March 2011 FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The event, promoted in collaboration with WHO, will take place from 13 to 16 April 2011, at the Department of Mental Health, via Weiss 5 – Trieste (Italy). On 13 April, the whole day, and on 14 April in the morning a visit to Mental Health Services in Trieste and in other areas of the Region is being organized. The conference will take place from 14 to 16 April.

The conference is aimed at developing a joint declaration and practical projects regarding articles 7 and 8 of the Helsinki Action Plan (2005). This is a first step: closing large institutions and reconvert resources. On this occasion, the WHO CC for Research and Training in Mental Health at the Department of Mental Health / A.S.S. n.1 Trieste will be introduced and its 4-year workplan officially launched, with the participation of its EU and non-EU partners, such as statutory organisations, NGOs, representing stakeholders, international collaborating networks. EU Bodies are invited in order to strengthen the dialogue with WHO activities in Europe. Interaction through working groups and plenary sessions will help to highlight the main topics and programmes.

PROGRAMME

14 April
Afternoon: Opening
Chair: Giuseppe Dell'Acqua – Director of MHD of the A.S.S. 1 Triestina

Address from Ministry of Health, FVG Region, Province of Trieste, Municipality of Trieste, A.S.S. 1 General Manager

Introducing the new WHO CC for Research and Training in Mental Health, Trieste: Deinstitutionalisation and development of integrated / comprehensive community mental health services – supporting the forerunners.
Roberto Mezzina Head of WHO-CC-Trieste

The role of Italy in European policies for mental health
Teresa di Fiandra, Ministry of Health, WHO National Counterpart

The WHO Mental Health GAP Programme
Shekhar Saxena, Director of WHO Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Geneva

Invited WHO Delegations and other leaders from non-European Countries: Palestine, Iran, Jordan, Mozambique.

15 April
Morning: Models of deinstitutionalisation: learning from early experiences in Europe

An updated overview in Europe
Matt Muijen, WHO Regional Adviser for Mental Health

In September 2010, the World Health Organization has designated the Mental Health Department of Trieste, as WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health. The designation is effective for a period of four years. For more information about the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health of Trieste, visit:
The role of the European Commission in mental health reform policies
Jurgen Schaeftlein, Director, European Pact for Mental Health and Wellbeing, EU

Deinstitutionalisation and community whole systems / whole life development - from the Italian way to the new paradigm
John Jenkins, President of International Mental Health Collaborating Network - IMHCN (United Kingdom) and Franco Rotelli, President of Permanent Conference on Mental Health - Franco Basaglia (Italy)

Roundtable
Human rights, community development and deinstitutionalization: Good practices and cooperation through international Networks. The role of stakeholders

Chair: Luciano Carrino, Executive Representative of the UN Inter-Agency Scientific Committee for Human Development Cooperation

Directors and delegates: International Mental Health Collaborating Network-IMHCN; Global Initiative on Psychiatry-GIP; International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership-IIMHL; Fundación Andaluza para la Integración Social del Enfermo Mental-FAISEM; European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness-EUFAMI; European Network of (ex) – User and Survivors of Psychiatry-ENUSP; MIND - UK Network.

Afternoon:

Workshops: developing models

Directors and delegates:
Serbia; Albania; Bosnia; Macedonia; Slovenia; Greece; Bulgaria; Turkey; Azerbaijan; Czech Republic; Ireland; Iceland, UK

16 April

Morning: research, training and policies

The role of training, research and evaluation / synergies between WHO-CC and Research Institutes
Lille (France); Lisbon (Portugal); Verona (Italy); Naples (Italy); University College London (UK); User research Unit of the London Institute of Psychiatry (UK); Trieste WHO CC / MHD (Italy), World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation- WAPR.

Policies for deinstitutionalisation
The new reform law in Argentina and its challenge

Parallel session- Working group: The route of EU for deinstitutionalization and the European Pact for Mental health and Wellbeing - Coordination: Jan Pfeiffer

Conclusions and declaration
Outcomes of workshops and working groups
Action Plan with practical projects

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