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New International Diploma on Mental Health Law and Human Rights

The World Health Organisation has announced the first ever one year International Diploma in Mental Health Law and Human Rights. The International Diploma, which has been developed by WHO MIND in collaboration with the ILS Law College, will be launched in October this year in Pune, India. Based on WHO materials and tools, the Diploma provides students with the opportunity to develop essential knowledge and expertise in the area of mental health, human rights and law.

If you wish to learn more, visit the International Diploma in Mental Health Law and Human Rights website at <http://www.mentalhealthlaw.in/index.html>

Awareness and recognition for Bipolar Depression

A new survey is being launched which hopefully will lead to a better understanding of Bipolar Depression. The aim is to obtain expertise to help a new project to create a global website for people living with bipolar depression (BPD). The intention is that the website will be designed by people with BPD themselves.

The survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete and can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=HUisU1tNJVjlkEmdcNGOjQ_3d_3d. The survey is due to close on 30th June 2008. All responses will be anonymous unless a person wishes otherwise.

Special Polish Theatre Festival

The Association for the Sake of Special Education invites to participate in the VI International Review of Wonderful Theatres. The enterprise is planned from 2nd to 6th June 2008 in Tczew, Poland. The Festival's Project not only aims at the abolition of social barriers and prevention of social isolation of mentally disabled people, but also at introducing a disabled individual into a local community and achieving a positive attitude of the society towards the problems of people in a different situation, which will allow both groups to creating everyday reality together. For more information, contact the Association for Special Education in Tczew on telephone + 48 58 531 55 50.

Diversity in mental health and well being – an opportunity for intercultural dialogue

Mental Health Europe's conference is taking place in Aalborg, Denmark from the 7th to the 9th August 2008. Jens Ibsen, who is well known to all members of the Prospect partner network, is a member of the organising committee and further details can be found at <http://www.mhe-aalborg.dk>

Nomination of Mrs Androula Vassiliou as successor to Mr Markos Kyprinaou

The President of the European Commission, Mr José Barroso, has written to the President of the Council and to the President of the European Parliament, informing them of the resignation of Mr Markos Kyprianou as a member of the European Commission and President Barroso's agreement with the nomination by the Republic of Cyprus of Mrs Androula Vassiliou as a member of the Commission. Mrs Vassiliou will take over the Health and Consumer Protection portfolio.

In the letter to the President of the Council, President Barroso has asked the Council to put in place as soon as possible the procedure foreseen by the Treaty for the replacement of Mr Kyprianou. Mrs Vassiliou studied Law in London and completed post-graduate studies in International Relations. She has been very active in the legal and political scene during her career.

Correction

It has been pointed out to us that we have incorrectly attributed the anti stigma work which was completed by SOFPSI N. Serron to another member association in Greece. We wish to correct this error and to apologise to all members of SOFPSI N. Serron who worked very hard on this project. The mix up was due to the similarity in names. We are fully aware of the great work which has been achieved through their anti stigma project and wish to pass on congratulations to all members of SOFPSI N. Serron who made it all possible.

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