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I. NEWS FROM MENTAL HEALTH EUROPE

Follow-up of the WHO/Euro Declaration and Action Plan on Mental Health

At the first Ministerial Conference on Mental Health ever held by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe, the European Mental Health Declaration and Action Plan was signed by all WHO Member States and by Dr Marc Danzon on behalf of WHO.

The Action Plan proposed ways and means of developing, implementing and reinforcing comprehensive mental health policies in the countries of the WHO European Region, requiring action in 12 areas:

1. promote mental well-being for all;
2. demonstrate the centrality of mental health;
3. tackle stigma and discrimination;
4. promote activities sensitive to vulnerable stages;
5. prevent mental health problems and suicide;
6. ensure access to good primary care for mental health problems;
7. offer effective-care in community-based services for people with severe mental health problems;
8. establish partnerships across sectors;
9. create a sufficient and competent workforce;
10. establish good mental health information;
11. provide fair and adequate funding;
12. evaluate effectiveness and generate new evidence.

It was expected that countries would reflect on these policies in their own mental health strategies and plans, to determine what will be delivered over the next five and ten years. Through the Declaration, WHO has committed to several responsibilities in the years to come.

MHE was an active partner, in terms of providing information, research, policy and service development and advocacy.

On 3 June 2005, MHE organised a seminar for its member organisations and European Non Governmental Organisations (ENGOS) active in the mental health field: "*The WHO/Euro Declaration and Action Plan on Mental Health: the Way Forward*". WHO/Euro Regional Adviser for Mental Health Matt Muijen gave information on the plans of WHO/Euro, and European Commission Representatives Wallis Goelen and Jürgen Scheftlein gave their view on the role the EC can play.

Four MHE member organisations (Austria, Finland, Ireland and Slovakia) gave examples of how mental health NGOs can get involved in the implementation of the Declaration and Action Plan in their country.

It is now 1 year ago that your Ministers of Health signed the Declaration and Action Plan. We would like to know from you what has happened in your country. We invite you to send us a brief report on what action your government has undertaken in the 12 areas mentioned above, and how your organisation has been involved.

The Declaration and the Action plan, as well as other documents, among which 14 briefing sheets on various topics are available on the Conference website:

<http://www.euro.who.int/mentalhealth2005>

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General Assembly and Seminar – Reminder!

MHE's General Assembly and seminar will take place in Brussels in the conference centre Amazone on 12-13 May 2006.

The seminar on Friday afternoon 12 May will be dedicated to the consultation on the European Commission Green Paper "*Improving the mental health of the population - Towards a strategy on mental health for the European Union*" and to the state of the Non Governmental Organisations role in the World Health Organization - Europe Action Plan on Mental Health.

The "business agenda" of our General Assembly on Saturday morning 13 May will of course include the approval of the activity report, accounts, budget, Board elections, etc., but also a special session on the work of the MHE Committee on Human Rights and Mental Health.

More info to follow in March!

For more information: the MHE Secretariat, info@mhe-sme.org, Tel + 32 2 280 04 68

European Coalition for Community Living

The European Coalition for Community Living has been set up by the European Non Governmental Organisations which organised last year the EU project on Community Living: Autisme Europe, the Centre for Policy Studies of Central European Universities, the European Network Independent Living, Inclusion Europe, Mental Health Europe and the Open Society Mental Health Initiative.

It is a Europe wide invitation to work towards the social inclusion of people with disabilities by providing comprehensive and quality community based services as an alternative to institutionalisation.

The ECCL advocates for and monitor progress towards deinstitutionalisation in Europe.

It is a cross disability initiative which targets all actors involved in the process of deinstitutionalisation.

The ECCL is open to organs or institutions committed to the promotion of community based services.

For further information: the ECCL website, <http://www.community-living.info>

MHE representation at various meetings

On 19-21 January 2006, Elisabeth Muschik, MHE Board Member, assisted to the Informal Council on Employment and Social Affairs in Villach, Austria. (cf page 7)

Claude Deutsch, President, represented MHE at the General Assembly of the International Non Governmental Organisations (INGOs) with participation status with the Council of Europe, which was held in Strasbourg, France, on 24-26 January 2006.

On 1st February 2006 Mari Fresu, Project Coordinator, Fanny Muller, Trainee, Sogol Noorani, Project Coordinator, Mary Van Dievel, Director and José Van Remoortel, Senior Policy Advisor, visited Paul Arteel at the Flemish Mental Health Association, and Erik Stevens at the Psychiatric Hospital St. Jan de Deo, in Gent, Belgium.

Elisabeth Muschik participated in the Social Platform Policy Working Group in Brussels, on 8 February 2006, and in the Social Platform Seminar on Social Services of General Interest, in Brussels, Belgium, on 9 February 2006

From 16-18 February 2006 Mari Fresu, John Henderson, Senior Policy Advisor and Mary Van Dievel assisted to the Mental Health Economics European Network (MHEEN) partners meeting, which was organised by the London School of Economics and MHE in Barcelona, Spain.

On 17 February 2006 Sogol Noorani participated in the meeting between the European Commission and the European Networks active in the social inclusion process, which was held in Brussels, Belgium.

On 20 February 2006 John Henderson and Colette Versporten, MHE Board Member, attended the European Commission Working Party on Mental Health, in Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

Mary Van Dievel assisted to the Grundtvig II partners meeting (Training of trainers) in Brussels, on 20 February 2006.

Mari Fresu and Mary Van Dievel represented MHE at the Information Day on the Call for Proposals in the framework of the Public Health Programme, which was held in Luxembourg, on 22 February 2006.

Mary Van Dievel participated in the Exploratory discussion on the European Commission Green Paper on Mental Health, organised by The Centre, Eufami, Rethink and AstraZeneca, in Brussels, on 23 February 2006.

II. NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS, ACTIVITIES AROUND WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

FEAFES – Activities around World Mental Health Day 2005

For World Mental Health Day 2005 families and people with mental health problems members of FEAFES (the Spanish Confederation of Families and Persons' organisations) gathered to ask the authorities a major compromise and to overcome social prejudices against people with mental health problems. In each region of the country some people with mental health problems, as well as families and professionals developed various actions: demonstrations, information in the streets, cinema festivals, conferences, brotherhood lunches, press releases, local TV shows.

