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Regions working together to improve health and wellbeing through equity, strategic delivery alliances and good governance.

First smoke-free beach initiative in Italy



The Italian littoral coast of Bibione, in the Municipality of San Michele al Tagliamento, is a popular destination for both Italian and foreign tourists. Located in the Veneto Region on the Adriatic

coast, it is the second largest beach in Italy in terms of tourist presence. The 9 kilometres of shoreline are the main tourist attraction in Bibione and, from May 2014, they will be free of smoke.

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Autonomous Community of Andalusia designs new regional health plan

The Autonomous Community of Andalusia, Spain, has recently launched its fourth health plan, "IV Andalusian Health Plan" (IV AHP). The document aims to protect and improve the health status of the Andalusian population by addressing the determinants and living conditions that affect them, involving all policies in the process.

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In Tuscany, health comes first

The Regional Health Agency of Tuscany has launched a video illustrating the Italian region's new model for health care. Following its slogan - "In Tuscany, health comes first" - the video describes a health care system that is in line with the new European health policy framework Health 2020.

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Upcoming events

RHN Annual General Meeting

20-22 October 2014, Tuscany, Italy

RHN will hold its 21st Annual General Meeting, and the purpose of the three-day event is twofold. First, a series of workshops and meetings will be organized to improve the sharing of knowledge and best practices among the members of the Network. Second, there will be a high-level capacity building event, which will focus on adopting whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to increase performance of public health programmes. The latter is intended for both public health professionals as well as politicians. More information will be available soon on the WHO/RHN website.

Summer school on cross-sectoral approaches to tackle vulnerability using prevention programmes

30 June-2 July 2014, Moravske Toplice, Slovenia

The Centre for Health and Development in Murska Sobota, Slovenia will host a public health summer school. The main goals will be to provide learning exchange about partnership approaches at community level; to learn about the pathways into and out of vulnerability; to identify gaps and priorities to be addressed through prevention programmes; and to provide an opportunity for the exchange of know-how, good practices and innovative approaches to tackle vulnerability and health inequalities. Registration ends on 15 June 2014.

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Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management

25-30 August 2014, Lugano, Switzerland

The summer school is organized by the Foundation Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+), the Institute of Economics (IdEP) of the University of Lugano and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH). Participants can choose from a selection of 3- or 6-day courses, covering a wide range of public health topics including governance and management, health financing policies, evidence and policy-making, and mobile health communication. Courses are intended for professionals and managers of health administrations, hospitals and other services and facilities within the health sector, policy-makers and students. The emphasis is on participative approaches, complemented by formal teaching. RHN

A socially sustainable Malmö

In some parts of Malmö, people live nearly seven years longer than in other parts of the city, according to the Commission for a Socially Sustainable Malmö. To address these differences, the Malmö Commission published a report to reduce health inequities by tackling the underlying causes. The report was inspired by the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health and its publication, "Closing the gap in a generation".

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Health 2020: better health through strengthened capacity at regional level: 20th Annual General Meeting

10-11 October 2013, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
The Regions for Health Network (RHN) commemorated its twentieth anniversary in Cardiff, the same city where the idea of creating this network began in 1991. At its 20th Annual General Meeting, RHN started revising its core activities to align them to Health 2020, thus supporting the implementation of the new European health policy framework at the regional level. It advances the work that started at the 2013 RHN Annual General Meeting when the Network embarked on this new phase of development.

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members are entitled to reduced course fees.

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Recently published

Bibione. Breathe by the sea. The story of a smoke-free beach in Italy



This publication supports the implementation of the WHO Health 2020 policy. It documents a local initiative for a smoke-free beach employing whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to address a common public health challenge: smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke in public settings..

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