



TURKISH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TPHA) Activity Report for the Term of 2006–2007

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Purpose; to create ideas for promoting public health in Turkey together with relevant stake holders and institutions and to convey these ideas to relevant authorities and to make contributions for implementing them and to monitor result of them.

Mission: TPHA's mission is to contribute to improve the people's health by making efforts in every level to increase awareness in public health with health protection and formative activities, activating resources, supporting people in this field.

Vision: To exchange of human resources and documentation; to make comprehensive studies in Europe and in the World; to share Turkey's experiences in the field of public health with the world, including neighbour countries in her region and in the world. Our vision is to work, to generate and to share.

Brief History: Turkish Public Health Association was established in 1993, became a member of WFPHA in 1995 and obtained the right to use the expression "Turkish" in its name in 1997. TPHA was qualified as a benevolent Association in 1998. TPHA became a member of European Public Health Association (EUPHA) in 2004 and became member of UNESCO- Turkish National Commission of Public Health Education National Committee on 28 April 2006. TPHA with its studies and active participation has been one of the NGO's referred to within the process of Turkey's accession into European Union. Also, TPHA signed the UN Global Compact on 21 November 2006 with UN General Secretary Kofi ANNAN, thus became a member of UN Global Compact.

And Founder member since 1995 and Member of the Council of Board of the National Tobacco Control and Health Committee.

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2007 ACTIVITIES OF TURKISH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

1. Congress, Conference and Meetings
2. International Cooperation
3. Training and Publications
4. Other activities

1. CONGRESS CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) participates in congress, conference and various activities held every year on country level aiming at strengthening public health awareness and increasing interest in this field. TPHA provides participation in congresses and conferences not only in Turkey, but also in the international arena. It works together with the competent local and international experts and organizations. It continues its activities with state organizations, universities, NGO's, professional organizations, relevant UN and other international organizations as WHO, EUPHA, WFPHA and private sector in the field of medicine and health.

1.1. NATIONAL CONGRESS, CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

- **“ National and International Organizing and Counselling Committee” Meeting**

“ National and International Organizing and Counseling Committee” Meeting was held in **Ankara**, on **27 December 2007** in coordination with General Directorate for Health and Safety at Work of Ministry of Labor and Social Security.

Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA and General Coordinator of 2009 World Public Health Congress and representatives from 40 Institutions and Association were attended to the meeting. Speaking on the agenda of the meeting, Mr. METIN explained views and proposals of TPHA and offered cooperation on 2009 World Congress on Public Health

Dr. Rana GÜVEN, Deputy Director- General for Labor Health and Safety of Ministry of Labor and Social Security was the chair of the meeting and expressed the following:

“22th Labor Health and Safety Week” is planned to be held on 6 – 8 May 2008 in Istanbul or Ankara and among the themes of the event shall be “Labor Health and Safety in Mines, Psycho - Social Elements in Working Places, Working Life and Smoking”.

V. International Health and Safety at Work Regional Conference, to be held in Istanbul, on 14 – 16 October 2008 and main theme is going to be “risk assessment”;

- **Presentation of 2008–2012 Action Plan on National Tobacco Control Programme**

Presentation of Tobacco Control Action Plan was held on **12 December 2007** in Sheraton Otel, Ankara, by Ministry of Health. Mr. Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN, Prime Minister; Prof. Dr. Recep AKDAĞ, Minister of Health; Dr. Agis TSOUROS, President of non communicable diseases section of WHO European Region and representatives of various related sectors were attended the meeting.

Vice president Mr. Bekir METIN and many academicians from TPHA have attended to above mentioned meeting as representatives of TPHA. Mr. Bekir METIN had the opportunity to submit information to Prime Minister and Minister of Health about ongoing preparatory works of 2009 World Public Health Congress and asked their support to the World Congress on Public Health.

- **Workshop For Eid ul-Adha**

Eid ul-Adha Workshop was held in **Ankara**, on **21 November 2007**, as a common Organization of EU Veterinary Medicine Platform and Public Health Research and Development Center. The president of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN and member of the Executive Board of TPHA Ms. Öznur ŞAHİN participated in the workshop as representatives of TPHA. They made contributions to workshop declaration by expressing their views and proposals.

Purpose of the workshop was to determine rules of killing animals during Eid ul-Adha and to follow the hygienic rules in such killings.

- **11th National Public Health Congress, 23–26 Oct. 2007,Denizli/Türkiye**

11th National Public Health Congress was held in **Denizli**, between **23-26 October 2007**, with support of Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) and in cooperation with Public Health Specialist Association and Pamukkale University Public Health Department.