In particular, the newly created users group GRUMESO and AFESA – Asturias organised in the Asturias the first conference dedicated to people with mental health

problems: "Opening ways, for a Full Treatment". And Castilla La Mancha, the Quichottes Project of the XXth century, gathered more than 700 persons, mainly users, on 10 October in Toledo. This project consisted in the organisation of seminars to analyse the analogies between Cervantes' works and the real and actual situation of people with mental health problems. Amongst the participants, mostly users, there were representatives of eight European countries, of thirteen member associations of FEAFES-Castilla La Mancha (coordinating organisation of the project) and ten FEAFES member associations from different Spanish regions.

FEAFES President, Francisco Morata took profit of his speech in Toledo to thank the World Federation of Mental Health for the Richard C. Hunter award that it granted to FEAFES for the activities organised around World Mental Health Day 2004

Thanks to Maria Jesús San Pío Tendero, from FEAFES, for this contribution.

For more information: FEAFES website www.feafes.com, or send an e-mail to internacional@feafes.com

MindMatters activities undertaken for World Mental Health Day 2005

MindMatters is a program to support secondary schools (grade 5-10) in promoting and protecting the mental health of members of school communities, which is originally from Australia. The adaptation of the Australian program for the German and Swiss backgrounds is realized thanks to a cooperation of the University of Lueneburg, with Prof. Peter Paulus as head of the project, three accident insurances for pupils on state level ("Gemeindeunfallversicherungsverbände"), a health insurance company and "Radix Gesundheitsförderung" which coordinates the Swiss Network of Health Promoting Schools for the Swiss Health Ministry.

In Germany MindMatters is one of the projects who contribute to the World Mental Health Day in an active way: on 10 October 2005 a conference was held in Muenster, Germany, referring to recent results of the implementation of the project, especially in Germany.

Thanks to Dr Marco Franze, MindMatters Germany Project Coordinator, for this contribution.

For more information: MindMatters Germany website, www.mindmatters-schule.de

Events organised by FEMASAM under the World Mental Health Day 2005

- Manifestation: Under the slogan "Mental Health in Action", more than 3000 people demonstrated on 8 October 2005 in the centre of Madrid to show their solidarity with people affected by mental health diseases and to claim their right to a more efficient and competent public health-care system. Key representatives of Spanish mental health associations took part in the event.
- Informative stands: On 7 October 2005, eight informative stands on mental health were set up in several shopping centres and mental health centres in Madrid.
- Informative campaign for the mass-media: During the week prior to the World Mental

Health Day, the Mental Health Associations Federation of the Madrid's Community (FEMASAM) prepared informative material for the media communication professionals. This included a press release, information on the World Mental Health Day and particularly about the theme of 2005 ("*Mental and Physical Health across the Life Span*"), records on mental health in Spain and in the community of Madrid, an overview of the Federation's objectives and activities.

- Painting exhibition "Evidencia 2005": From 27 September to 2 October 2005, FEMASAM, in partnership with the social services authorities of Madrid, held a painting exhibition to let the public know the works of the artists participating in the painting and drawing workshops organised by the Federation's associated organisations.
- Disability Day: On 4 October 2005 a one-day event addressing "*Acute intellectual disabilities and legal related aspects*" took place at the IMSERSO (Instituto de Mayores y Servicio Sociales) in Madrid. Family and professional stakeholders and key policy makers took part in the event.
- Early Diagnosis Day: On 2 November 2005 FEMASAM in cooperation with the Health and Consumers Council of the community of Madrid organised a one-day workshop on "*The importance of early diagnosis in severe mental health disease*". Relevant psychiatrists and mental health professionals gave their contributions in the event.

Many thanks to Tamara Bejarano for this contribution.
For more information: FEMASAM website,
<http://www.femasam.org/>

News from MIND's (UK) staff

Mind's Chief Executive Richard Brook is leaving Mind to take up a top role aiming to protect people lacking mental capacity under new law (UK Mental Capacity Act 2005). After four years at the helm of Mind, Richard Brooke is in February to become the Public guardian (designate) and Chief Executive of the Office of the Public Guardian.

This new role will see him take responsibility for regulating people appointed to make finance, health and welfare decisions for those judged to lack capacity, particularly those who are elderly, disabled and/or with severe mental health problems.

Paul Farmer has been appointed to replace Richard Brook as Mind's new Chief Executive. He will start in May 2006, during the charity's 60th anniversary year (April 2006-March 2007). He is currently Director of Public Affairs for Rethink (since 1997) and Chair of the Mental Health Alliance (since 2001)

He is co-author of acclaimed publications on reducing stigma and discrimination, and was Communications Manager for the Samaritans (1994-1997). He is also a trustee for the Directory of Social Change, a campaigning voluntary organisation that provides the sector with training and publications.

Thanks to Sophie Corlett, from Mind, for this contribution.

More information on Mind website:
<http://www.mind.org.uk/>

News from APHCA's team

Ms Eugenia Soumaki is the newly elected President of the APHCA (Association for the Psychosocial Health of Children and Adolescents).

For more information, please contact Ms Catherine Constantopoulou, at info@epsyge.gr

SMES Europa website

The SMES Europa website has been updated to provide new information on their previous seminars (1992-2005).

To access the SMES Europa website:
<http://www.smes-europa.org>

For more information: send e-mail to smeseu@smes-europa.org

Your activities and initiatives are important! They may also inspire others!

Please send us a brief description of the activities that you have undertaken around 10 October, the World Mental Health Day.

III. NEWS FROM OTHER EUROPEAN NGOS

Mental Disability Advocacy Centre

7th Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities

MDAC Advocacy Director, Gábor Gombos, his advocacy Program Assistant, Sarah Enright and MDAC Research and development Director, Marit Rasmussen attended the 7th Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, which was held from 16 January to 3 February 2006.

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001 established an Ad Hoc Committee to consider proposals for a comprehensive United Nations Convention to promote and protect the rights of people with disabilities. The first session took place from 29 July to 9 August 2002. At its second session, from 16-27 June 2003, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to establish a Working Group with the aim of preparing and presenting a draft text of a Convention, which would be the basis for negotiation by member States. The Ad Hoc Committee began negotiation on a draft Convention at its third session from 24 May to 4 June 2004, which was based on the draft text prepared by the Working Group. The current status of negotiations is based on the Chairperson's report and new draft text. The negotiations are now entering the final stage and it is hoped that a consensus will be reached on a satisfactory text by the end of 2006.

