

## Research on sickness absence and mental health – recent progress in theory and methods

Pre-conference arranged by the Section of Social Security and Health  
at the EUPHA-conference in Montreux, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2006

### PROGRAM

- 08.30 ■ **Welcome and presentation**  
Kristina Alexanderson, president of the EUPHA-section of Social Security and Health, Professor at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- 09.00 ■ **Introduction of today's theme and program**  
Gunnel Hensing and Lena Andersson, Organizing committee, University of Göteborg, Sweden
- 09.15 ■ **Mental health, work and sickness absence – an overview**  
Stephen Stansfeld, Professor, University of London, UK
- 10.30 **Coffee break**
- 11.00 ■ **Prospective associations between the psychosocial work environment, burnout, depression and sickness absence. Results from 2 longitudinal studies from Denmark**  
Ute Bültmann, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, and Reiner Rugulies, Ph.D., Senior Researcher National Institute of Occupational Health, Denmark.
- 11.40 ■ **Mental illness underestimated as a cause of disability pension - how can epidemiologic research contribute to a better understanding?**  
Arnstein Mykletyn, PhD and Psychologist, Bergen University, Norway
- 12.20 ■ **The validity of psychiatric sickness certification diagnoses**  
Gunnel Hensing, Associate Professor, Göteborg University, Sweden
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.30 ■ **Seminars**  
Group 1 and 2: **Theory and methods in sickness absence research focussing on mental health**  
Group 3 and 4: **Clinical and preventive implications and the need for implementation research**
- 15.30 ■ **Report from seminars**
- 16.30 ■ **Summary of the day, new questions and some words of advice**  
Jenny Head, Senior Lecturer, University of London, UK
- 17.15 ■ **Final remarks from the organizing committee**
- 17.30 ■ **Planning of next pre-conference and other practical issues**  
Kristina Alexanderson
- 18.00 **End of day**
- 19.30 ■ **Dinner, for all participants**

