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A HAPPY 2010!



Newsletter

ICAA Conference

The ICAA board meeting and annual conference with the topic “Shaping the Future - a multi-sectorial Challenge” took place from Oct 11 -16 in Estoril, Portugal. It was held under the patronage of the ministry of health of Portugal and locally organised by IDT the national institute on drugs and drug addiction. The conference featured a series of high quality speakers in the plenaries, starting with an extremely interesting key intervention of Robert West from the UK (www.rjwest.co.uk), professor of health psychology and chief editor of ‘Addiction’, who interested the audience in presenting his newly developed Prime Theory, which was lively discussed.

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As president of Euro-TC Thomas Legl was asked to present in a plenary with the topic: 'Advances and Challenges in Addiction Research', and could give a comprehensive overview about evidence-based findings and realities of the situation of addiction treatment in Europe. You can find the PowerPoint slides of his presentation on our website.



(Dr. Thomas Legl presenting at the ICAA Conference 2009)

In the afternoons, there were also four meetings of the therapeutic community section within the ICAA which is led by Euro-TC, featuring highly interesting presentations especially on the topics of 'Special Treatment Programs', 'Gender, Adolescents Dual Diagnosis', 'Young offenders', 'Job reintegration', as well as on 'Certification systems' and one of Euro-TC's leading topics for many years, 'Treatment of Mothers and Children'.

Joao Goulao and his team Patricia Pissara, Ana Sofia Santos made all participants feel specially welcome showing tremendous hospitality.

Joao could also highlight the advantage of the Portuguese drug strategy with the interesting positive results of decriminalisation as well as the integration of legal drugs into the working agenda which both can serve as a best practice for strategic planning in the addiction field.

ICAA president Peter Vamos was happy to reflect on a very successful conference with more than 300 participants from around 50 countries.

For further information on the conference and slides of the plenary presentations you can visit the ICAA website

www.icaa.ch or www.icaaestoril2009.com

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DCD II Steering Committee, Venice

On 12/13 October the DCD II Steering Committee meeting took place. Euro-TC, being an associated partner, thus leader of a work package sent Julia Kalchhauser to Venice, Mestre to present the work package's progress at the meeting. In addition to the meeting, representatives of each work package were interviewed and filmed. These short video-interviews, giving information on the organisation as well as on the work package and its working process, can be watched on the DCD II website:

www.democitydrug.org

The next meeting of the work package Treatment Challenges took place on 4 December in Leipzig, Germany. Detailed minutes will soon be available on the above mentioned website.

Board Meeting San Sebastian

On 6/7 November 2009, the new board members Marco Zamarchi, Christian Heise and Jimmy Gimeno together with the euro-TC president Thomas Legl met with the old and now honorary board members, Paolo Stocco, Horst Broemer and Gabriel Roldan in beautiful San Sebastian, in the Basque country. Together they discussed the past of euro-TC, where the old board members could support the new ones with precious advice and experience. On the last day of the meeting the famous San Sebastian halfmarathon took place, where euro-TC had its own team starting. The team consisted of Horst Broemer, Paolo Stocco and Gabriel Roldan. Unfortunately, Thomas Legl could not join them due to a knee injury. But he wished them good luck for the run, which, unfortunately, was accompanied by very bad weather, featuring a rainstorm and very low temperatures.

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(Euro-TC team: Horst Broemer, Maurizio (city of Venice), Gabriel Roldan, Paolo Stocco)

Soccer Without Drugs Cup 2009

From Oct. 19 to 23 2009 the 11th „Soccer without Drugs Cup“ took place in Stuttgart. 15 teams from six different countries took part in the tournament. They came from Italy, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Austria, and Germany. This year's host was the Baden-Württembergische Landesverband für Prävention und Rehabilitation gGmbH. In the evening of the first day a frolicsome atmosphere prevailed in Stuttgart's youth hostel. The teams presented themselves in their team outfits and showed their many talents besides soccer, even after long day's journeys of up to twelve hours. The Italian team from Villa Renata impressed their audience by giving a spontaneous theatre performance and the team from Tannenhof, Berlin showed some ball-acrobatics.

Even though soccer was the main focus of the event, there was a comprehensive social program. Workshops in Drama, Percussions and Acrylic Painting were offered, among others. Field trips were made to the Mercedes-Museum, to the old town of Bietigheim-Bissingen as well as a boat trip on the river Neckar.

The team of Projecte Home Balears from Palma, Spain was winning the tournament for the fourth time in a row in the final match against the team from Tannenhof, Berlin.

Guido Buchwald from the world-cup winning German team from 1990 played among others in a celebrity match. The cold and unstable weather could not diminish the extraordinarily good spirit at the tournament.

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The good atmosphere during the whole event, not least in the evenings at the youth hostel, were appreciated and repeatedly praised by all participants. It was a week of many new impressions and acquaintances which will be remembered by all participants as a most positive drug-free event.



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