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir METİN , Vice President of TPHA, Deputy General Coordinator of 2009 World Public Health Congress Mrs. Sermin KOK and member of the Executive Board Öznur ŞAHİN have participated in the 11th National Public Health Congress. Moreover General Secretary of World Federation Of Public Health Associations, Dr. Barbara J. HATCHER and President of International Health Management, LLC. USA and who provide scientific support in every World Congress on Public Health WFPHA were holding since 1978, Prof. Dr. Samir BANOUB have also participated said congress and made presentations.

The above mentioned delegation accompanied by the President of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN and representatives from Public Health Specialist Association (HASUDER), has visited Governor, Lord Mayor of Denizli, Rector of Pamukkale University and University' s Head of Public Health Department and shared the information about 2009 World Public Health Congress and our candidacy for 2011 European Public Health Congress during their stay in Denizli. Furthermore the delegation made efficient informative meetings and press conferences where ideas were exchanged.

- **“ Symposium on Animal Rights in Turkey” By Veterinary Medicine Association**

Vice president Mr. Bekir METİN participated in the Symposium on Animal Rights in Turkey on **17 October 2007** in **Ankara**. Mr. METİN explained the perspectives of TPHA on the subject and made a call to all participant sectors to make an international session on this issue during 2009 World Congress and to work together on this issue.

- **Climate Change and Health Workshop**

In the framework of cooperation between TPHA and Directorate of Regional Environment Center in Turkey (REC Turkey) for 2009 World Public Health Congress, Vice president of TPHA Mr. Bekir METİN participated in the “Climate Change and Health Workshop” held in **Ankara** at Büyükhanlı Otel, on **29 June 2007** .

During his speech, Mr. Bekir METİN informed on the activities of TPHA and told about how the 2009 World Congress on Public Health have been taken to Istanbul. Moreover he underlined that all the background activities are concluded to host 2011 European Public Health Congress in Turkey and consequently proposed cooperation to REC Turkey.

1.2. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

- **Presentation of Competitive Tobacco Control Grant Programme, WHO Bloomberg Global Contribution to Tobacco Control (Ankara, 11 Dec. 2007)**

WHO Bloomberg Global Contribution to Tobacco Control Tobacco encourages to develop tobacco combat interventions and for their implementations.

Vice president of TPHA Mr. Bekir METİN and Mr. Koray TUNCER, member of TPHA, participated in the meeting held in **Ankara** on **11th December 2007**, in coordination with WHO Country Office in Turkey. Detailed information about the projects were explained at the meeting. The information regarding 2009 World Congress on Public Health have been shared with more than 60 NGOs' representatives who attended to the meeting and cooperation was requested from representatives of WHO and Bloomberg Global Initiative.

- **Global Compact Gala Diner**

The president of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN and Vice president, Mr. Bekir METİN have participated in Global Compact signing ceremony of 35 new companies followed by gala dinner, hosted by Quality Association(KALDER) and supported by KOC Holding on **12th November 2007** in **Istanbul**.

TPHA authorities had the opportunity to discuss with Kofi ANNAN, former UN Secretary General and high level authorities from various institutions and companies on issues of mutual interest.

- **The Annual Meeting Of The European Public Health Association And 15th European Public Health Conference, 10–13 Oct. 2007, Helsinki, FINLAND**

The Annual Meeting of European Public Health Association (EUPHA) (www.eupha.org) and 15th European Public Health Conference held in **Helsinki** between **10–13 October 2007**. EUPHA has been holding its annual meetings and European Public Health Conferences regularly every year in one of the member country since 1992.

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, the President of TPHA and Vice president of TPHA Mr. Bekir METİN, participated in the Annual Meeting of European Public Health Association on **11th October 2007** and 15th European Public Health Conference, 10–13 October 2007.

Furthermore, since TPHA is keenly interested to host 2011 European Public Health Conference in Turkey, made its official application in Helsinki. Malta, Bosna-Hersegovina and Iceland are other candidates to host the mentioned conference. The host of 2011 European Public Health Conference will be decided at the 16th EUPHA General Meeting to be held Portugal-Lisbon, between 6–8 October 2008.

- **WFPHA's 41. Annual Meeting and 60 World Health Assembly, Geneva/Switzerland, May 12- 23, 2007**

Annual meeting of World Federation of Public Health Association (WFPHA) was held between **12–14 may 2007**. 60th World Health Assambly was held between **13–23 May 2007** in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

President of TPHA Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, Vice President Bekir METİN and former President of TPHA Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK have joined to the meetings mentioned above as represantives of TPHA. Moreover, a group of experts and authorized representatives from Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and State Planning Organization (SPO) have attended the 60th World Health Assembly.