Many thanks to the MDAC team for this contribution.

For more info: MDAC website, <http://www.mdac.info>

Mental Disability Rights International

Saving children in a Romanian psychiatric facility

In Romania, Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI) and its counterpart, the Centre for Legal Resources (CLR), documented the conditions of 46 children, some as young as 4 years old, in an adult psychiatric institution. Several children were permanently restrained in their cribs and near death. Using video to document these horrific conditions, MDRI and CLR successfully advocated for the removal of the children from the abusive facility. MDRI has trained Romanian activists on strategic litigation and human rights monitoring to protect the rights of children and adults detained in psychiatric facilities and social care homes throughout the country.

For more info: MDRI website, <http://www.mdri.org>

Supporting activists in Kosovo

MDRI helped establish new self-advocacy and support groups made up of people with intellectual disabilities and psychiatric survivors. In collaboration with activists in Kosovo, MDRI is helping to establish a National Council on Disability so that people with disabilities can participate in policy advocacy at the highest levels of government.

For more information: MDRI website, <http://www.mdri.org>

Disseminating information and analysis about human rights and recovery

MDRI staff has published papers and articles on human rights laws, deinstitutionalisation, recovery and self-determination, which have appeared in such publications as the *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal*, *Psychiatric Services*, and the *Washington College of Law's Human Rights Brief*. The World Health Organization (WHO) commissioned MDRI to write the "Role of International Human Rights in Mental Health Legislation". The article was translated into six languages and is available on the WHO website. An in-depth profile of Eric Rosenthal and his work in Romania appears in the December 2005 University of Chicago Alumni Magazine.

For more information: MDRI website, <http://www.mdri.org>, or WHO website, <http://www.who.int/en>

Social Platform

Social Platform's new membership category

This year the Social Platform has introduced a new category of membership called "Observer members", as a complement to full and associate membership. The first observer members will be admitted by the General Assembly of the Social Platform on 27 March 2006.

For more information, please contact Simon Wilson: simon.wilson@socialplatform.org, or see the Social platform website, <http://www.socialplatform.org/module/FileLib/ObserverMembersInfo.doc>

Conference on European Social Model, 5-6 December 2006

The Social Platform will hold a major two-day conference on The European Social Model on Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 December 2006, in Brussels, entitled "Making the European social model a reality: contributions from social Non Governmental Organisations".

It will include both plenary sessions addressing the generalities of this debate, as well as a series of workshops which will be organized by Social Platform members on specific themes of relevance to this debate around the European Social Model.

MHE intends to organise a session in the framework of this conference. We will keep you informed.

For further information, please contact the MHE Secretariat, info@mhe-sme.org, or see the Social Platform website, <http://www.socialplatform.org/code/en/hp.asp>

IV. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

WHO Resources to assist people with mental health problems

People with mental disorders throughout the world face discrimination and human rights violations both in mental health facilities and in the community.

The development of mental health legislation that promotes and protects the rights of people with mental disorders is a critical step in correcting these problems. The World Health Organization (WHO) has just released a Resource Book on Mental Health, Human Rights and Legislation.

The WHO Resource Book, which has received technical input from over two hundred international experts in the area, provides:

- information on international human rights standards and norms related to people with mental disorders;
- practical guidance on what needs to go into a mental health law;
- strategies for developing and adopting mental health law as well as ensuring its effective implementation.

WHO also provides direct technical support to countries wanting to develop law to improve conditions for people with mental disorders. Countries requesting WHO technical assistance can benefit from:

- a Training Programme designed to support countries in developing and implementing mental health law, using WHO's framework, materials and tools;
- support from a trained International Network of Experts in the area of mental health, human rights and legislation;
- direct, in-depth and ongoing technical support from WHO to develop mental health legislation.

To download the WHO Resource Book: http://www.who.int/mental_health/policy/resource_book_MHLeg.pdf

For more information: WHO website, http://www.who.int/mental_health/policy/en/

V. EUROPEAN UNION

Ombudsman welcomes Commission's plans to reconnect citizens with Europe

The European Ombudsman, P.Nikiforos Diamandouros, has welcomed today's adoption of the European Commission's White Paper on Communication, which contains far-reaching measures to place citizens in the centre of the debate about the European Union. Among the measures that the Ombudsman feels will make a real difference, the most notable are:

- developing a European Charter on Information and Communication, to ensure that communication activities concerning Europe serve the citizen's interest;
- shaping a "European public sphere" within which citizens interact with each other and with the EU institutions through new communication tools;
- involving EU institutions, media and civil society in the communication process.

"At a time when citizens' trust in the EU institutions is at an historic low, we have to address their concerns, fears and reservations in a straight-forward way. By seeking to bridge the gap through new ways of communication, the proposals constitute an important step in the right direction," explained Mr. Diamandouros.

There now follows a six months consultation period on the White Paper.

For more information: contact: Gundi Gadesmann, Tel +32 2 284 2609, e-mail ggadesmann@europarl.eu.int, or the Ombudsman's website <http://www.euro-ombudsman.eu.int>

VI. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Looking ahead to 2006

At the start of the year Parliament is proposing to the visitors of its site the discovery of the major themes that will be debated this year. These range from:

- 2006 has been declared the "European Year of Workers Mobility" in an effort to boost the labour market in the European Union and encourage people to consider the possibility of working abroad in an effort to gain new skills and experiences; in this context Parliament's Employment committee will be considering the issue of transferring pension rights from one country to another;
- the Parliament will continue to show its backing for the Constitution with a position on the future of the institutional process in January and, in addition, the heads of the political groups plan a series of debates with the public, media and students to canvas grass roots concerns;
- in the spring of 2006 two new aspirant countries (Romania and Bulgaria) will face the final report from the European Commission on their suitability for EU membership which is scheduled for 1st January 2007; this is going to be a key issue of the year as will Croatia's EU ambitions; the year also sees the 20th

anniversary of Spain and Portugal joining the European Union back in 1986;

- the Parliament's budgetary control committee will renew its calls for better use of EU money and tighter controls on how it is spent at a national level; the Parliament will vote on the famous budget "discharge" in April;
- on transport, the Parliament will be considering social legislation in road transport, measures to combat pollution caused by ships and EU aviation policy;
- measures to improve energy efficiency are going to be a priority of the Austrian Presidency in the first half of the year (Finland will take over the EU Presidency from July);
- 2006 will also see the establishment of a European Institute for Gender Equality which should help the EU fight gender discrimination.

