

As of December 10, 2005
**REGIONAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS AND
SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN
SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE**

**PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO
DECEMBER 9-11, 2005**

Host: The Minister of Health of Montenegro

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Mission:

The meeting is convened in order to discuss among public health experts how an infrastructure for the New Public Health can be institutionalized in the Region of South Eastern Europe. During the last years in a number of countries new schools of public health have been established as well as national associations of public health. The focus of this meeting is on how to strengthen the associations and to connect them with the schools of public health. Topics to be discussed are (1) Regional Scientific Meetings; (2) A Regional Journal of Public Health (resp. a regional section in an established international journal); (3) A common secretariat to support the national associations. Organizations of reference are the European

**Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA).
Programme:**

09.12.05	Friday	
	19.00	Get-together (Hotel Crna Gora)
10.12.05	Saturday	
	09.30	Opening by the Minister of Health, Montenegro Welcome by WHO Welcome by PH-SEE Welcome by CPHA
	10.00	Mutual introduction of participants
	10.30	Introduction of the theme (slides attached) (Prof. U. Laaser)
	11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	11.30	Session I Options for a Regional Conference and a Journal
	13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
	14.00	Session II Options for a Common Regional Infrastructure
	15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
	16.00	Session III Options for Working with the International Public Health Associations and Donors.
	17.30	Conclusions and Recommendations
	20.00	<i>Dinner</i> <i>Restaurant Caballero (near Hotel Crna Gora)</i>
11.12.05	Sunday	
		Departure

Conclusions:

- 1) The national Associations of Public Health and related NGO's respectively form together with the Schools of Public Health and the National Institutes of Public Health as well as with related institutions the FORUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE.
- 2) The FORUM will act as a Section within the EUPHA framework.
- 3) The FORUM organizes (scientific) conferences for all public health professionals in SEE annually or biannually in combination with national conferences following a scheme of rotation. The first conference of the FORUM will take place in Zagreb April 9 and 10, 2006
- 4) The FORUM will organize (operational) satellite meetings in the framework of the EUPHA Conferences
- 5) The FORUM edits a "Journal of Public Health of South Eastern Europe" (so named!) with scientific contributions and a section for News & Notes.
- 6) The Ministry of Health of Montenegro provides a secretariat for the FORUM in the Institute of Health of Montenegro.
- 7) A preliminary task force with one member of each country in SEE (without formalization) will draft minimal statutes for the FORUM, propose a suitable JOURNAL and provide an outline for the CONFERENCE. The TF will set its own timelines.