Editorial

Dear reader,

Please be informed that the Call for Abstracts for the coming international HPH conference in New Haven (CT), USA, is now open! Don’t forget to submit your abstract until December 19, 2015. For more information, have a look at the neighboring column!

In the HPH partners section, we highlight the launch of a new toolkit by WHO. Moreover, we welcome the Japanese HPH network as well as Morten L. Hansen. In the publications section, we focus on two “hot topics”: First, the World Health Statistics referring to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and second, considering current developments in the European Union, a recent report of WHO-Euro on public health aspects of migrant health.

Should you wish to contribute to the next Newsletter issue, please contact us at vienna.who-cc@hphconferences.org. Please refer to page 4 for instructions for authors and submit your contribution until December 12, 2015.

With greetings from Vienna,

Jürgen M. Pelikan,
Christina Wieczorek, Vienna

International HPH Network

During the last weeks, the Scientific Committee developed the plenary program for the 24th International HPH Conference that will take place in New Haven (CT), USA, from June 8-10, 2016. The main theme covered in the conference will include “Creating a Culture of Health through Innovation and Partnership”. Similar to previous years, the Scientific Committee invites all HPH members as well as those who are interested in HPH, to submit their abstracts. These can relate to the main conference theme, as well as to topics proposed by the HPH task forces and working groups. For further details, including the abstract selection criteria see: http://www.hphconferences.org/connecticut2016.html

Under this link, you will also find regular updates on the conference program as well as further information about organizational issues. To register for the conference, we will provide a link soon.
News from HPH partners

WHO headquarters

Launch of the Assessment and Planning for Scale (MAPS) toolkit

Scale up projects reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health

At the end of September 2015, the mHealth Assessment and Planning for Scale (MAPS) toolkit was launched with the aim of supporting mobile health (mHealth) implementers. In particular, the toolkit was developed by the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research including HRP (RHR / HRP) in partnership with the United Nations Foundation, and the Johns Hopkins University Global. The purpose of the MAPS toolkit is to assist, but also to plan the scale-up of mHealth innovations. As mHealth becomes more and more important within HPH, too, this tool might be helpful to advance already existing HPH mHealth projects and activities.

The toolkit consists of six broad thematic areas including Groundwork, Partnerships, Financial health, Technology and architecture, Operations, and Monitoring and evaluation. Each thematic area comprises a self-administered questionnaire as well as score cards which should support mHealth project teams to measure their progress and finally reach targeted improvements of their innovation. In addition to the questionnaire and the score cards, the toolkit provides tips and lessons from experiences of pioneering mHealth projects. For further information on the MAPS toolkit, its development etc., please have a look at: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/mhealth/maps-toolkit/en/

News from HPH Networks, Task Forces and Members

HPH is still spreading around the globe! We are happy to announce that at the beginning of October 2015 the first Japanese HPH network was launched.

We warmly welcome the new international HPH network member and do hope to learn more about the network in the near future.

International HPH Secretariat

New technical officer

Welcome to Morten L. Hansen!

At the International HPH Secretariat based in Copenhagen, Morten L. Hansen is a new member of the dedicated staff. Morten holds a master’s degree in Political Science and has experience from working with health policies with a particular interest in organisation. He will fill a position as technical officer in the International HPH Secretariat. Morten is eagerly working to solidly get into all the aspects of the HPH work and is looking forward to meet and cooperate with the members of the HPH Network.

Events, publications, links

Conferences & Meetings:

HPH and HPH partners

HPH events

24th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH)

Innovation and Partnership in Health Promotion: Policy Development, Organizational Initiatives and Direct Service Provision

June 8-10, 2016, New Haven (CT), USA


Events of HPH partners and other organizations

The 3rd European Health Literacy Conference

Developing health literacy during the life course

November 17-19, 2015, Brussels, Belgium


JA-CHRODIS CONFERENCE

Joining Forces in Health Promotion to Tackle the Burden of Chronic Diseases in Europe
This year presents the target year for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations. Recent statistics show that progress has been made in achieving many of the health-related MDGs by this year. For example targets related to HIV as well as drinking-water have been met, while others require further efforts. It has been shown that gains vary substantially by different regions throughout the world. To sustain improvements, but also to further current gains, new global action plans are in preparation. These will also provide starting points for future HPH research and action. For more information on current statistics concerning the MDGs see the following link:


In the light of the exploding number of refugees coming to the European Union (EU), migration and migrant health is a top-priority issue on EU policy agendas and beyond now more than ever. Not only ethical implications concerning the access to healthcare, but also how to improve migrant health, how to integrate them into society etc. extensively shape current discussions. As there are no signs that the number of refugees will dramatically decrease soon, the question on "What policies and interventions work to improve health care access and delivery for asylum seekers and refugees in the European Region?" will remain on the agenda of (EU-health) policy.

However, these developments do not only require discussions on the EU policy level, but we would also like to invite all HPH members to think about how to tackle these coming challenges by HPH activities and projects.

To find answers to the above mentioned question, WHO-Euro has recently released a report on "Public health aspects of migrant health: a review of the evidence on health status for refugees and asylum seekers in the European Region". The report shows that access to healthcare, e.g. the lack of translators, transport, social insurance etc. The full report can be found under: http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/289246/WHO-HEN-Report-A5-2-Refugees_FINAL.pdf?ua=1


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Task Force “HPH & Environment”
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List of national / regional HPH networks
http://www.hphnet.org/index.php?option=com_flexicontent&view=flexicontent&Itemid=18

Call for papers for #77

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!

Instructions for authors

Please send contributions of max. 200 words, outlining your message, and, if possible, a web link to extended information, to Ms. Astrid Loidolt, WHO Collaborating Cen-

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