

Möten och konferenser



EUPHA and ASPHER are pleased to invite you to the 4th joint European Public Health Conference combining the 19th annual EUPHA meeting and the 33rd annual meeting of ASPHER. The conference will be organised from 10 to 12 November in Copenhagen by the Danish Society of Public Health (DSOPH). The main theme of the conference is Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Public Health.

By 1 May 2011, we had 755 single abstracts from 55 countries submitted as well as 68 workshops. At the moment, 52 members of the International Scientific Committee have just finished scoring these abstracts. This weekend, the preparatory and planning meeting will take place just outside of Copenhagen. Here, decisions on the abstracts, workshops as well as a preliminary programme will be discussed.

Interesting dates:

Mid-June decisional information on submitted abstracts and workshops

1 July preliminary programme online

Registration is now open

Please find regularly updated information on: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

World Conference on Social Determinants of Health Consultation on Draft Technical Paper from 9 May - 3 June 2011 Comments welcome by Friday 3 June 2011

Conference website: www.who.int/sdhconference/

Consultation page: www.who.int/sdhconference/consultation

The World Conference on Social Determinants of Health (WCSDH) is being convened by WHO and kindly hosted and supported by the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

The World Conference will take place in Rio de Janeiro from 19 to 21 October 2011.

WHO is currently undertaking a public consultation on the current draft of the Technical Paper for the Conference to elicit comments and feedback. The Technical Paper aims to provide policy-makers with an overview of key strategies to implement action on social determinants of health to reduce health inequities and contribute to broader development, organized by the five Conference themes. The final version of this paper will inform discussions at the Conference.

Comments on this current draft are welcome by Friday 3 June 2011 and can be submit-

ted at the Consultation webpage above. In particular, comments are sought on whether the draft fulfils its aims to inform the five themes of the Conference, and whether any major strategies for implementation of action on social determinants have been omitted. The main themes that will be tackled during the Conference are:

- Governance to tackle the root causes of health inequities: implementing action on social determinants of health
- The role of the health sector, including public health programmes, in reducing health inequities
- Promoting participation: community leadership for action on social determinants
- Global action on social determinants: aligning priorities and stakeholders
- Monitoring progress: measurement and analysis to inform policies on social determinants

The aim of the Conference is to bring Member States and other actors together to catalyze high level political support for national policies to address social determinants of health to reduce health inequities. Its specific objectives are to:

- strengthen political commitment by Member States to develop and implement national policies on social determinants of health to reduce health inequities;
- share experiences, challenges and technical knowledge on addressing social determinants of health, taking into account the need for strengthening governance arrangements and learning from different contexts.

World Health Assembly adopts resolution targeted at saving the lives of children from injury

The Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly has adopted a resolution on child injury prevention, the first ever on the topic. The resolution, spurred by the WHO/UNICEF *World report on child injury prevention*, provides a platform to support action on preventing child injuries, which are the leading cause of death for children over the age of 5 years. More than 830,000 children die each year from road traffic crashes, drowning, burns, falls and poisoning.

The resolution urges Member States to prioritise the prevention of child injuries; implement the recommendations of the *World report on child injury prevention*; and develop and put into practice a multi-sectoral policy and plan of action with realistic targets. It calls upon the WHO Director-General to collaborate with Member States in establishing science-based policies to prevent child injury; to encourage research, build capacity, and mobilise resources for child injury prevention; and to continue providing technical support to countries to develop and implement child injury prevention measures and strengthen emergency and rehabilitation services. The resolution also calls upon the WHO Director-General to establish a network with organisations of the United Nations system, international development partners and nongovernmental organizations to ensure effective coordination and implementation of activities for child injury prevention.

In adopting the resolution, around 20 Member States voiced their strong support for the initiative, many making note of the toll that injuries take on the lives of children in their countries. The delegate from Bangladesh noted that child injury is a "national catastrophe", while the delegate from the United States stated that child injury prevention should be part of each country's plan for child and adolescent health and that child injury prevention should be integrated within child survival programming.

The adoption of this historic resolution by the World Health Assembly is a landmark accomplishment, as it firmly frames child injury as a major child survival issue and highlights the need to expand child survival programming and financing streams to include child injury prevention.

Related links:

World report on child injury prevention http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/child/injury/world_report/en/index.html

European report on child injury prevention

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/disease-prevention/violence-and-injuries/publications/pre-2009/european-report-on-child-injury-prevention>

European Child Safety Alliance

www.childsafetyeurope.org