

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE on MENTAL HEALTH:
JOINING FORCES ACROSS EUROPE FOR
PREVENTION AND PROMOTION IN MENTAL HEALTH

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and mental disorder prevention

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BACKGROUND

The Imhpa network, with professionals from fields related to mental health promotion (MHP) and mental disorder prevention (MDP), has partners in 30 European countries and 7 international networks who combine their expertise with the aim of developing and disseminating evidence-based MHP and MDP strategies and policy options across Europe. .

For further information on the network, please visit the Imhpa website:

www.imhpa.net

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

In support of the forthcoming European Commission Strategy on Mental Health, and building on the mental health promotion and mental disorder prevention components of the WHO Declaration and Action Plan for Mental Health, areas addressed by the conference will include:

- **Evidence to practice for policies and programmes:** outlining the most recent advances to support mental health policies and programmes at the local, national and European levels;
- **Implementation:** helping develop dissemination, implementation and management plans;
- **Financing:** supporting strategies for financing action and strengthening management systems across Europe;
- **Building capacity and training:** strengthening policy and advocacy development, and networking.

The conference will be **action oriented** and **highly participatory**, being structured around a large number of working sessions and discussion panels. A few plenary sessions will introduce each of the main themes. The conference aims to share examples, barriers and opportunities encountered throughout Europe in implementing prevention and promotion action for mental health. The outcomes of the conference will include a set of **recommendations** and suggested proposals to support implementation of action for mental health promotion and mental disorder prevention across Europe.

Participants include: policy makers, programme implementers, health promoters, researchers, prevention specialists and planners working at all levels of European society. Given the inter-sectoral nature of mental health, participation of delegates from the education, justice, employment, and other sectors is encouraged.

Call for participation: Participants are invited to contribute to the conference in different ways:

- Submitting a proposal for an organized parallel session – these could take a variety of forms: e.g. a debate, a training session, talks and discussions focussed on a topic, profession or problem area.
- Submitting an abstract – to present your work as an oral communication or a poster.
- Participating as discussant, rapporteur, facilitator – within the interactive parallel sessions.

Please visit the conference website at www.imhpa.net/conference to submit a proposal for participation.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Wednesday 12th September

A welcome reception will be held for all conference participants at an emblematic venue in Barcelona.

DAY 1: Thursday 13th September | 09:00 – 18:00

Welcome and Opening: with speakers from governmental and international bodies.

Plenary Session 1:

- Prevention and promotion in Europe: the state of the art, and Scope and purpose of the conference

Plenary Session 2:

- European Advances: Introducing action, advances and boundaries in Europe, with speakers from the European Commission and World Health Organization, and;
- Respondents: prevention-promotion policy development from a regional and national perspective

Concurrent Parallel Sessions:

Afternoon with 2 sets of concurrent parallel sessions will address a range of topics in a variety of formats following on the themes of the plenary sessions.

DAY 2: Friday 14th September | 09:00 – 18:00

Plenary Session 3:

- From Evidence to Implementation: Determinants and barriers of effective implementation across Europe
- From Action to Evaluation: Available policies, infrastructures, indicators and building evaluation into existing practice

Concurrent Parallel Sessions: in a variety of formats following on the themes of the plenary session.

Plenary Session 4:

- Making the case for investment and ensuring funding
- Engaging partners and other sectors and building capacity

Concurrent Parallel Sessions: in a variety of formats following on the themes of the plenary session.

There will be a reception/dinner in the evening.

DAY 3: Saturday 15th September | 09:00 – 13:30

Plenary Session 5: Concluding panel discussion

Concurrent Parallel Sessions: Parallel sessions and Working groups

Final plenary session: summarising the outcomes of discussions throughout the conference: crossing boundaries for prevention and promotion at member state level and recommendations towards supporting the implementation of the EC Strategy.



CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held in Barcelona in the Winterthur Auditorium (plenary sessions) and the NH Constanza Hotel next door (parallel sessions, workshops and discussion groups).

REGISTRATION FEES

	EARLY BOOKING UNTIL 5 TH JULY 2007	LATE BOOKING AFTER 5 TH JULY 2007
HIGHER INCOME COUNTRIES ¹	275€	350€
MIDDLE / LOWER INCOME COUNTRIES ²	100€	180€

¹ Including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, as well as North America and Australasia.

² Including Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Turkey, and other eastern European countries.

ACCOMMODATION

Reduced accommodation prices, in 4 different hotels near the conference venue, are available by booking through the conference logistics organiser, Reunions i Ciència. More detailed information on accommodation and locations can be found on the conference website www.imhpa.net/conference.

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