For more information: the European Parliament website,

http://www.europarl.eu.int/news/public/story_page/008-3774-349-12-50-901-20051215STO03767-2005-15-12-2005/default_en.htm

MEP for Health Award

Member of the European Parliament (MEP) John Bowis has been awarded the honour of MEP of the year in the field of health. The Conservative health spokesman in the European Parliament (EP) was one of three nominees in the health category. His nomination was supported by various non governmental organisations in Brussels and his final selection for the award was determined by a ballot of fellow MEPs. Mr. Bowis was handed the award at a ceremony in Brussels, hosted by the Parliament Magazine on 11 October 2006. Mr. Bowis has authored a number of health reports in the EP this year on subjects such as neglected diseases and patient mobility. He has also championed a number of health causes included diabetes and breast cancer.

We warmly congratulate Mr. Bowis!

For more info: John Bowis website, <http://www.johnbowis.com>

VII. EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Communication "Working together, working better: A new framework for the open coordination of social protection and inclusion policies in the European Union"

The exchange of ideas and practices between Member States on the modernisation of social policies must be enhanced. This is in line with the Commission's Communication COM(2005)706, which aims at strengthening the so-called "Open Method of Coordination" (OMC) on social protection policies and efforts to alleviate poverty. Under the OMC Member States agreed to define joint objectives and compare good practices.

The general objectives of the "strengthened OMC" will be very broad: "promoting social coherence and equal opportunities for all", "interacting closely with the Lisbon objectives", and "improving governance, transparency and stakeholder participation".

The Commission highlights the need to "guarantee adequate retirement incomes for all and access to pensions which allow people to maintain, to a reasonable degree, their living standards after retirement". It also emphasizes the importance of ensuring the financial sustainability of public and private pension schemes, notably by supporting longer working lives and active ageing, and ensuring an "appropriate and fair balance" of contributions and benefits. *A section focusing on healthcare and long-term care identifies the need to guarantee access for all, promote quality, strengthen the responsibility of health professionals and of patients, promote healthy and active lifestyles, etc.*

To download the Commission's Communication: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2005/com2005_0706en01.pdf

Informal Council on Employment and Social affairs, 19-21 January 2006 (Villach - Austria)

The key role of flexicurity (promoting both labour market flexibility and job security with social protection) in future EU competitiveness and labour relations was highlighted at the Informal Council on Employment and Social Affairs in Villach, Austria on 19-21 January.

Commissioner Vladimir Spidla joined European Employment Ministers, European social partners and non governmental organisation representatives at the Council to emphasize flexicurity's potential benefits for all. He outlined that his idea of flexicurity is based on three points: that it is geared more towards protection of people rather than protection of jobs; that Europe needs both new types of security and greater flexibility; and that flexicurity is based on cohesion of the whole social system. This last point reflects the importance of the role of social protection, the social partners, employment policies and the State itself.

The Informal Council also discussed the social dimension of the Lisbon strategy. The Commissioner welcomed the forthcoming streamlining of the Open Method of coordination (OMC), which allows Member States to learn from each other by exchanging data and information on practices in social protection. But he called for more than this, saying that in depth analysis is needed, as well as increased public awareness at European level.

Elisabeth Muschik, MHE board member, attended this conference.

To access the Presidency Conclusions, Afternoon session on the social dimension of the revised Lisbon strategy:

<http://www.eu2006.bmsg.gv.at/cms/eu2006EN/detail.htm?channel=CH0601&doc=CMS1137851810205>

Sustainable Financing of Social Policies in the European Union

Social policies represent by far the biggest item in the budgets of the Member States and have a major impact on living conditions in the EU. However, Europe's relatively poor economic and employment performance, as well as the rapid ageing of its societies, pose a serious threat to the sustainability of social policies. In preparation of the informal meeting of the European Council on the opportunities and challenges of

globalisation (at Hampton Court on 27 October 2005), the Commission services reviewed the way in which social policies are financed in each of the Member States and the main challenges to which these financing arrangements have to adapt. The paper, "Sustainable Financing of Social Policies in the European Union", summarises the main conclusions of this review.

The paper concludes that the way in which Europe can hope to meet these needs is not by giving up its ambitious social policies, which embrace social protection, health, education and family support, including child and elderly care services. Rather Europe should make full use of their potential contribution to economic performance, notably by investing in human resources and promoting the most efficient use of human capital. The European Union has an important role to play in supporting national policymakers in implementing such reforms through the Structural Funds and through policy coordination efforts based on the new Integrated Guidelines on Growth and Jobs of the Lisbon Process and the Open Methods of Coordination on Social Protection and Education.

To access the Commission Staff Working Paper "Sustainable Financing of Social Policies in the European Union" (SEC(2005)1774): http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/news/2006/jan/comm_sec_2005_1774_en.pdf

Final report on the Placement and Treatment of Mentally Ill offenders

The Commission funded project "Placement and treatment of mentally ill offenders - Legislation in European Union Member States" aimed at gathering and analysing information about the differences and/or similarities of legislation for the treatment of mentally ill offenders across the EU Member States.

This study referred to the European Commission funded study "Compulsory admission and involuntary treatment of mentally ill patients - Legislation and practice in European Union Member States", which was conducted by the applicants from 1st October 2000 to 1st January 2002. While in the above mentioned study legislation for placing or treating mentally ill patients involuntarily was analysed, the second phase-study focussed on the issue of mentally ill offenders.

The care for mentally ill offenders requires a special legislation regulating the manifold forensic aspects of their placements and treatments.

Standardised overviews or evaluations of the legislation regarding mentally ill offenders across the European Union Members States are lacking. This study aims at contributing essential information on the situation across the Member States.

