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Editorial

Dear reader,

Please be informed that the Call for Papers for the 22nd International HPH Conference in Barcelona, Spain in April 2014 is now online – for further information, please refer to the next column. We do look forward to your papers and to meeting you in Barcelona!

In the partners section of this newsletter, you will find information about a WHO-Euro publication on the role of patient participation in increasing patient safety, and on an EU conference on mental health.

The HPH network section contains contributions from the HPH task forces on age-friendly care, as well as on HPH and Environment. Read more about instructions on how to participate in the “2013 International Environment-Friendly Hospital Team Work Best Practice Award” on page 4!

As always, we look forward to your suggestions for themes and to your contributions for #65. Please refer to page 6 for instructions to authors and submit your contribution until December 15, 2013.

Sincerely yours,

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International HPH Network



**22nd International
 HPH Conference –
 Call for Papers now open!**

The 2014 HPH conference, titled “**Changing hospital & health service culture to better promote health**” will take place in Barcelona, Spain, from April 23-25, 2014.

The Scientific Committee decided on the following main topics:

- **Health literacy** - an emerging concept for more patient-oriented healthcare
- Developing a **more salutogenic culture** for and by healthcare staff
- Better **health care responses to community needs** through a culture of cooperation

A detailed description of the scope and purpose and the call for papers are now available online at <http://www.hphconferences.org/barcelona2014.html>

The Scientific Committee welcomes submissions on the main conference topics, as well as on other topics of high relevance to HPH, including child and maternal health, age-friendly healthcare, health promotion for migrants and minorities, psychiatric patients and mental health, alcohol consciousness, tobacco cessation, physical activity, environment-friendly healthcare, cooperation between HPH and self-help/patient groups, health promoting integrated care and pain-free hospitals.

The Call will be open until December 20, and submitters will be notified upon the decision from the Scientific Committee until February 15, 2014.

We do look forward to your abstract(s) and to meeting you in Barcelona!

News from HPH Partner Organizations



WHO Europe:

New publication on patient participation in safety issues

A new WHO-Euro publication focuses on “**Exploring patient participation in reducing health-care-related safety risks**”.

The publication presents an overview of the legal influences on patient safety and explores the relationship between patients’ rights, patient participation and patient safety. It provides a synthesis of studies of patient involvement, with detailed examples from Bulgaria, France, the Netherlands, Poland and Portugal. It highlights the need to strengthen a continuum of information between various levels of care, including patient experiences, health literacy and engagement. It offers recommendations on the macro, meso and micro levels of health service delivery. By contributing to the wider process of evidence collation, it will help identify efficient ways to build realistic and informed expectations of health care, while encouraging patients to be vigilant and knowledgeable, thus ensuring maximum safety standards.

The full document can be downloaded at http://www.euro.who.int/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/185779/e96814.pdf



European Commission: New study on mental health

During the current Lithuanian EU Presidency, the EU Conference “**Mental health: Challenges and possibilities**” was held from October 10-11, 2013, in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The event brought together around 200 mental health experts, representatives of NGOs, patient organizations and research institutions from around the European Union and candidate countries, joined by the European Free Trade Association. Participants discussed the importance of mental health in all policies as well as society’s influence on the

emergence and development of mental illnesses. Much attention was given to children’s and adolescents’ mental health development, and the analysis of addictive disorders.

One of the speeches at the conference was held by the European Commissioner for Health, Tonio Borg. The commissioner highlighted the need for continued reforms of mental health systems especially in the current time of crisis, as well as the need for continued attempts to combat stigmatization resulting from mental illness. The commissioner also talked about the relevance of many EU policies for mental health, including policies on employment, social protection, eHealth and EU Structural Funds.

During the conference, a study on mental health was presented that was financed by the European Commission. It is entitled “Mental health systems in the European Union member states, status of mental health in populations and benefits to be expected from investments into mental health: European profile of prevention and promotion of mental health”. The study provides an up-to-date profile of mental health systems across EU Member States and other countries, with a focus on mental illness and mental health promotion activities. On this basis, it presents a list of key policy recommendations both for Member States and for the European Commission.

In relation to healthcare, recommendations include a continued transition towards mental health services that are integrated into the community and ensure a better distribution of and access to services, and a focus on the empowerment of users, informal carers and civil society.

The full study is available online at: http://ec.europa.eu/health/mental_health/policy/index_en.htm

News from HPH Networks, Task Forces (TFs) & members



TF Age-friendly care: 1st Symposium & 1st TF meeting

According to estimation by the World Health Organization, the number of older persons will reach 2 billion or more and exceed the number of children under 15 by 2050. Facing the challenges of rapid demographic transition, a Working Group on HPH and Age-friendly Health Care was approved by the HPH General Assembly in April, 2012, with Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou being the WG leader.

One year later, during the HPH General Assembly in Gothenburg, Sweden in May 2013, the WG was transferred into the Task Force on HPH and Age-friendly Health Care, with the strong support from the GA members. The 1st task force meeting took place on May 23rd. The TF will develop an internationally applicable framework on age-friendly health care and collect examples on best evidence-based practices. The experiences acquired from international exchanges will reframe and re-render a better framework to meet older persons' needs, and will contribute to building better age-friendly health care environments.

