

**CONCLUSIONS OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE FORUM FOR PUBLIC
HEALTH IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE
ZAGREB, April 8-10, 2006**

- 1.0 The Public Health Collaboration in South Eastern Europe (PH-SEE) supported by the Stability Pact (sponsored by Germany) though DAAD has worked successfully over the last 5 years in creating transnational collaboration of public health professionals, producing extensive training materials, publishing a Minimum Health Indicator Set and supporting effectively the establishment of new Schools of Public Health in SEE.
- 2.0 The consortium is transformed as of April 10, 2006 into the Forum for Public Health in South Eastern Europe (FPH-SEE) with an office in Podgorica, Montenegro (profile attached). A Memorandum of Understanding (attached) has been passed unanimously and serves for the time being as the statutes of FPH-SEE. Nominations (1 per country) for the Coordinating Board should come in until May 15, 2006. A balance should be sought between the different categories of membership.
- 3.0 After 6 presentations of national and international journals (see attached programme) the following was concluded:
 - 3.1 A common newsletter will be edited every 3 months by the office in Podgorica (Mrs. Tamara Bajic) and printed in the next of their regular issues by all journals presented, others to be invited.
 - 3.2 The Croatian Medical Journal (www.cmj.hr) serves as an indexed regional journal. In addition the editor Prof. Matko Marusic offered training and advice for publishers.
 - 3.3 Proposals for a financially sound regional public health journal in English and available full-text online were referred to a Task Force chaired by Tit Albreht, Ljubljana (members: Mariana Dyakova, Izet Masic).
- 4.0 A programme of work was agreed upon:
 - 4.1 FPH-SEE will organize meetings and workshops at the occasion of the annual conferences of EUPHA (in Montreux 16.-18.11.2006) and of ASPHER (Maastricht 15.-17.09.2006; Goga Pavlekovic).
 - 4.2 The office in Podgorica will organize in due time a 2nd meeting of FPH-SEE following up on this meeting in Zagreb (either end of 2006 or early 2007).
 - 4.3 As a follow-up on the 1st students' conference in Skopje December 2005 the team at the School of Public Health in Skopje will draft a student questionnaire on career expectations and experience to be distributed in its final version by all member institutions.
 - 4.4 For the Sarrenda Spring School in Albania (27.04. – 02.05.2006) one participant from each country in the region can be covered for travel and accommodation.

- 4.5 The School of Public Health in Dresden, Germany will organize a conference of deans and directors of Schools of Public Health, Institutes of Public Health and Public Health Associations December 1st, 2006, possibly supported by the EC in Luxembourg. The final programme and invitation will follow later this year.
- 4.6 FPH-SEE will continue the discussion on the consequences of the Bologna process and the pursuit of standards for (European) accreditation (see <http://bio.mef.hr/conference>).
- 4.7 FPH-SEE will promote the adoption of a Regional Strategy of Public Health (see the book on Public Health Strategies: A Tool for Regional Development. Edited by S. Scintee and A. Galan. Jacobs-Verlag, Lage 2005)

Appendices:

Final Programme
List of e-mail addresses of participants
Profile of the FPH-SEE office in Podgorica
Memorandum of Understanding

Final Programme
**1st MEETING OF THE FORUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (FPH-SEE)**

**ZAGREB CROATIA
APRIL 8-10, 2006**

Host:

The Andrija Stampar School of Public Health (ASS),
Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb

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MISSION

The German Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported over a period of more than 5 years training, research and practice of public health through funds administrated by the

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (SEE).

The meeting is convened in order to summarize the experience and the results in the project on Public Health Collaboration in South Eastern Europe (PH-SEE) 2000-2006 (www.snz.hr/ph-see) and to elaborate the transformation of this project into a

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as agreed in a meeting of representatives of the schools and associations of public health in the countries of South Eastern Europe in Podgorica, Montenegro, December 9-10, 2005.

PROGRAMME

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| 08.04.06 | Saturday | |
| | 19.00 | Get-together Klub knjizevnika, Trg bana Josipa Jelacica 7, Phone: +385 1 4812 290 |
| 09.04.06 | Sunday | |
| | 09.30 | Welcomes |
| | 10.00 | Review of the experience and the results of the PH-SEE project (Luka Kovacic, Ulrich Laaser) |
| | 11.00 | Conclusions of the meeting in Podgorica, December 2005 (Ulrich Laaser) |
| | 11.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| | 11.30 | Session I Options for Regional Journals 1) The Croation Medical Journal (Matko Marusic) 2) Materia Sociomedica (Izet Masic) 3) The Journal of Public Health and Management (Mariana Dyakova) 4) Medicinskih Komunikcija (Jasminka Vuckovic) 5) Health Care (Zorica Dimitrijevic) 6) The Federation' s Pages in the Journal of Public Health Policy (Ulrich Laaser, WFPHA) |
| | 13.00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| | 14.00 | Session II Options for a Common Regional Infrastructure 1) The draft statutes of FPH-SEE (Ulrich Laaser) 2) The office in Podgorica (Boban Mugosa) |