To access the final report of the project: http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2002/promotion/fp_promotion_2002_frep_15_en.pdf

For more information: the project webpage, http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2002/promotion/promotion_2002_15_en.htm

FP6 - Fifth call for proposals for Scientific Support to Policies (SSP) in the area "Providing health, security and opportunity to the people of Europe"

The 5th call for proposals under the FP6 Scientific Support to Policies activity (SSP - 5) has been

published on 22 December 2005 with closing date on **22 March 2006**. It includes a special call on avian influenza (SSP-5B).

As for all SSP calls, the instruments to be used are Specific Targeted Research Projects (STREP), Coordination Actions and Specific Support Action (SSA) projects.

The research under the area of "Providing health, security and opportunity to the people of Europe" will complement and take into account the actions launched under the new European Commission Public Health Programme (2003-2008) and the work to be carried out under Priority 1 "Life Sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health".

With particular regard to mental health policy, "Health determinants and the provision of high quality and sustainable health care services and pension systems" (Area 2.1), the work programme addresses the following research topics: developing methodologies to address cost effectiveness in healthcare systems, to improve the understanding of health determinants, research and patient safety, impact of new technologies and techniques on healthcare systems and enhancing health promotion and prevention through public health intervention research in Europe.

For more information: contact person, Jan Paehler, jan.paehler@cec.eu.int

The call page web address on CORDIS for SSP calls is: http://fp6.cordis.lu/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6ActivityCallsPage&ID_ACTIVITY=500

Official call documents are available from <http://cordis.europa.eu.int/fp6/support.htm>

2006 Work Plan of the Action Programme to combat discrimination

The 2006 work programme for the Community Action Programme to combat discrimination is now available. Most initiatives are a continuation of those launched in previous years, but there will be several new measures: the new framework strategy on non-discrimination and equal opportunities, and the declaration of 2007 as the European Year of Equal Opportunities for all. One of the new measures proposed is to extend the training for non governmental organisations and social partners to all 25 EU Member States plus Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey. The call for tenders is expected to be published in February 2006. An annual budget of up to EUR 18.77 million is foreseen to fund activities across the EU25.

For more information: the European Commission website,

http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/fundamental_rights/pdf/prog/workplan06_en.pdf

European Year of equal opportunities for all

The European Commission published its proposal for a decision on the European year of equal opportunities for all in 2007.

The main objective of the year is to raise awareness across the European union of equal opportunities issues which will cover all forms of discrimination and equal opportunities including disabled persons.

This European Year will provide funding for events, information campaigns, surveys, studies and support for cooperation between business and enterprises.

Most activities in the context of this year will be carried out at national level.

National Coordinating Bodies are being set up in each country. These Coordinating Bodies must include representative organisations of people facing discrimination, including representatives of disability organisations.

Please keep MHE Secretariat informed of your actions in this area.

For more information: the European Commission website,

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/647&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Newsletter of the Peer Review Programme

The last issue of 2005 of the Newsletter of the Peer Review Programme in the Field of Social Inclusion Policies has recently been published.

Under the Community Action Programme to increase co-operation in combating social exclusion, the European Commission has launched a Peer Review Programme to promote the identification and exchange of good practices in the field of social inclusion policies throughout the European Union.

The Peer Review Programme is implemented with the assistance of the INBAS/NIZW/European Centre consortium on behalf of the Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Directorate General.

The Newsletter is available in English, French and German.

To download the Newsletter: the programme's website,

<http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net/peer/en/Newsletter>

VIII. COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Council conclusions on improving openness and transparency in the Council

In order to further open up its work in accordance with the existing Treaties and rules, the Council has decided to take practical steps to improve openness and transparency of its formal sessions and to reach the widest possible audience. This measure which has been effective since 22 December 2005 will only apply however to debates involving co-decisions that are to be applied to policies that involve the sharing of competence between the EU and Member States. Other debates will continue to be protected behind closed doors.

In particular, the general public and the media will be informed in advance of upcoming public discussions in Council sessions by announcements on the Council's web site and by publication of Council agendas on the Council's public register. In order to ensure as wide an access as possible to the general public, all public debates and deliberations, as well as public votes on co-decision items, will be broadcast in all languages through video-streaming on the Council's internet web site from the summer of 2006.

During the Austrian and Finnish Presidencies, the Council will assess the functioning of these measures. In the light of this assessment, it will reflect on all possible options for further improving openness and transparency, including the possibility of amending the rules of procedure.

To read the full press release on the Council conclusions:

http://ue.eu.int/ueDocs/cms_Data/docs/pressData/en/misc/87778.pdf

IX. VARIOUS

Call for abstracts from WAPR

The WAPR (World association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation) will held its 9th World Congress in Athens (Greece) on 11-14 October 2006. The theme of the conference is "Psychosocial rehabilitation coming of age in a globalised world".

In this purpose the Scientific Committee of the World Congress is calling for abstracts in English from Consumers.

For more information on the submission of abstracts and on the conference: the conference's website, <http://www.wapr.2006athens.gr/en/default.asp>

Social firm development resources

Social Firms United Kingdom, which seek to create good quality jobs for disabled people within supportive and successful businesses, have made available (in English) the following resources:

- *Values-Based Checklist for Social Firms* (free): developed in consultation with the sector, this is a self-evaluation tool for those developing Social Firms to see what criteria they would need to meet to be considered as a Social Firm and to gauge their own progress during development; the three values of Social Firms are Enterprise, Employment and Empowerment, and the Checklist clarifies the criteria within each value; the Checklist forms the basis for the future accreditation scheme for Social Firms in the United Kingdom;
- *DIY Feasibility Toolkit* (available as a PDF or as a hard copy for 150 €): this is a tool which enables those with business ideas to test the concepts and their own abilities to create a Social Firm business; it can be used to test several business ideas simultaneously and has a user-friendly traffic-light system through the various stages of feasibility; using this tool as a group thinking about setting up a Social Firm will encourage ownership of the business idea, build knowledge and capacity of groups otherwise new to business and enable people to focus on the need for a feasible and sustainable business as being key to Social Firm development;
- *Social Firm Performance Dashboard* (580 € for up to 10 licenses/users);
- *The Extra Elements - A Social Firm Trainer* (free for PDF online - postage of hard copy 50 €).