Many demarches have been made in order to inform the participants of Annual Meeting of WFPHA and World Health Assembly on the 12th World Congress on Public Health and to encourage them take part as well as to establish a network of information among Ministries of Health and other public health agencies.

- **Dr Asib NASIM, President of Executive Board, World Federation of Public Health Associations and Dr Barbara HATCHER, General Secretary of WFPHA Visited Turkey**

Dr. Asib NASIM, President of Executive Board of World Federation of Public Health Associations and Dr. Barbara HATCHER, General Secretary of World Federation of Public Health Associations visited **Ankara** and **Istanbul** between **15–19 January 2007**. During their visit they have discussed the details of 12th World Public Health Congress with the stake holders from state sector, private sector, universities, NGOs and international institutions (UN) in Turkey. At the end of their visit they have thanked to partners and repeated their belief that the event in Turkey in 2009 will be a successful one.

The official report that prepared after this visit was sended to governmental institutions, UN Agencies in Turkey, Deanship of Medicine Faculties in Ankara, NGOs and Turkish Pharma industry Association.

- **2009 World Public Health Congress Co-Sponsorship Contract Signed**

“2009 World Public Health Congress Co-Sponsorship Contract” between the World Federation of Public Health Associations and Turkish Public Health Association was signed by Dr. Asib NASIM and Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN on the **19th of January 2007** in **Istanbul**. With this agreement, Istanbul is confirmed as the venue of the 12th World Public Health Congress.

1.3 ACTIVITIES IN 2007 CONCERNING “2009 WORLD PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS”

1.3.1 Meetings with Governmental Organizations and Institutions

- **The Meeting with Levent ŞAHİNKAYA, Deputy Director-General for international Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice president of Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) and Sermin KÖK, Deputy General Coordinator of 2009 World Congress on Public Health met with Levent ŞAHİNKAYA, Deputy Director-General for International Organisations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on **03 October 2007**.

They discussed the common activities to be done with the governmental institutions and also the ways and means to be followed in inviting General Directors of UN and other international organizations or well known persons in this field for 2009 World Congress on Public Health.

- **Meeting with Mr. Hayati YAZICI, State Minister and Deputy Prime Minister**

Mr. Hayati YAZICI, State Minister and Deputy Prime Minister was visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA; Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice president of TPHA; Mr. Barış KAHRIMAN, Member of The Executive Board and Mr. Levent ÜLKÜ, Director of Projects for ZED and Organizing Committee of 2009 World Congress on **25 September 2007**, at his Office and information was given about TPHA's activities on 2009 World Congress on Public Health.

- **Timetable /Assignments List of 2009 World Public Health Congress.**

“ The Timetable/Assignment List of 2009 World Congress on Public Health” sent to TPHA by the General Secretariat of WFPHA was translated to Turkish and distributed to the members of the 2009 World Congress Organizing Committee and members of the TPHA’s Executive Board Members on **15 September 2007**.

- **2009 World Public Health Congress was Discussed on “TRT Haber Vizyon”**

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, attended on **14th July 2007** a TV Programme called TRT HABER VİZYON to inform the public on the 12. World Congress on Public Health, that will held in Istanbul between 27 April - 01 May 2009. At this shared broadcasted TV programme, lasted 90 minutes, produced by Süha YAZICI and Olgunay KÖSE, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN explained 2009 World Congress on Public Health and its preparations.

- **Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Prof Dr. Mustafa İSEN was visited by the Members of TPHA Executive Board**

Prof. Dr. Mustafa İSEN, Undersecretary of Ministry Culture and Tourism received the TPHA Delegation, on **16 July 2007**, at his office in order to discuss the issues of cooperation in the 2009 World Congress on Public Health.

The Delegation (TPHA President Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, Vice President Bekir METİN, Deputy General Coordinator Sermin KÖK) of TPHA gave informed Prof. Dr. Mustafa İSEN about 2009 World Congress on Public Health activities. Undersecretary Prof. Dr. Mustafa İSEN expressed their continuing support for the 2009 World Congress and said that the General Directorate of Information is delegated for this purpose.

- **Undersecretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Prof Dr. Hasan Zuhuri SARIKAYA was visited by the Members of TPHA Executive Board**

Prof. Dr. Hasan Zuhuri SARIKAYA, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry received President and Vice-President of TPHA on **05 July 2007**, at his office.

