Presentations on Health Promotion from around the world

In June 2015 the 23rd International HPH Conference took place in Oslo Norway. Under the title 'Person-oriented health promotion in a rapidly changing world: Co-production – continuity – new media & technologies', the conference attracted presenters and participants from 43 countries.

About the 23rd INT. HPH CONFERENCE

Visit the conference website for more information about the 23rd Int. HPH Conference, held on June 10-12, 2015 in Oslo, Norway.

You can access the conference website for download of the full program, the different presentations, and photos from the conference and the side-events at: www.hphconferences.org/oslo2015/proceedings.html

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The 23rd HPH Conference was organized with great success by the Norwegian National HPH Network. The conference took place in Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, with a range of side-events and visits in Oslo city and at Akershus University Hospital in the region of Helse-Øst of Norway.

This year, an impressive number of 712 persons participated in the conference and gave a total of 614 oral and poster presentations. In line with recent years, the conference attracted participants from all over the world, and like the previous years, the many participants brought home information and inspiration about the newest research, ideas, and projects regarding Health Promotion.
As the title suggest, the main theme for this year's conference focused on people-centred healthcare.

Besides the many oral and poster presentations, the conference had four plenary sessions with the following sub-themes:

- The somato-psycho-social health needs of patients, staff and citizens
- The concept of co-production of health and its role for patient-centred care
- Improvements of people-centred healthcare by creating continuous and integrated care systems and
- Using new technologies to promote health.

The international HPH Conference offers an ideal opportunity to exchange ideas and establish research collaborations
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Congratulation to the winners of the 2015 HPH Award

At the gala dinner at the 23rd International HPH Conference, the 2015 HPH Awards were given to this year's winners.

The purpose of giving out the HPH Award is to promote HPH visibility, recognize extraordinary fulfilment of WHO HPH standards, recognize extraordinary fulfilment of strategic goals and improve the number of published scientific articles.

Chair and Vice-Chair of the HPH Governace Board presented the Awards at the galla dinner in Oslo

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The winners were:

- The International HPH Award for Outstanding Fulfilment of the HPH Strategy was given to the Regional Network of Catalonia, Spain.
- The International HPH Award for Outstanding Fulfilment of the WHO HPH Standards was given to Taiwan Adventist Hospital.
- The International HPH Award for Outstanding Scientific Publication was given to Lise N Søndergaard, Kim Overvad, Elisabeth L Andreasen, Lone B Rosenkilde, Anne-Mette Haugaard , Claus Dethlefsen and Jane Andreasen from Aalborg University Hospital for the article:
  Short- and long-term effect of a worksite group versus individual counseling on physical activity and dietary habits in moderately overweight hospital employees – a randomized controlled trial (Clin Health Promot 2017; 4:;41-7.)

21st Meeting of the HPH General Assembly

On June 10, 2015, the annual meeting of the HPH General Assembly took place in Oslo, Norway. Participants at the 21st Meeting of the HPH General Assembly were National/Regional HPH Coordinators, invited observers, and representatives from WHO/Europe and other partner organizations.

The delegates were updated on the progress of the each of the core organizational bodies of the International HPH Network. The HPH Governance Board, the International HPH Secretariat and the HPH Task Forces all presented their work and efforts since the last meeting of the HPH General Assembly.

Amongst the topics of 21st Meeting was the vote on three amendments to the Constitution put forward by the Governance Board. The HPH General Assembly was also updated on issues related to the annual HPH conferences including financing and organisation. The process of hosting conferences was discussed and clarified for future International HPH Conferences.

Dr. Hans Kluge, Director of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health at WHO Regional Office for Europe endorsed the renewed Memorandum of Understanding between WHO and the International HPH Network. Dr. Kluge directed the attention so several areas where clinical health promotion and disease prevention activities had had an immense effect on both the benefit to the patients and the cost-effectiveness. Dr. Kluge expressed the recognition and appreciation of the dedicated work of all National/Regional HPH Networks as he accorded much of the success for the WHO/HPH partnerships to the HPH corporate members.

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65th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

Health ministers and representatives of the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region, partner organizations and civil society, took part in the 65th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, held in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 14-17 September 2015

About the Regional committee

The WHO Regional Committee for Europe is held once a year, with representatives from all 53 member states.

Read more about the 65th Regional Committee and download relevant documents: http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/65th-session

Amongst the key technical health issues on this year's agenda were:

- Health 2020: Promoting intersectoral and interagency action for health and well-being
- The European Health Report 2015
- Priorities for health system strengthening in the European Region 2015-2020
- WHO European Region physical activity strategy 2016-2025
- Roadmap of actions to strengthen the implementation of the WHO Frame work Convention on Tobacco Control in Europe 2015-2025
- European action plan for tuberculosis prevention and control 2016-2020
- WHO reform and implications for the Regional Office for Europe.

The program for the 65th Regional Committee included progress reports on preventing and combating multidrug- and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis, achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals, the European Environment and Health Process, behavior change strategies, the role of health systems and implementing the International Health Regulations (2005). These reports provided updates on implementation of resolutions approved by the Regional Committee at previous sessions. Technical briefings and ministerial lunches offered additional opportunities to discuss technical agenda items.

Amongst the speakers of the Regional Committee was Her Royal Highness, Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, and Patroness of the WHO European Region, who gave the opening speech. WHO General-Director, Margaret Chan addressed the audience and called for the European states to pay particular attention to how corporate interests are influencing health policy-making. Regional-Director of WHO/Europe, Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, gave a review of improvements, developments and challenges in health care over the past year by emphasizing the WHO European Region's goal of securing more equitable and sustainable health for Europe, supported by the Health 2020 policy framework.

Strengthening health systems towards people-centredness

Dr. Hans Kluge, Director of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health at WHO/Europe, set forth a vision to ensure that European health systems meet people's needs and reflect their values. Priorities in strengthening health systems include moving from a fragmented disease response to a strong primary health care that integrates essential public health operations, and gaining universal health coverage throughout the region.

The International HPH Network was invited as a partner organization and delivered both an oral and a written statement on the roles of the hospitals and health services in the work of strengthening health.

(From left) Mrs Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, Dr Margaret Chan, Mrs Dalia Grybauskaite, Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Denmark, Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab and Dr Ray Busuttil

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