For further information please contact Mrs. Sally Reynolds, Tel: +44 1737 763790 (direct line) or +44 1737 764021 (general info), or see Social Firms' website www.socialfirms.co.uk

Pegasus project on Equine Assisted Therapy

Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT) has the potential to assist thousands of European people with disabilities be they physical, learning or emotional.

EAT is the use of the horse as a partner in therapeutic and educational work with a view to improving the quality of life of children, young people and adults with special needs. EAT presents many, varied opportunities to work in a goal oriented way within the triangle client - therapist/educator - horse to help to overcome problems of a physical, psychological, educational or social kind.

Pegasus is a European pilot project which has 9 partners and is funded by the European Leonardo Da Vinci programme, enabled the production of a postgraduate training course in EAT, a book and poster of examples of good practice, an ethical code, a DVD and a website.

The impetus of the project will encourage further professionalisation of EAT and also the building of a strong European network of expertise.

All the products are presented on the Pegasus project website: <http://www.pegasuseurope.be>, and can also be ordered through e-mail: info@pegasuseurope.org For more information: Pegasus project website, <http://www.pegasuseurope.be>

SEEM Final Conference, Brussels, 8 and 9 November 2005

The SEEM (Services for elders from ethnic minorities) project partners presented the final results of the SEEM project at a conference in Brussels on 8-9 November 2005. A booklet entitled "Services for Elders from Ethnic Minorities: A Guide to Good Practice in the EU" was presented at the conference. The booklet lists examples of good practice, from across Europe, in the field of health and social care for minority ethnic elders. The booklet also contains a checklist designed to help local authorities and service providers to plan and deliver a more complete and meaningful set of services to these specific target groups.

The conference, held at the European Parliament and Committee of the Regions in Brussels, also intended to inform policy makers about the special needs of minority ethnic elders and the efforts needed at European and national level to support continuity for this work

Thank you to Mareike Schmidt, SEEM II Project Coordinator, for this contribution.

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X. WEBSITES/ ONLINE INFORMATION

European industrial relations dictionary

The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, the Dublin-based EU agency, published the European industrial relations dictionary, a comprehensive collection of the most commonly used terms in employment and industrial relations at EU level today.

The definitions contained in the dictionary have been adapted to include all the latest political and institutional developments of the European Union, such as the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe and the European Constitution.

To access the online version of the dictionary:
<http://www.eurofound.eu.int/areas/industrialrelations/dictionary/index.htm>

Encyclopaedia on Child and Adolescent Health

The encyclopaedia contains information on health-promoting measures aimed at children and young people from 0-18 years. A search page and an alphabetical register help the readers to find answers to their questions. The texts are short and mostly based on systematic reviews of scientific literature. Sources can be viewed by clicking on the links provided. There are also links to agencies and organisations whose activities are linked in some way to the texts in the encyclopedia, as well as to ongoing health-promoting initiatives in Sweden.

You can submit comments on the articles in a box at the bottom of each page. You can also communicate with other users via the bulletin board "The Children & Young People Web Community".

If you cannot find the information you are looking for, please send an email to karin.guldbrandsson@fhi.se or to sven.bremberg@mac.com, alternatively call Karin Guldbrandsson on +46 8-56613681.

The encyclopaedia can be directly accessed on line at http://www.fhi.se/templates/Page_6898.aspx

ECCL website

The provisional ECCL (European Coalition for Community Living) website is now in function. Until the new site is up, you will find some basic information about the ECCL, how to become a member and where to find the organisation. In addition to this, there is also a link to the Included in Society project.

You can visit the site at www.community-living.info

Journal of Public Mental Health e-bulletin

Issue 4 (December 2005) of the Journal of Public Mental Health is now available on line. This special issue of JPMH deals with mental health and the environment, with articles focusing on space, place, the built environment and mental health.

Next issue have a special focus on Europe and will feature contributions from a number of EMIP (European Mental Health Implementation) project national partners and consortium members, including Tanja Kamin on mental health promotion in Slovenia, Karl Kuhn on mental health promotion in the workplace across Europe and a guest editorial from Eva Jane Llopis.

To subscribe to the JPMH:
<http://www.pavpub.com/pavpub/journals/JPMH/index.asp>

Special Issue of DisabilityWorld about International Development

A new issue of the online periodical of news and views, *DisabilityWorld*, has just been produced by the World Institute on Disability in collaboration with other groups active in developing and resource poor countries. The theme of the special issue is "Disability and Development" and takes a closer look at policies and projects that mainstream assistance to disabled people within broader social and economic programs.

This special issue features 32 articles and an array of news briefs, resources and announcements of conferences and jobs related to development, including an international report from the World Health Organization calling for an end to abuse of people with mental disorders and an article about MDAC's action (Mental Disability Advocacy Centre).

To access directly the on line issue:
<http://www.disabilityworld.org>

For details on *DisabilityWorld*, contact the Executive Director, Kathy Martinez: Kathy@wid.org

Website on the European Year of Workers' Mobility 2006

2006 has been designated the European Year of workers' mobility. To stimulate the debate, the European Commission has recently established a dedicated website where users can find information on activities and events organised in the framework of the year, as well as updated news items, interviews with key stakeholders and facts and figures on mobility.

To access this website:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/worker_smobility2006/index_en.htm

Shift website

Shift is a five year initiative (2004-2009) in England to tackle stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health issues. Their work is set out in a plan called "From Here to Equality". Their aim is to create a society where people who experience mental health problems enjoy the same rights as other people.

To work towards this, they work with young people, public services, private, voluntary and professional organisations, and the media, drawing on expertise in public health and mental health promotion, communication, disability rights, service redesign, research and evaluation. Shift builds on the *Mind out for mental health* campaign, which ran from 2001 to April 2004.

Shift is part of the National Institute for Mental Health in England (NIMHE), a government organisation that is responsible for supporting positive change in mental health and mental health services.

To access Shift website: <http://www.shift.org.uk/Home>

XI. PUBLICATIONS

Trade union guide on the European Union Health and Safety Policies

This handbook aims to give an overview of the EU institutions and procedures involved in regulating health and safety at work, and the role of trade unions in relation to it.

The EU rules on health and safety at work derive from the EU Treaty and the directives that are drawn up on the basis of the Treaty. As well as these, there are technical standards, recommendations, guidance documents and communications, etc. The handbook focuses on the most important ones.

