

# The student conferences in public health

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# Public health education

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## *Objectives of public health training and continuing education:*

- to prepare a critical mass of target-oriented public health practitioners, researchers, policy analysts, managers and decision-makers;
- to advocate and promote health-related issues in public policy

# Student Conference Promotes Public Policy and Children


By Ross J. Fleischman '99

Special to the Gazette

More than 80 students from Boston-area universities convened at the Institute of Politics last Saturday for the Project HEALTH-sponsored conference on "Service, Policy, Leadership: Meeting the Needs of a Child."



**5th Annual International Student's Conference on Public Health**  
**April 28th and 29th, 2005**  
**Oslo**



# Conferences of Public Health Students

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*MISSION:* Forum for exchange

- experiences;
- expectations;
- career perspectives for MPH graduates



**1<sup>st</sup> Conference of  
Public Health Students  
in South Eastern Europe (SEE)**

**15-17 DECEMBER 2005**



EXPECTATIONS AND EXPERIENCE  
IN STUDYING PUBLIC HEALTH  
IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

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## *Organizers:*

- Center of Public Health, Medical Faculty-Skopje;
- The Stability Pact for Public Health Collaboration in South Eastern Europe;
- Foundation Open Society Institute-Macedonia.

## *Participants:*

Skopje, Belgrade, Banja Luka, Podgorica, Sofia, Varna, Bucharest, Tirana, Zagreb, and Bielefeld

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## *Significance:*

The first one completely dedicated to the MPH students, enabling exchanging of experiences, giving conclusions and providing recommendations; important for spreading the public health network and closer and intensive collaboration of Centres /Schools of Public Health in SEE.

# 1<sup>st</sup> conference of Public Health Students in SEE-session 1

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*Overview of development of Public Health in SEE since year 2000, through the development of the Macedonian Centre of Public Health as a example*

- Social and political circumstances, health sector reforms and public health needs in SEE countries;
- The importance of national and international cooperation, essential for establishing and sustainability of newly promoted centers/schools of PH;
- The relationship of merging health care reforms in the country with development of SPH;
- The role of SPH in health promotion development.

# 1<sup>st</sup> conference of Public Health Students in SEE-session 2

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## *Presentations from the Macedonian MPH students*

- Expectations from enrolling the MPH program, with the individual, community and global expectations;
- Expressing students' experiences upon finishing the MPH studies, by stressing out the improvements and new skills development;
- Several practical examples on optimizing personal characteristics with professional obligations in different public health fields.

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- Master programs at "Andrija Stampar"  
School of Public Health :  
Curriculum development-managing  
changes ( modular format, in line with  
the European Credit Transfer System  
standards);
- Group work reports : expectations,  
experiences, career perspectives and  
recommendations

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- Positive reactions from all the participants;
- Excellent opportunity for graduated and current MPH students coming from various educational settings to share experiences, to express their expectations from the newly acquired competencies, to feel free to give recommendations to their teachers for the career opportunities;
- Converting the masters programs in modular format may prove beneficial;
- Such conferences may strengthen the public health network in SEE;
- There should be more such conferences.

# FORUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (FPH-SEE)



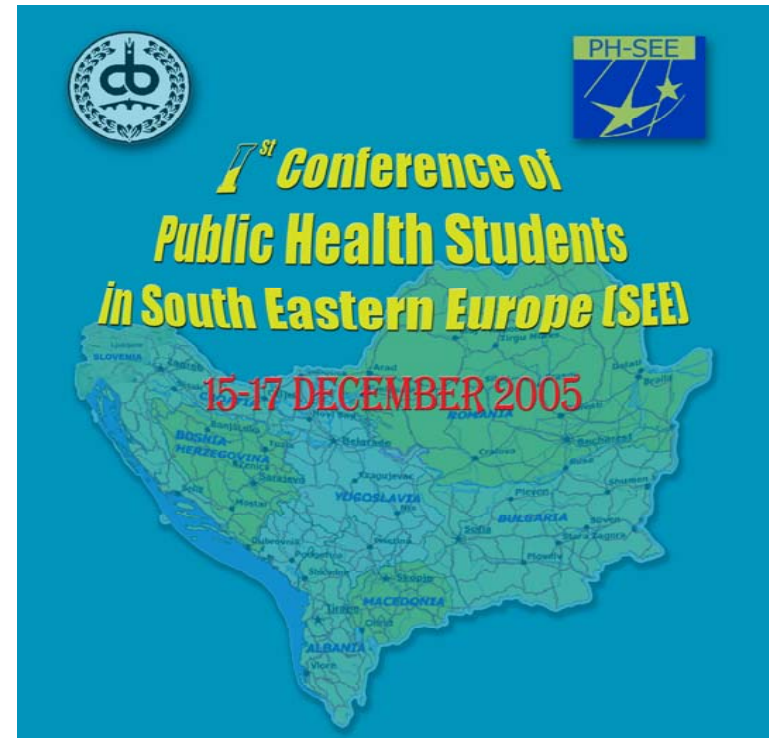
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## ASPHER MPH Student Forum



STABILITY PACT  
FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE



# 1<sup>st</sup> conference of Public Health Students in SEE-conclusions

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1. The successful 1<sup>st</sup> students conference on Public Health in SEE should be repeated regularly;
2. The SEE student conference should link to the ASPHER MPH student forum;
3. The SEE student conference may also be linked to the FPH-SEE;
4. There should be an initiative in SEE to inform potential employers, especially community administrations on public health qualifications;
5. Students and career mobility should be supported by specific programs;
6. A survey of alumni students regarding their post-study professional experience should be organized in SEE.

# 1st Conference of Public Health Students in SEE



Skopje, December 2005

