



# EUPHA Newsletter May 2006

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## 1. News from EUPHA Office

We are proud to announce that this year's abstract submission for the 2006 conference in Montreux broke all records: we received **601 single abstracts** and **49 workshops**, from **50 different countries**. The International Scientific Committee has begun scoring the abstracts and will decide on the abstracts during their meeting in June. The decision on acceptance/rejection of the abstracts will be communicated to abstract submitters by mid-June.

With the departure of the assistant manager next week, EUPHA office is currently understaffed. We would like to ask for your understanding if emails, requests, questions, etc. are not answered immediately.

## 2. EUPHA Conference Montreux: Update

### Special railway ticket for the EUPHA conference

The Swiss Railways company (SBB) offers a special railway ticket for all participants of the EUPHA conference 2006 in Montreux. For €25 you can travel from any station in Switzerland to Montreux and back (round trip). If you are traveling from Geneva Airport you are saving €15, from Zurich Airport €70, from Basel Airport €60. The ticket is also more advantageous if you come to Switzerland by train. In that case, we advise you to buy a ticket to the Swiss border and then order our special railway ticket when registering for the conference.

The conference badge and train ticket will be delivered by regular mail in October. All participants get the ticket directly with the registration. At the airport/border train station, you will only have to validate the ticket on the platform before boarding the train.

### Group bookings

We can offer groups with more than 10 people coming from one institute or organisation, a group booking with one invoice. Please contact our conference office for more information ([eupha06@organizers.ch](mailto:eupha06@organizers.ch)).

### 3. Call for papers for the pre conference of EUPHA section on Migrant Health

The EUPHA section on Migrant Health, in collaboration with the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies, is organising a pre conference preceding the EUPHA conference in Switzerland this year. The meeting will take place on November 15 in Montreux and will consist of two sessions: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The morning session is aiming at giving a state of the art of qualitative and quantitative research, as well as best practices at policy level in the field of migration and health in Switzerland. Topics as management of diversity, determinant of migrants' health, access to health care, risks and resources will be of interest.

The afternoon session gives the floor to methodological problematic in qualitative and quantitative research on migrants' health. Contributions on for instance response rate problems, inter-cultural communication, research issues among refugees, illegal migrants and other specific groups, cross-cultural validation and inclusion criteria are welcome.

You are welcome to submit an abstract for this pre conference, following the EUPHA conference guidelines.

Morning session: Abstracts of proposed papers are due by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2006** by e-mail (Ms. Milena Chimienti, e-mail: [milena.chimienti@unine.ch](mailto:milena.chimienti@unine.ch)).

Afternoon session: Abstracts of proposed papers are due by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2006** by e-mail (Dr. Walter Devillé, e-mail: [w.deville@nivel.nl](mailto:w.deville@nivel.nl)).

For more information, please contact Ms Majda Lamkaddem by email ([m.lamkaddem@nivel.nl](mailto:m.lamkaddem@nivel.nl)).

### 4. Interesting Publications

The WHO has issued ***The World Health Report 2006 - Working together for health***. The report contains an expert assessment of the current crisis in the global health workforce and ambitious proposals to tackle it over the next ten years, starting immediately. The report reveals an estimated shortage of almost 4.3 million doctors, midwives, nurses and support workers worldwide. The shortage is most severe in the poorest countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, where health workers are most needed. Focusing on all stages of the health workers' career lifespan from entry to health training, to job recruitment through to retirement, the report lays out a ten-year action plan in which countries can build their health workforces, with the support of global partners.

The report can be accessed online at <http://www.who.int/whr/2006/en/index.html>.

Prof. Dr. Johan P. Mackenbach, EUPHA executive council member and editor-in-chief of the European Journal of Public Health, has written in An independent, expert report commissioned by the UK Presidency of the EU on ***Health inequalities in Europe***. This report was produced as a part of the project entitled "Tackling Health Inequalities: Governing for Health" which was supported by funding from the European Commission. The report can be accessed online at

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/12/15/84/04121584.pdf>

Oxford University Press and the World Bank have published "***Global Burden of Diseases and Risk Factors***" in April 2006. The editors are Alan D. Lopez, Colin d. Mathers, Majid Ezzati, Dean T. Jamison, Christopher J.L. Murray.

The Ministry of Health of New Zealand published "***A guide to Developing Public Health Programmes: a general programme logic model***" in March 2006. ISBN 0-478-29914-1 (Book) ISBN 0-478-29917-6 (Internet) HP 4215. This document is available as Word file at:

[http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/0/3980073CB3F0231ECC257146001881DD/\\$File/Public-Health-Programmes.doc](http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/0/3980073CB3F0231ECC257146001881DD/$File/Public-Health-Programmes.doc)

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