It also focuses on a few key aspects of the EU social dimension.

To order on line a copy of the guide: send an e-mail to ghofmann@etui-rehs.org

For more information: <http://hesa.etui-rehs.org/uk/publications/pub36.htm>

Mental Health promotion and Mental Disorder Prevention across European member States: a collection of country stories

In order to develop infrastructures that will promote mental health and prevent mental ill health, it is important to have a starting point that accounts what is available, and provides information on existing programmes and policies at the country level. The Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission therefore encourage the initiative of the IMHPA (Implementing Mental Health Promotion Action) Network for Mental Health Promotion and Mental Disorder Prevention to assess the situation and to collect available information on prevention and promotion in mental health.

This report presents a first overview, a snapshot of mental health promotion and mental disorder prevention across Europe describing the available policies and underlying challenges and areas for future development. It constitutes a valuable contribution to building a base line of the situation of mental health promotion and mental disorder prevention across EU Member States, and facilitates the identification of possible areas for future action.

To download the report: http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2004/action1/docs/action1_2004_a02_30_en.pdf

New Eurostat yearbook, "Europe in figures"

In order to focus on the major questions concerning the development of the European Union, Eurostat provides a practical statistical guide containing essential, accurate and recent information on the current situation in Europe.

It offers a comprehensive view of social and economic conditions in the 25 Member States and their major trading partners.

This yearbook, which presents Europe in figures, offers an outline of the data provided by the statistical office of the European Communities.

The yearbook is available in English, French and German.

To order a copy on line (Price - excluding VAT and post-30 €): http://www.pfconsult.com/formulaire_de_commande.htm, or contact Paul Feyt, Tel +352 24 17 99, Fax +325 26 10 80 90, E-mail <http://www.pfconsult.com>

New brochure on the EU Constitution

A new brochure, called "What way out of the EU constitutional labyrinth?", has been published by the European Citizen Action Service. It outlines the state of play and options on the future of Europe after the rejection by France and the Netherlands of the EU Constitution. It provides an analysis of the referenda campaigns on the Constitution and outlines the state of play in the different member States. The publication also summarises the main ideas and actions of the Commission's "Plan D" and comments on five options that have been presented to deal with the current EU crisis.

To download the brochure: http://www.ecas.org/file_uploads/950.pdf

XII. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13-18 March 2006

7th International health film festival (Liège, Belgium)
The main objective of **Imagé Santé** - the International Health Film Festival of Liège is to promote health education and information through any audiovisual means and to present current developments in the field of new media, medical informatics (CD-ROM, Internet, Telemedicine and imagery in general).

Info: www.imagesante.org

29-31 March 2006

World Health Care Congress-Europe, Chantilly (France)

The Congress will be held on 30-31 March 2006 at Château Les Fontaines in Chantilly (near Paris), France.

Four summits (Chronic Disease and Long-Term Condition Management, Patient Safety, Electronic Health Records and IT Innovation, Performance Improvement) will give attendees a unique opportunity to discuss pertinent issues in depth and to determine actionable plans with their colleagues.

To register or for more information: Tel 00 800 2664 7377 (from France, UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Spain), +1 781 939 2649 (from all other countries), Fax +1 781 939 2495, E-mail wcreg@worldcongress.com

For further information: the World Health Care Congress 2006 website, www.worldcongress.com/europe

10-13 May 2006

XXIII Congress of the Spanish Association of Neuropsychiatry, "Abriendo claros, construyendo compromisos" (Bilbao, Spain)

This triennial congress will gather several multidisciplinary groups, in order to make them work on three papers related to:

- psychopathology of the psychotic symptoms
- continuity of mental health care
- consequences of the psychiatric reform in Spain.

The aim is to cover a broad range of current academic and scientific contents, as well as various orientations and professional interests.

Since the scientific committee of the congress has not finalized the program, people interested in presenting an activity (debate, conference...) can fulfil an online reply form.

Info: <http://www.ome-aen.org/23CongresoAEN/>

24-26 May 2006

14th International Conference on HPH, "Integrating health promotion, prevention, treatment and care for chronic diseases across the health system", Palanga (Lithuania)

The conference will be hosted by the Lithuanian Network of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH).

The main topics of the conference will be:

1. the need for action on chronic diseases;
2. integrating treatment, care, prevention and health promotion for chronic diseases within

hospital services in order to achieve an optimum outcome;

3. integrating health care interventions on chronic diseases across levels of services;
4. integrating action on wider determinants of chronic diseases across settings.

Contact person: Gabriele Bocek, hph.soc-ruwi@univie.ac.at, Tel +43 1 4277 48282

28 May-2 June 2006-01-25

4th International Congress of the French-speaking world on the prevention of suicide, Montreal (Canada)

This congress, mainly organised by the Canadian Association for the Prevention of suicide (AQSP), will be held under the theme "Suicide and Trauma: new prospectives".

Contributors in the field of suicide prevention should create privileged work alliances with other specialists from various disciplines, particularly these working in the psycho-traumas.

The morning plenary sessions will be reserved to speakers coming from different disciplines, such as philosophy, psychology, anthropology... During the afternoons parallel sessions with suicide and trauma specialists, researchers on that area, contributors and clinicians will take the floor.

For further information, in particular concerning the registration's methods: congress' website, <http://www.aqps.info/>

NEW!! 6-8 June 2006

WPA Thematic Conference on Coercive Treatment in Psychiatry, Dresden (Germany)

The WPA (World Psychiatric Association) co-sponsored Thematic Conference on "Coercive Treatment in Psychiatry: A Comprehensive Review" will take place in Dresden (Germany) on 6-8 June 2006.

The theme of the conference is not only essential to psychiatry, but also ethically and historically sensitive, hotly debated and highly criticized by patients and relatives as well. Furthermore, it is under-researched and lacks clear definitions of best practice.

The main objective of this Conference is to provide the state-of-the-art in the different parts of this theme, and this will be done by plenary lectures, symposia, workshops, courses, and poster sessions.

