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Dear reader

ENWHP was formally established in 1996. With the support of the European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection, the ENWHP has carried out a number of important European initiatives over the past decade which have established workplace health promotion (WHP) as a field of action for public health at European and national level. The current 7th initiative focuses on lifestyle related Workplace Health Promotion (WHP), and especially on the combination of physical activity, healthy diet, mental health and smoking prevention.

Kind regards ENWHP-Newsletter-Team

The current topics

Bulgaria: "Move Europe" Campaign of the European Network for Workplace Health Promotion in Bulgaria

Current company preventive programmes have mainly administrative mechanism and technical approaches. The "human factor" (participation of all interested parties – employees and the focus on their productivity) is still insufficient and the role of social aspects, personnel involvement and motivation to take personal responsibility in the process of work for the business success is still underestimated. <u>more...</u>

Denmark: Success with Business adoption of school classesSince 2004, companies from the Business Network for Social Responsibility in Denmark have run a project where companies adopt school classes from the 1st to 9th grade (compulsory period of school education in Denmark). more...

European Commission: Commission proposes to continue financing Community Tobacco Fund to pay for awareness-raising on dangers of tobacco

The European Commission today proposed to extend the financing of the Community Tobacco Fund for the next two years. Since the reform of the Common Market Organisation for tobacco in 2004, the Fund has financed information policies to improve public awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco consumption. In the current funding period, the Fund gave support to the "HELP – for a life without tobacco" campaign. more...

Finland: Well-Being at Work – New Innovations and Good Practices
The main aim of this project is to create a completely new European concept for well-being at work. This concept has been called for in numerous reports by the European Commission and thus constitutes an important result to strengthen the European affinity. more...

Germany: "Move Europe" Germany's healthiest companies – European Commission and BKK Federal Association present the "Enterprise-Award for Health"

Companies from 27 European countries have agreed on a common goal: "Healthy People in Healthy Companies". For the first time, the European Commission together with the BKK Federal Association gave an "Enterprise-Award for Health". more...

Italy: Acute coronary events decreased after public smoking ban in Italy
The number of acute coronary events such as heart attack in adults dropped
significantly after a smoking ban in public places in Italy. The study was the first in
Europe to show long-term health benefits of smoking bans in public places.
Researchers in Rome compared acute coronary events in the city for five years
preceding a public smoking ban with those occurring one year after the ban.
more...

United Kingdom: Combined healthy behaviours can add 14 years to lifeDaily exercise, moderate alcohol consumption and sufficient fruit and vegetable intake are known to be good for health, but researchers have now discovered that their combined effect can actually add up to 14 years to life expectancy compared to those who fail to adopt these behaviours. more...

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Events & Dates

21-23 April 2008: Washington, USA --- The 5th Annual World Health Care Congress more...

14-16 May 2008: Berlin, Germany --- 16th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals more...

12-13 June 2008: Bratislava, Slovakia --- Lifestyle-related diseases: cellular signaling and pathophysiology more...

13rd June 2008: Brussels, Belgium --- EU high-level conference "Together for Mental Health and Well-being" more...

18-20 June 2008: Sheffield, United Kingdom --- Work, Wellbeing and Performance: New Perspectives for the Modern Workplace more...

11-13 August 2008: Reykjavík, Iceland --- The 40th Nordic Ergonomic Society conference more...

3-6 September 2008: Bratislava, Slovakia --- 5th International Posture Symposium more...

9-13 September 2008: Turin, Italy --- 8th IUHPE European Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education more...

24-27 September 2008: Timisoara, Romania --- National Congress in Occupational Health more...

30-31 October 2008: London, United Kingdom --- EfH Management Conference more...

5-6 November 2008: Basel, Switzerland --- 2nd Trade Fair for Work and Health "Healthy employees also boost the balance sheets" more...