



Development of Structures for Dissemination of Good Practice in the Field of Workplace Health Promotion in the Accessing and Applicant Countries
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DRAGON FLY - Round Table Series

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For all its Members States ENWHP aims at developing supportive national infrastructures for WHP. In order to initiate this process in all of the Accession and Applicant Countries (AAC) the network has started a series of “roundtable-meetings”. These events, which encompass representatives from businesses, politics, health experts and other stakeholders, are part of the network ambition to improve the dissemination of good workplace health practices and policies in these countries. The second roundtable of a series of seven was held in Lithuania, Vilnius.

Vilnius, Nov. 25th --- In the framework of



Dr. Reinhold Sochert's presentation

Dragon-fly project, the roundtable meeting was organised in Lithuania on 25th November 2005. The meeting took place in the National Centre for Health Promotion and Education. 27 stakeholders from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Board of the State Social Insurance Fund, State Labour Inspector-

ate, State Non Food Products Inspectorate, Occupational Medicine Centre and representatives of employers associations, trade-unions, national and regional public health institutions, Kaunas University of Medicine and company occupational services discussed the possibilities for development of Workplace Health Promotion activities in the country.

During the opening of the meeting, the director of the National Centre for Health Promotion and Education **Mr Zenonas Javtokas**, explained the definition of WHP and the goals of this meeting. **Mr Reinhold Sochert** from BKK introduced the participants to the ENWHP and the days agenda. Co-ordinators of Dragon-fly project **Ms Patrycja Wojtasczyk** and **Mr Jacek Pyzalski** from the Nofer Institute of Occupational Health in Poland, informed participants about the project and introduced examples of good practices (e.g. about effectiveness of the WHP project on smoke free enterprises in Torun, Poland) and suggested ways of building a national WHP forum.

In the opinion of the participants, the round table meeting was a great success and



All health experts round the table

very practical. A decision was taken to develop a national infrastructure and

to prepare the agenda for establishing WHP forum in Lithuania.

The project “*Development Of Structures For Dissemination of Good Practice in the Field of Workplace Health Promotion in the Acceding And The Applicant Countries*”, in short: **Dragon-Fly**, is co-ordinated by the **Polish Nofer Institute**. The Network began in 2004 to develop a framework for co-operation between relevant stakeholders of the applicant countries and the current Member States. After having established national contact offices in Cyprus, Estonia, Malta, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, the network analyses the current situation with regards to strategies, policies & practices for promoting workplace health in 12 AAC countries. **For more information contact:**

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