The main thematic issues of the conference are:

1. Epidemiology of different methods of coercive treatment;
2. Clinical issues of different coercive measure;
3. Use of coercive treatment measures in special (mental) health care settings;
4. Outcomes of coercive treatment measures;
5. Patients', family members' and providers' views on coercive treatment;
6. Mental health legislation regarding coercive treatment;
7. Involuntary treatment in the criminal justice system;
8. Ethical aspects of coercive treatment;
9. Cultural issues in coercive treatment;
10. Research methodology in the field of involuntary treatment;

For more information: the conference website, http://www.wpa2007dresden.org/frs_index.asp

NEW!! 7-9 June 2006

1st International Conference of Asklepios Foundation (Athens, Greece)

The first International Conference of Asklepios Foundation will be held in Athens on the theme "Social Inclusion in Europe: Perspectives and Developments in Social Psychiatry", to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Hellenic Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health.

The Asklepios Foundation is a European Partnership committed to the improvement, reform and promotion of quality health care in Mental Health and Disability. It supports the rights of all citizens to full social inclusion, and to be treated with dignity as an independent person within their Society.

For more information: contact person, Maria Margeti, Tel +30 210 7665822, E-mail maria@invgolf.com

15-17 June 2006

5th Nordic Health Promotion Research Conference (Esbjerg, Denmark)

Health promotion researchers, health economists, legal and political analysts, health impact assessors and others with a research interest in health and institutional change are invited to come to Denmark to exchange and share their insights on the conference theme.

Conference office e-mail: 5NHPRC@health.sdu.dk

For further information on the conference: <http://www.5nhprc.sdu.dk/>

19-21 June 2006

14th European Social Services Conference in Vienna (Austria)

The overall theme of the conference, prepared by the European Social Network, will be "Young and Old in a Changing Europe: the Demographic Challenge to Social Care and Health".

Workshops will be an important part of the meeting, which will emphasize practical, "hands-on" work and research projects that will be of direct interest to others employed in delivering services.

Contact person: Sarah Wellburn, Tel +44 (0)1273 549817, Fax +44 (0)1273 549317, e-mail sarah.wellburn@socialeurope.com

21-25 June 2006

6th CIVICUS World Assembly – "Acting Together for a just World" (Glasgow, Scotland)

Building on and continuing the success of past CIVICUS World Assembly events, the overall theme for the CIVICUS World Assembly 2006 is "Acting Together for a Just World". This overall theme will be explored through 4 sub-themes: Civic Justice; Political Justice; Economic justice; Social Justice.

All enquiries to civicusassembly@scvo.org.uk

More information on CIVICUS website: www.civicus.org

NEW!! 10-13 July 2006

2nd World Forum on Human rights, Nantes (France)

The 2nd World Forum on Human Rights will be held in Nantes, with an official opening on Monday 10 July, followed by three working days (from Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13 July). This second edition of Nantes Forum will be organised by the International

Convention Centre of Nantes, under the leading responsibility and with the financial support of Nantes Metropole, the urban area of Nantes.

Three main topics will be discussed:

1. Discriminations and diversity in a worldwide context of diversity of cultures;
2. Economic Globalisation and Human Rights;
3. Responsibilities and solidarities.

For more information: the forum's website, http://www.forum-humanrights.org/index_e_2006.php

8 September 2006

1st International Suicide Postvention Seminar, Portoroz (Slovenia)

This seminar that will be held as a one-day pre-event of the 11th European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour, 9-12 September.

The program will offer a state of the art review of the postvention field, including research, practice, and plans for future developments.

Selected experts will introduce specific topics, followed by subgroup discussions, thus allowing participants to fully engage in the discussion and to bring in their expertise and experiences.

A registration form is available on www.esssb11-slo.org and can be emailed to organising@esssb11-slo.org

For further information: seminar's website, www.esssb11-slo.org

18-24 September 2006

«Voile en tête 2006», between Marseille, La Ciotat, Les îles du Frioul, Martigues, Les Calanques... (France)

"Voile en tête" is a water sporting event of European standing, organised under the aegis of "Sport en tête", the Union of Mental Health Sport group.

If interested, application forms are available.

For more information: http://www.sportez-vous-bien.com/v06_gb.html

11-13 October 2006

Fourth World Conference on the promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioural Disorders, "Developing Resilience and Strength across the Life Span", Oslo (Norway)

The aim of this conference is to support professionals, scientists, advocates, user organisations and policy makers worldwide, in their collective effort to promote mental health and to prevent mental disorders in their communities and countries. The conference is designed to incorporate contributions from a wide series of disciplines, cultures and backgrounds. Its success depends upon multi-dimensional presentation and debate.

Potential presenters at the conference are invited to submit abstracts of their proposed papers for consideration by the Program Committee. The length should be no more than 400 words and the abstracts must arrive no later than the 31st March 2006.

For more information: <http://www.worldconference2006.no/>

NEW!! 19-20 October 2006

3rd Three-Country Convention Care in Psychiatry – "Wissen schafft Pflege – Pflege schafft Wissen:

Psychiatrische Pflege als Praxis und Wissenschaft", Vienna (Austria)

This convention is the third one in a series of joint conventions for psychiatric care in the German speaking countries: Germany, Switzerland and Austria. After two successful annual conventions, 2004 in Bielefeld (Germany) and 2005 in Bern (Switzerland), this year's event is going to take place in Vienna.

Psychiatric care is subject to dynamic change. Closely connected to the health and psychiatry reforms in the different countries, psychiatric carers are discussing values, concepts and standards of practice. The aim of this convention is to impart and promote current knowledge with regard to psychiatric healthcare and nursing: contributions on the application of theory and research, on research about problems in practice and interventions, innovative practices and other contributions.

You are welcome to send abstracts for own contributions and to register for this event.

Contact person: Nico Oud, nico.oud@freeler.nl, Tel +31 (0)20 409 0368

For further information: the conference website, <http://www.oudconsultancy.nl/dreilander/index.html?1140446978484>

22-25 October 2006

ISQua's 23rd International Conference, "Improving Healthcare: The Challenge of Continuous Change" (London, UK)

With the theme of "Improving Healthcare: the Challenge of Continuous Change", this multi-disciplinary quality healthcare program will be of value to all health policy makers, planners, professionals, providers, patients and their representatives.

Enquiries only by e-mail: isqua@isqua.org, Tel +61 3 9417 6971, Fax +61 3 9417 6851

For further information: ISQua's website: www.isqua.org



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