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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  
26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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

### CONFERENCE UPDATE

#### Registration for the Conference is now OPEN

*EUFAMI is pleased to announce that Registration for the Conference is now open and those who wish to register should log onto the Registration system by [clicking here](#) or through the EUFAMI website. A guide to registration is also available to view or download. We are aware from early enquiries that there will be pressure on delegate spaces. So we would encourage early registration so as to avoid disappointment.*

#### Poster Exhibition

*EUFAMI is delighted to announce that a Poster Exhibition, on topics related to the Conference theme, will be held in conjunction with the Conference. Details are also available on the EUFAMI website or can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).*

#### Conference Programme

*The Conference programme is now finalised and available for downloading from the EUFAMI website or by [clicking here](#). Also there are many other useful documents available for viewing or downloading.*

#### Conference Venue

*The Conference will take place at the **Hotel Reval** in Vilnius. Full details of the hotel are contained on the useful information page of the conference registration system. Details of alternative hotel accommodation are also on displayed on this page.*

#### Local Support from Lithuanian Ministries

*We are delighted to report that we have received great support and assistance from the Lithuanian Ministries for Education and Science, Health and Social Security and Labour. EUFAMI is looking forward to a continued close working relationship to ensure a successful conference.*

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### **EU Health Prize for Journalists**

In February 2009, EU Health Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou launched the EU Health Prize for Journalists. The prize is part of the "Europe for patients" campaign which Commissioner Vassiliou set up in September 2008, highlighting 10 health policy initiatives the Commission adopts in 2008-2009. For more information on the Europe for Patients campaign and the Prize, the name of the jury members and how to submit an article log onto [http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/europe\\_for\\_patients/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/europe_for_patients/index_en.htm).

### **Some recent publications**

A new book on the subject of research, *Handbook of Service User Involvement in Mental Health Research*, edited by Jan Wallcraft, Beate Schrank and Michaela Amering has recently been published by Wiley-Blackwell. It could be of interest to family members and more details can be found at <http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470997958.html>.

Autobiographic book written by Lia Govers, 'Haal je een moederband niet meer in?' (ondertitel: Autobiografie van een genezen schizofreen) of Lia Govers - Publisher Free Musketeers - ISBN 978-90-484-0514-5. Available in Dutch. Shortly to be translated into English.

### **Website 'Be healthy – Be Yourself'**

The EU Commission set up a new website in youth friendly design targeted for the young people. The aim of the website is to empower young people to have a real say about their health by offering them a space to air their views. This website will be used as a main source of information about the Youth Health Initiative. The initiative emphasises dialogue and involvement of young people in tackling the health issues that affect them and invites young people to be active partners in our work on health. The Commission launched the new Youth Health Initiative website, which will be accessible in 22 language versions. The website is accessible from the EU Health Portal. It has three major parts: a conference page, a Youth Health competition page and a blog page which will be moderated by the European Youth Forum. Log onto <http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/youth/>

### **World Congress of Mental Health**

This will be held in Athens from 2 to 6 September 2009 ([www.wmhc2009.com](http://www.wmhc2009.com)). EUFAMI will be participating at the conference.

### **Climate and Health Council's campaign**

The aim of this campaign is to mobilise health professionals across the world to take action to limit climate change. Climate change is among the most serious threats to human health. The Council – whose board includes the Editors of the British Medical Journal and the Lancet, and the President of the Royal College of Physicians – aims to generate and disseminate information about the issues and to advocate a global framework for action. The task is a huge one, and the goal this year is to get at least 100,000 doctors and health professionals to sign the Council's pledge which calls for urgent government-led international action. <http://www.climateandhealth.org/pledge/#sign>

### **Destigmatisation and Improving the Quality of Care in Psychiatry**

This conference, jointly hosted by the EU (Directorate for Health & Consumers) and the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU will take place in Prague on the 29<sup>th</sup> May and Kevin Jones, Secretary General, EUFAMI will be speaking.

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