



News from the International HPH Network

General Assembly 2016, New Haven, USA

On June 8, 2016, the annual HPH General Assembly (GA) took place in New Haven, CT, USA. It was the 22nd Meeting of the National/Regional Network Coordinators and Task Force Leaders of the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services.

Invited observers from up-coming N/R HPH Networks also participated. WHO and other partner organizations in official relations with HPH were excused this year. The WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals & Health Services in Copenhagen and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care in Vienna participated.

The General Assembly was arranged by the International HPH Secretariat at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Services in Copenhagen and all sessions were chaired by members of the HPH Governance Board and by the WHOCCs.

As the first order of business, there was a closed session for N/R Coordinators to discuss the role of the N/R Coordinators in the format of a breakfast workshop session. Subsequently, the GA welcomed all additional participating delegates from HPH Task Forces as well as all observers from up-coming National/Regional HPH Networks.

The main aim of GA is the exchange of knowledge and experience among National/Regional Network Coordinators and Task Force Leaders. For this purpose, the meeting also featured a workshop on the new global HPH Strategy for 2016-18.

The GA 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 presented their work and efforts since the last GA. GA were updated on issues relating to finances and non-payment of members, which continues to be a problem, the current developments in teaching and training, key international projects, extension of Task Forces and approval of new Task Forces, the on-going collaborations with WHO and other key partner organizations as well as potential new partner organizations. The HPH GA was also updated on issues related to the annual HPH conferences including financing and organisation. This included a status on the 2016 conference in New Haven, the official decision of granting Vienna the role of host city for 2017's conference, as well as the decision to continue to liaise with all interested countries for hosting conferences of 2018 and beyond.

GA also conducted the official bi-annual elections for all 7 seats of the HPH Governance Board.

The new HPH Governance Board 2016-2018

The new HPH Governance Board was elected by the 22nd Meeting at the HPH General Assembly in New Haven.

The HPH Governance Board will run for two years and consist of 7 elected corporate HPH members.

As the procedure for Governance Board elections was changed last year, corporate members who have had members in the previous Governance Board were now allowed to again be represented in the GB.

The New HPH Governance Board consists of:

Chair: Bożena Walewska-Zielcka (Poland)

Vice-chair: Susan Frampton (Connecticut, USA)

Board members: Sally Fawkes (Australia), Alan Siu (Hong Kong, China), Myoung Ock Ahn (Rep. of South Korea), Margareta Kristenson (Sweden) and Yingwei Wang (Taiwan).

As we welcome the Governance Board, we would also like to thank the outgoing Board members; outgoing chair Raffaele Zoratti (Italy), outgoing vice-chair Ida Rashida Khan Bukholm (Norway), Jerneja Farkas-Lainscak (Slovenia), Manel Santiñà (Catalonia, Spain).

The outgoing HPH Governance Board is acknowledged for their tremendous work and leadership.