and tool on the respect of children's rights in hospitals inside and outside the HPH Network, with distinct strategies. On one hand, the commitment to disseminate and facilitate the self-evaluation model and tool to relevant organisations, hospitals, health services, networks and professionals was made. Up to the moment, over 100 copies have been sent by post internationally. The instrument is currently available in 7 languages, namely English, Estonian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Hungarian and Italian and there are further translations in progress, including German, Catalan, Croatian and Norwegian. These are available to download at

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

On the other hand, the Task Force is conducting a guided process of the self-evaluation model and tool in a select group of hospitals (16 in total, 6 of which are non-HPH members). 4 working groups (WGs) were established within the Task Force with the aim of monitoring and evaluating these local processes of self-evaluation and gather evidence on the effectiveness of the model in improving both the respect of children's rights in hospital and in improving the quality of the healthcare services delivered.

Hospitals, health services, health professionals and experts on children's rights are welcome to contact the Task Force and to participate in this process at any time.

Ana Isabel Fernandes Guerreiro, Researcher
WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion
Capacity Building in Child and Adolescent Health
c/o Health Promotion Programme
Meyer University Children's Hospital
Viale Pieraccini, 28
50139 Florence - Italy
Tel: +39 055 200 6329

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

Czech HPH Network

The Czech Republic adheres to the principles of Tobacco Free United – Supporting smoke-free hospitals in the Czech Republic



Last year the Czech Republic welcomed the fusion of the HPH and ENSH programmes and the subsequent establishment of the Tobacco Free United Task Force (TFU). This project will allow a more effective use of past and present experiences and a successful completion of the activities envisaged.

Since 2005, 29 Centres for Tobacco Dependents (CTD) have been established in the Czech Republic. In each CTD there are at least one educated physician and one nurse working, although they are not yet required to work full-time. The Society for Treatment of Tobacco Dependence serves as the source of guidelines for evidence-based treatment. It also provides training and offers trainees practice experience at the reference centre in the General University Hospital. All CTD's are based in hospitals, predominantly in the pneumological or internal departments. In addition to providing intensive treatment for smokers in general, CTD's also specifically treat health professionals both in the region and in the hospital where the centre is located. It is their role to assist the hospital management with creating a smoke-free hospital environment. This is the case for HPH hospitals Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute (www.mou.cz), University Hospital Motol (www.fnmotol.cz) and General University Hospital (www.vfn.cz), the last of which is currently involved in the International network of HPH.

The Ministry of Health supports this initiative through its representatives in the TFU working groups. At present, it is also working on the development of a set of guidelines for overcoming smoking addiction, with an emphasis on the treatment

including employees of health care facilities. Subsequently, these guidelines will be passed on to the other health facilities involved in the international HPH network, which have a CTD, for application. Simultaneously, one of our HPH members, the Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute, will seek to receive the Smoke Free Healthcare Services gold certificate.

Milena Kalvachova, national coordinator HPH
milena.kalvachova@mzcr.cz

Eva Kalikova, Head of the Society for Treatment of Tobacco Dependence
eva.kralikova@LF.cuni.cz

Events, publications, links

Events

18th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Tackling determinants of health inequalities:

Contributions of the HPH Network[™]

April 14-16, 2010, Manchester, UK

Scientific information:

<http://www.univie.ac.at/hph/manchester2010>

Local conference information:

<http://www.hphconference2010.co.uk>

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

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

7th Global Conference on Health Promotion

Promoting health and development:

Closing the implementation gap

organised by WHO and Kenya Ministry of Public Health
Nairobi, Kenya, October 26-30, 2009

<http://www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/7qchp/en/index.html>

HEPA Europe 2009

European Network for the Promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity

5th Annual Meeting and Symposium

Bologna, Italy, November 11-12, 2009

<http://www.saluter.it/wcm/hepa2009/>

20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion

Health, equity and sustainable development

July 11-15, 2010 - Geneva, Switzerland

www.iuhpeconference.net

Publications



Chevalier F., Lévy J., Garel P. (2009): **Hospitals in the 27 member states of the European Union**. La Défense: Dexia

http://www.hope.be/05eventsandpublications/docpublications/79_hospitals_in_eu/79-hospitals-in-the-eu-2009.pdf

The publication gives an overview on differences and similarities in European hospitals with regard to challenges for future development, governance issues, and care provision.

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>

Editors

Jürgen M. Pelikan (Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care)

Christina Dietscher (WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care)

Editorial Board

Zora Bruchacova, Bratislava (SK)

Shu-Ti Chiou, Taipei (TW)

Louis Côté, Quebec (CA)

Carlo Favaretti, Udine (IT)

Margarete Kristenson, Linköping (SE)

Irena Miseviciene, Kaunas (LT)

Hanne Tonnesen, Copenhagen (DK)

Yannis Tountas, Athens (GR)

Editorial Assistance

Astrid Loidolt (WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care)

Layout

Hermann Schmied (WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care)

Imprint

WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care, Vienna
at Ludwig Boltzmann Institute Health Promotion Research
Untere Donaustraße 47, 1020 Vienna, Austria
+43-1-21 21 493-21
hph.soc-gruwi@univie.ac.at
<http://www.hph-hc.cc>

Call for papers for # 40

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 web link 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 # 40 will be **October 20, 2009**.