Meanwhile, the Health Promotion Administration (HPA) of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan, also held a Symposium on HPH and Age-friendly Health Care during the 21st International HPH Conference. Speakers from Taiwan, Canada, and the USA showcased pilot examples and shared their experiences in hospitals. This symposium received very positive feedback from almost a hundred motivated participants. Related presentations can be downloaded from the TF's website: <http://www.hphnet.org/component/content/article/20-members/tf1/2123-hph-and-age-friendly-health-care>



TF Age-friendly care: Symposium "The Elder Friendly Hospital" at IAGG World Congress

Based on the WHO principles of age-friendly health care and the WHO-HPH Standards, the Health Pro-

motion Administration (HPA), Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan, developed a framework for age-friendly health care in 2010. There are 4 standards (Management Policy, Communication and Services, Care Processes, and Physical Environment), 11 sub-standards and 60 measurable elements in this framework, dedicating to the need of the arising ageing population.

In collaboration with the University of Alberta, Canada, Taiwan Health Promotion Administration co-hosted a symposium on the theme of "The Elder Friendly Hospital: An International Response to the Ageing Imperative" during the 20th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) on June 24th in Seoul, Korea.

The symposium was a success with over 50 attendees. Speakers from Canada, the Netherlands, the United States and Taiwan, including Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou, the chair of the Task Force on HPH and Age-friendly Health Care, presented their evidence-based initiatives and interventions, and shared the distinct culture differences between the countries represented in terms of age-friendly hospital health care. All of the attendees showed active participation and shared inspiring opinions and viewpoints.

Related presentations can be downloaded from the TF's website:

<http://www.hphnet.org/component/content/article/20-members/tf1/2123-hph-and-age-friendly-health-care>



TF on HPH and Environment: 2013 Symposium & 5th TF Meeting

The Task Force on HPH and Environment (TF) is dedicated to promote environment-friendly measures in healthcare sectors, as was approved by the HPH General Assembly in 2010. The 2013 Symposium on HPH and Environment and the 5th Meeting of the TF were successfully held in Gothenburg, Sweden on May 23rd, 2013. Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou, the Chair of the Task Force, presided over both events.

The Symposium on HPH and Environment was co-chaired by Dr. Chiou and Mrs. Anja Leetz, the Executive Director of Health Care Without Harm

(HCWH), European branch. Speakers from Austria, Germany, Sweden, and Taiwan shared valuable knowledge on issues such as healthy building materials, energy saving in hospitals, healthy green food, indoor air quality control, and pharmaceuticals in the environment. The presentations discussed environmental issues hospitals are facing, and the dynamic actions that we can take to address them; there were a total of 50 participants in this symposium.

The 5th Meeting of the task force concluded with the decision to upload the completed HPH and Environment Manual and the Self-Assessment Form of Environment-friendly hospitals on the TF website. The Task Force will also organize a “2013 International Environment-Friendly Hospital Team Work Best Practice Award” to honor future best practices of green hospitals. HPH network members are welcome to participate in this recognition. Please visit the TF website to download the entry forms of the “2013 International Environment-Friendly Hospital Team Work Best Practice Award”

http://www.hphnet.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=143%3A%2Fon-hph-a-environment&catid=20&Itemid=95



Photo: The HPH and Environment Symposium in the 21st International HPH Conference.

Events, publications, links



Conferences & Meetings: *HPH and HPH partners*

HPH events

22nd International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH)
April 23-25, 2014, Barcelona, Spain
www.hphconferences.org/barcelona2014

18th Annual Conference of the Austrian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services
Promoting mental Health (conference in German language)
November 7-8
Klagenfurt, Austria
<http://www.ongkg.at/konferenzen.html>

Events of HPH partners and other organizations

6th European Public Health Conference
Brussels, Belgium
Health in Europe: are we there yet?
Learning from the past, building the future
November 13-16, 2013
http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=341

Health Systems Strengthening: Improving Governance and Ensuring Equity
Ottawa, Canada
October 21-25, 2013
<http://bit.ly/XjSvpK>

International Anniversary Conference marking 35 years of the declaration of Alma Ata on Primary Health Care
November 6-7
Almaty, Kazakhstan
<http://en.phc35.kz/>

Profound Healing – Sustainable Wellbeing Conference
November 23-24, 2013
Melbourne, Australia
<http://gawler.org/other-services/conferences/>



Books, articles & reports *HPH and HPH partners*

Journal articles

Jaeger F.N., Kiss L., Hossain M., Zimmermann C. (2013): **Migrant-friendly hospitals: a paediatric perspective – improving hospital care for migrant children.** In: BMC Health Services Research, *doi:10.1186/1472-6963-13-389*

Books

Bauer G.F., Hämmig O. (2013): **Bridging organizational and public health.** New York, Heidelberg, Dordrecht, London: Springer

In this book: Pelikan, J.M., Schmied, H., Dietscher, C.: **Improving Organizational Health: The Case of Health Promoting Hospitals** (pp. 133-153)



Links & Web-tools

International HPH Secretariat

at WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals
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HPH Conference Secretariat

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Task Force “Health Promotion for Children and Adolescents in & by Hospitals”

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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

Task Force “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

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Task Force “HPH & environment”

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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

Task force “Health Enhancing Physical Activity”

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Task force “Age-friendly Health Care”

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Clinical Health Promotion Society

<http://www.clinhpsociety.org/>

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 #65

We heartily welcome your 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 organizations, or HPH partner organizations (WHO, etc.), for publication in the international 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 Dr. Christina Dietscher, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care, Vienna, Austria, preferably as an e-mail attachment to vienna.who-cc@hphconferences.org.

Deadline for contributions to #65 will be **December 15, 2013**.