



**Development Of Structures For Dissemination Of Good Practice In The Field Of Workplace Health Promotion In The Acceding And The 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 New Member States the network develops 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 sixth roundtable of a series of seven was held in Latvia/ Riga.

Riga, Jan. 13th --- The Latvian National Contact Office – Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health at Riga Stradins University, organized a round-table meeting of national stakeholders with participation of ENWHP representatives.

The roundtable meeting was chaired by Prof. Maija Eglite, the director of Institute and Ivars Vanadzins. This was the final roundtable meeting in a series organised as a part of the ENWHP Dragon-fly project. It is an initiative co-ordinated by the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine (Polish NCO) with the aim of supporting

the integration of the new Member States into the operations of the ENWHP.

Amongst the participants on the Latvian side there were many representatives from the Stradins University, Department of Public Health of Ministry of Health, Department of Labour of Ministry of Welfare, State Public Health Agency, Labour Inspection, Health and Social care workers trade union, builders trade union, forestry and woodworking trade union, several external occupational health service companies (IBNA, FB Serviss, Darba Medicina) and also representatives from major employers such as Latvian Mobile Phone, Latvenergo and several others.

The meeting started with the introduction of all attendees (some 35 people) and was followed with a presentation of the current concept of WHP and rationale for investing in this field delivered by **Gregor Breucker** (ENWHP secretariat). **Patrycja Wojtaszczyk** and **Eliza Iwanowicz** both introduced the current project status and shared their experiences of organizing the national and local WHP forums in Poland. The next item on the round-table agenda was the presentation of the situation regarding WHP in Latvia prepared by Ivars Vanadzins. With a lively participation of



the audience he also conducted the SWOT analysis and a discussion concerning the opportunities and responsibilities of particular stakeholders in developing WHP activities in the country. The meeting concluded with short presentations from employers active in the field. These were the companies that can serve as Latvian Models of Good Practice.

Breucker of organizing a national seminar on WHP within the WORKHEALTH II project.

The participants agreed that the meeting was of great interest to them and they wish to meet in the future, maybe by taking up on the opportunity suggested by Dr.

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 coordinated by the **Polish Nofer Institute**. The Network began in 2004 to develop a framework for cooperation 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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