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Membership (number at the end of the last year): 658

List of publications during the reporting period (full references
incl. ISBN, ISSN):

International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for "Sosiaalilääketieteellinen Aikakauslehti"
Journal of Social Medicine is 0355-5097.

Sosiaalilääketieteellinen Aikakauslehti (Journal of Social Medicine) 1/2007
Sosiaalilääketieteellinen Aikakauslehti (Journal of Social Medicine) 2/2007
Sosiaalilääketieteellinen Aikakauslehti (Journal of Social Medicine) 3/2007
Sosiaalilääketieteellinen Aikakauslehti (Journal of Social Medicine) 4/2007

List of conferences and public meetings during the reporting period
(dates, locations, themes, attendance):

In 2007, the main activity was the annual EUPHA conference "The Future of Public Health in the Unified Europe". The conference was from 11 to 13 October at Finlandia Hall in Helsinki. The conference provides good opportunities for experiencing different field of Public Health. The number of participants was 959 and they come from 52 countries.

The Scientific committee of 15th EUPHA conference accepted 186 oral presentations, 36 workshops and 300 poster presentations (European Journal of Public Health 2007:17 S2). At the conference there were 66 session at 11 parallel session. During the conference there were 12 meetings for example the EUPHA sections and Public Health Executive Agency (PHEA), WHO European Observatory for Health Systems and Policies, and Centres of Disease Control (CDC).

The 19th Nordic Conference in Social Medicine and Public Health was organized as a pre-conference. The theme of the conference was the Future of the Nordic Welfare Model. The conference provided an overview of Nordic social and health care systems, their differences and similarities, as well as their threats and possibilities. Special attention was paid to two themes: How the Nordic system functions from the viewpoint of children and young people on the one hand and older people on the other. Accepted abstracts were 61 (Stakes, Discussion Papers 5/2007). Besides two keynote sessions there were 10 parallel sessions, and a poster session.

The Society organized alone or with other organizations four national scientific meetings.

The Section of Behavioral Medicine: Annual meeting, National Public Health Institute, Helsinki, 2 February 2007

The Section of Mental health research: Mental health promotion -seminar, Säätytalo, Helsinki, 10 May 2007

The Section of Utilization of Medicines (FIN-DURG) meeting, Stakes, Helsinki, 20 September 2007

The Section of Reproductive health: Reproductive health – from infertility treatment to menopause -seminar Stakes, Helsinki, 3 December 2007

Each of meetings had between 20 and 70 participants.

List of ongoing Research & Development projects during the reporting period (Topics, donors, names of principal investigators incl. their contact details esp. e-mail):

The period covered 2007 the society does not have research or development projects.

List of activities prepared/planned for the next reporting period:

The main activity is organizing the 40th anniversary of the Society for Social Medicine in Finland with national scientific meeting. The seminar will be held from 1 to 2 December in Helsinki.

Expectations and proposals regarding the WFPHA:

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Additional comments:

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