

## **Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration between the World Health Organization, through its Regional Office for Europe and the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services, 2009-2012**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") establishes a framework for collaboration between the World Health Organization, through its Regional Office for Europe (hereinafter referred to as "WHO/EURO") and the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals & Health Services (hereinafter referred to as "HPH Network") to develop and implement joint activities to support the implementation of WHO policies in the European Region as well as in other regions.

### **1. Background**

1.1 The mission of the HPH Network is better health gain according to the principles of WHO. The HPH Network members work towards incorporating the concepts, values, strategies and standards or indicators of health promotion into the organizational structure and culture of the hospital/health service. The HPH Network aims to promote and assist the dissemination of the concept of health promotion in hospitals & health services and support implementation within countries and regions, internationally, through technical support to its members and the initiation of new national / regional networks.

1.2 The activities in the HPH Network are based on WHO documents on health promotion in hospitals & health services: *the Ottawa Charter (1986)*, *the Budapest Declaration (1991)*, *the Vienna Recommendations (1997)*, *the Bangkok Charter (2006)* and *the Standards for Health Promotion in Hospitals (2004)*, *the Tallin Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth (2008)*. The HPH Network has adopted the six WHO Core Functions regarding health promotion described in *Eleventh General Programme of Work, 2006-2015: Engaging for Health – A Global Health Agenda*.

1.3 As from 2005 the Secretariat of HPH is hosted by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals & Health Services, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen. This MoU details and describes the collaboration between WHO/EURO and the HPH Network.

### **2. Areas of collaboration**

WHO/EURO and the HPH Network aim to achieve the following goals:

1. The WHO policies and strategies are known by the HPH Network members
2. The WHO policies and strategies are discussed among the HPH Network members
3. The HPH Constitution, Strategy and Action Plan reflect the WHO policies and strategies
4. The outcomes, tools and materials as described in the HPH Network Strategy and Action Plan are in accordance with WHO policies and strategies
5. WHO/EURO informs as appropriate the HPH Network on relevant issues regarding WHO health policies and strategies. Likewise the HPH Network informs WHO/EURO on relevant issues regarding HPH Network policies and strategies
6. WHO/EURO as appropriate and feasible provides technical input, advice and collaboration on specific projects and outcomes mentioned in the HPH Network Strategy and Action Plan

### **3. Resources**

All collaboration activities will be limited to the availability of necessary human and financial resources.

### **4. Review of Collaboration**

4.1 The collaboration will be reviewed by the parties in connection with meetings, annually or as appropriate.

4.2 This MoU will be evaluated every third year.

### **5. Events and activities**

Information on events and activities that may be of common interest will be shared between the two parties.

### **6. Term of the MoU**

6.1 The MoU enters into force upon signature by both parties for a period of three years from that date. The parties may wish to extend the MoU for another three years period by mutual agreement.

6.2 WHO/EURO or the HPH Network may, at any given time terminate the collaboration established in this MoU. Should a party wish to terminate the collaboration, a 3-months notice in writing shall be given.

6.3 WHO/EURO can, at any time, withdraw its technical contribution to specific projects.

### **7. WHO emblem and name**

The WHO emblem and name may not be used, unless there is prior written approval of WHO/EURO, on a case-by-case basis.

### **8. Disputes**

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of the Agreement shall, unless amicably settled, be subject to conciliation. In the event of failure of the latter, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon by the parties or, in the absence of agreement, in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The parties shall accept the arbitral awards as final.

For WHO:



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Regional Director of WHO Regional Office for Europe

For HPH:



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Chair of the Governance Board

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CEO of the International HPH Secretariat

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