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EUFAMI, in association with Lietuvos Sutrikusios Psichikos Žmonių Globos Bendrija (LSPŽGB), its Lithuanian family member association will host

THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

A major European Conference addressing the subject of Children of parents with a mental illness

Vilnius, Lithuania, 26th and 27th November 2009



Supported by the World Health Organisation, the scientific backing of the National Institute for Health and Welfare of Finland (formerly Stakes) and with UNICEF and the European Commission, DG Health and Consumers, as collaborating partners

Details of the conference programme, registration and accommodation can be found on the website at www.eufami.org

EUFAMI Treasurer steps down

Cornelis Amels, EUFAMI Treasurer, has stepped down from his position for personal reasons. Cornelis was EUFAMI Treasurer from January 2007 until his resignation in December 2008. We would like to thank him for all of the good work and effort he gave in the discharge of his role and wish him well for the future. We apologise for the oversight in not including this news in an earlier @Bulletin.

John Saunders, officer on the Executive committee, has been selected by the Executive to assume the position of Treasurer.

Visit of EUFAMI Vice President to EUFAMI's Russian member - 6th March

While on a visit to Moscow recently, Stanislas Filliol, EUFAMI vice President, paid a courtesy visit to our Russian member association, New Choices. He received a warm welcome by Nelli Levina, who was on hand to meet him. (Nelli is also a EUFAMI Board member). The association's premises benefits from the hospitality of the Moscow Scientific Research Institute on Psychiatry. This institute is located in the vast compound of a psychiatric hospital and was snowbound when Stanislas visited.

New Choices has two big rooms. One is a kind of classroom with some computers along a wall. During Stanislas's visit, an English class as well as a computer class took place.

The other room is an office as well as a printing shop, where the patients print themselves, under supervision, what is needed for the life of the association; one must keep in mind that New Choices has many local branches and the local news is spread by Moscow to its network.



Since time was limited, Nelli spent the time outlining details of two projects to Stanislas. The Moscow Scientific Research Institute on Psychiatry is beginning to work on 'Rehabilitation' and New Choices will be involved. The other project is about how to prepare people with a mental illness to work in a 'normal' environment. During his visit, Stanislas also met with some patients and also some support people.

Latest news on mental health issues at WHO Europe

1) Launch of a WHO report on mental health, resilience and inequalities. This report looks at the interrelationships between mental health, resilience and inequalities - the effects both good and bad - on individuals and communities, as well as the implications for policy -

http://www.euro.who.int/mentalhealth/topics/20090309_1

2) Tackling mental health and wellbeing at the workplace, a conference in Berlin 17 to 18 March 2009 -

http://www.euro.who.int/mentalhealth/topics/20090304_1

Young People - 'Sport, Education and Culture', promoting health, wellbeing and positive identity

This conference is to share knowledge and expertise among a community of young people and educationalists, sport industry specialists, sports personalities and researchers, sports medicine specialists, educational psychologists, sports psychologists, teachers, practitioners in mental health care, managers, policy makers, commissioners, and leaders in health promotion. The conference is part of a programme which helps build the legacy of the 2012 games. The date will be the 11th November 2009 at the Barbican Centre, London. Details at www.careif.ukevents.org

Meeting of the EUFAMI Board of Directors and General Meeting - 2009

Both meetings will take place on the weekend of Friday, 26th June (14.00hrs) until Sunday 28th June (12.00). The venue will be Bled, Slovenia and will be hosted by our Slovenian members - HUMANA, OZARA and ŠENT.

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