- 3) The FPH-SEE Task Force as a managing board (Zvonko Sosic)

15.30 *Coffee break*

16.00 Session III

Options for Regular Conferences in Cooperation with EUPHA and other International Public Health Organisations and Donors

- 1) Meetings in the context of the EUPHA conferences (Joke van Wageningen, EUPHA)
- 2) Options for regional meetings organized with the help of the office in Podgorica (Slobodanka Krivokapic)
- 3) Perspectives for the collaboration with donors: DAAD, OSI, CPHA/CIDA, WHO, CEC

17.30 Open end discussion

20.00 *Festive Dinner*

Restaurant: Kod Zaca, Grskoviceva 4, phone +385 1 4684178

10.04.06

Monday

09.00

Session IV

Programme of work for FPH-SEE 2006/7

- 1) Harmonisation of study programmes in public health in the Bologna Process (Jadranka Bozиков)
- 2) Accreditation standards for South Eastern Europe (Ulrich Laaser)
- 3) Meeting of the Deans of Schools of Public Health in Dresden end of 2006 (Vesna Bjegovic)
- 4) The student conferences in public health (Jovanka Bislimovska)
- 5) The summer school on the scientific basis of public health in Sarrenda, southern Albania (Bajram Hysa)
- 7) Offers for the next conference of the FPH-SEE

10.30 *Coffee break*

11.00 Session V

A Regional Strategy of Public Health (Adriana Galan)

12.30 Conclusions and recommendations (Luka Kovacic, Ulrich Laaser)

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Equipment:

International telephone line

Internet access

Access to copy machine

Own desk (room)

Reduced burden of work

Task profile:

- 1) Serving as a focal point for FPH-SEE
- 2) Keeping the archive (documentation)
- 3) Organising e-mail communication (list of addresses)
- 4) Monitoring the website (relate to Ilija Kocev)
- 5) Supporting the organization of meetings
- 6) Write minutes
- 7) Compile information for the media (clips)
- 8) Edit the FPH-SEE newsletter (print in several SEE-journals)
- 9) Write annual reports

Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the
FORUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE
(FPH-SEE)

The Forum for Public Health in South Eastern Europe (FPH-SEE) is established in the context of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA). It is organised as a *non-governmental* and *non-profit* consortium of public health institutions in the South Eastern European Region (SEE) aiming at exchange of experience, mutual support and common activities for a New Public Health.

Mission

FPH-SEE is an open arena set to enhance the quality of training and research for the practice of public health in South Eastern Europe.

Objectives

- 1) To develop up to date teaching materials for the public health sciences online and in print-versions with a focus on specific problems and experience in South Eastern Europe
- 2) To determine and analyse in a comparative way health indicators for South Eastern Europe
- 3) To support the institution building for public health, especially with regard to Schools of Public Health, Institutes of Public Health and Public Health Associations

- 4) To organise professional meetings, workshops and conferences in the South Eastern European Region
- 5) To publish a common section in suitable journals which appear regularly in South Eastern Europe
- 6) To execute and publish together public health research in the South Eastern European Region
- 7) To review existing health policy options comprising all relevant issues of the New Public Health and to develop corresponding strategies and recommendations.
- 8) To share experience in public health practice.

Membership

The FPH-SEE consortium comprises member institutions with a mission in the field of public health from all countries in South Eastern Europe, especially Schools of Public Health, Public Health Associations and National Institutes of Public Health. New members are accepted by a majority vote of all members in good standing (if necessary by written agreement of absent members). The founding members are:

1) Public Health Associations:

Albanian Forum of Public Health

Association of Social Medicine and Public Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Association of Epidemiologists and Specialists of Hygiene of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

National Association for Health Policy and Management in Bulgaria

Public Health Association of Croatia

Public Health Association of Macedonia

Public Health Association of Romania

Public Health Association of Serbia

2) Schools of Public Health (incl. MPH programmes):

Centre- School of Public Health, Belgrade
School of Public Health, Chisinau (invited)
School of Public Health, Skopje
Faculty of Public Health, Sofia
Faculty of Medicine and National Institute of Public Health, Tirana
Faculty of Public Health, Varna
Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Zagreb

3) Departments of Social Medicine:

Faculty of Medicine, Ljubljana
Faculty of Medicine, University of Novi Sad

3) National Institutes of Public Health:

Institute of Public Health, Bucharest
Institute of Public Health of the Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina
Public Health Institute, Ljubljana
Institute of Public Health of Montenegro, Podgorica

Management

The activities of FPH-SEE are coordinated by a Coordinating Board (CB) which is nominated ad personam by majority vote of all members (if necessary by written agreement of absent members). The Committee should comprise between 5 and 7 members and has a mandate for a 2-years-period. The Committee elects a chairperson by consensus and works with the support of a secretariat in Podgorica. Decisions are made if possible by consensus, otherwise by majority vote of all members of the CB (if necessary by written agreement of absent members).

Signatures of founding members at the meeting of FPH-SEE in Zagreb
April 8-10, 2006

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