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Second semester of 2013: The Health-related priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council

As you know, The Republic of Lithuania has taken over the rotating Chair of the EU Council as of the 1st of this July for a six month period. In the health sector, the new Presidency will continue to focus on the priorities already addressed by the Irish Presidency, i.e. the Tobacco Products Directive; Clinical Trials on Medicinal Products; and Mediating the Discussions on the Regulations on Medical Devices. During a speech given at the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO) in Luxembourg on the 21 of last June, Lithuanian Minister V.-P. Andriukaitis stressed that his country is ready to work on improving all EU health systems: *"Citizens of the EU are waiting for us to figure out a way to make the European health systems more resistant to economic hardships and more flexible to innovation"*.



The Lithuanian Minister of Health invited his colleagues from other EU Member States to attend the coming informal meeting of the EPSCO Council in Vilnius, which is scheduled to take place on 8-9 July, and will include discussions on topics of prevention of youth smoking, mental health and aging, as well as long-term perspective of sustainable health systems and shaping of EU health policy after 2013.

The EPSCO Council took note of the progress reports presented by the Irish Presidency on the proposals for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on Medical Devices and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices, as well as on the Regulation on Clinical Trials.

As you know, the definite adoption of the new Directive on “Professional Qualifications” will also take place under the Lithuanian Presidency. No changes are expected to the text we have sent you some days ago.

To consult the e-page of the Lithuanian Presidency please go to: http://www.eu2013.lt/en/news/pressreleases/lithuanian-minister-of-health-announces-priorities-in-health-sector-during-the-lithuanian-eu-council-presidency_1.



www.eu2013.lt

The latest research of NCSBN (USA) identifies the knowledge needed by newly licensed practical/vocational nurses

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (USA – an associate member of FEPI) has recently published the report of its latest research relating to the findings from the 2012 LPN/VN (Licensed Practical Nurses/ Vocational Nurses) Nursing knowledge Survey.



Based on the reliability of the knowledge statement instrument, the survey of the nonresponders, the validation of the knowledge statement importance ratings by SMEs and the similarity of knowledge statement importance ratings by Newly Licensed LPN/VN Educators and LPN/VN Supervisors, the results of this study will be used to inform item development. NCSBN now offers more than 55 volumes of research that include analyses and national surveys of the profession, covering topics such as nursing education and professional issues. All NCSBN research briefs are available free of charge by visiting www.ncsbn.org/2897.htm.

Please note that two hard copies of this study are at your disposal from the premises of FEPI. For specific questions relating to the research in question, please feel free to contact NCSBN at communications@ncsbn.org.

Health Technology Assessment (HTA): Proposal of implementing act published on HTA Network

The Commission has adopted an implementing act setting up a Network of National authorities or bodies responsible for HTA.



As you know, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) provides policy-makers with information on the benefits and comparative value of health technologies and procedures. It is a key tool when planning healthcare budgets and as such it is vital for the long term sustainability of Europe's healthcare systems. The Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross border Healthcare foresees a Network of National Authorities or Bodies responsible for HTA. Today, an Implementing Act setting out the necessary rules for the establishment, management and transparent functioning of the Network in question has been adopted. The HTA Network of National authorities will help facilitate efficient use of HTA resources in Europe, create a sustainable system of HTA knowledge sharing, and will promote good practice in HTA methods and processes.

To date, the cooperation is conducted by the EUnetHTA consortium, reaching key success on methodological development and testing of pharmaceutical products and medical devices.

For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology_assessment/policy/index_en.htm.

Forthcoming Events

<i>International conference on “The Evolution of Health Systems Regarding the Challenges of Long Term Care”</i>	
When?	18.09.2013 - 20.09.2013
Who?	AIM, AEIP, MGEN and the Network Education and Solidarity
Where?	MGEN Head Office 3, square Max-Hymans - 75015 Paris FRANCE
What?	<p>Objectives of the Conference:</p> <p>To share experience on how to adapt the paradigm of the health system regarding the challenges of long term care.</p> <p>Main chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability & accessibility of Health Care and Long Term Care; • Integration & Coordination of Health & Social Services; • Integration & coordination of new technologies within the day to day services; • Prevention. <p>For more information please visit the conference website : http://www.aim-mutual.org/fr/evenements/events-list/?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=213</p>
Registration	<p>Participation is open to all – and free, with obligatory registration. Participants must return the registration form to info@aeip.net by no later than 15 August 2013.</p> <p>You will find the registration form and useful information at this link: http://www.aim-mutual.org/fileadmin/events/2013/LTC_Conference_Paris/Brochure_Conference_on_Evolution_of_Health_Systems_with_LTC.pdf</p>

<i>6th European Public Health Conference</i>	
When?	13-16 November 2013
Who?	EUPHA European Public Health Association
Where?	The square, Rue Ravenstein 2 1000 Brussels, Belgium
What?	<p>The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) are pleased to invite you to the 6th joint conference combining the 21st annual EUPHA meeting and 35th annual ASPHER meeting.</p> <p>The European Public Health Conference aims to contribute to the improvement of public health in Europe by offering a means for exchanging information and a platform for debate to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners in the field of public health and health services research as well as public health training and education in Europe.</p>
Registration	<p>Registering for the conference is exclusively available online at this address:</p> <p>http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php?conference_page=352.</p>