TPHA President Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN and Vice-President Bekir METİN informed about 2009 World Congress preparations. It is explained that, as the host of the Congress to be held in Istanbul, TPHA has been working with Governmental Institutions, Universities, NGOs, International Agencies and Private Sector in close cooperation since 2004.

As environment, Environmental health and global warming are one of the significant issues that Ministry of Environment and Forestry is in charge, the importance of close cooperation with this Ministry was emphasized and the TPHA expectations were expressed. After these information Mr. Undersecretary expressed their support for the World Health Congress promised to delegate one of the sections of the Ministry for this issue.

- **Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General of International Organizations**

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice president of TPHA visited Mr. Levent ŞAHİNKAYA, Deputy Director-General for International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on **07 May 2007**. They discussed the progress of 2009 World Congress preparations and the strategy to be followed during the 60. World Health Assembly, to be held in 12- 23 May 2007, in Geneva.

- **Visit to Deputy Under Secretary of Ministry of Health**

Prof. Dr. Sabahattin AYDIN, Deputy Under Secretary of Ministry of Health and member of the Executive Board of WHO was visited at his office, on **03 May 2007** and he was informed about the latest developments of 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparations and about the works to be done.

- **Visit to Directorate General of Family Planning and Maternity Child Health of Ministry of Health**

Dr. Rifat KÖSE, Director General of Family Planning and Maternity Child Health (AÇSAP) of Ministry of Health and Dr. İbrahim AÇIKALIN, Deputy Director General of AÇSAP were visited at their offices on **27 April 2007** by Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA and they exchanged views about the 2009 World Congress.

- **Visit to Director General of Primary Health Care of Ministry of Health**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Turan BUZMAN, General Director, was visited at his office, on **17 April 2007**, by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA and was informed about the progress of 2009 World Congress preparations and discussed detail of the cooperation subjects with Ministry of Health.

- **Visit to Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs**

Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA visited Dr. Nihat PAKDİL, Deputy Under Secretary and Acting General Director of Protection and Control of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on **09 April 2007** and discussed the support of the Ministry to 2009 World Congress to be held in Istanbul. Mr. Mustafa EMREM, Chief of the Department of Protection Zoonosis Diseases, also participated in this meeting.

- **Visit to Directorate General of Anatolia News Agency (AA)**

Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA visited Directorate General Anatolia News Agency and met with Mr. Sefa TEKELİ, Mr. Rahmi ÖZYAZGAN, Senior Officials; Mr. Serdar DOĞAN, Domestic News Director and Mrs. Eda ÜNLÜ, Health News Correspondent.

They discussed about the strategy to be followed for the media promotion of 12. World Congress on Public Health in national and international level. They furthermore expressed the support of AA to the Public Health Campaign, planned to be realized in cooperation with the General Directorate Of Turkish Radio and TV Corporation (TRT) with Ministry of Health

1.3.2 Meetings with International Organizations and UN Agencies in Turkey

- **Meeting At International Children Centre (ICC)**

An evaluation meeting of 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparations was held at International Children Centre (ICC) on **25 December 2007** chaired by Prof. Dr. Münevver BERTAN, General Director of ICC.

Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Head of Public Health Department of Medicine Faculty of Hacettepe University; Prof. Dr. Nazmi BILIR, President of Scientific Committee of National Tobacco Control and Health Committee; Prof. Dr. Hilal OZCEBE, President of Public Health Specialist Association (HASUDER); Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of Turkish

Public Health Association (TPHA) and Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA were participated in that meeting.

In order to make 2009 World Congress on Public Health a success, parties agreed to continue cooperation; to give necessary support on sponsorship services and on programming; to introduce World Congress on their web-page and on other publications; to make contributions at scientific and international committees as ICC.

- **Visit to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Turkey**

Mr. Bekir METİN, General Coordinator of 2009 World Public Health Congress, visited UNFPA on **21 August 2007** and met with Dr. Gökhan YILDIRIMKAYA, Programme Coordinator of UNFPA Reproductive Health Programme and Dr. Selen ÖRS, Programme Coordinator of UNFPA Population and Development Programme and exchanged views about the World Congress on Public Health preparations.

- **Invitation of Mr. Kemal DERViŞ, President of UNDP to 2009 World Public Health Congress**

Mr. Kemal DERViS, President of UNDP was invited to Turkey by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, with an official letter dated **11 July 2007** in order to deliver a speech at the 2009 World Congress on Public Health, to be held İstanbul.

Mr. Kemal DERViS is the President of UNDP since 15 August 2005 and is expected to stay at his post until 15 August 2009. Mr. DERViS is holding one of the most important posts in the UN system after UN General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary. With a 3 billion Dolar budget, UNDP is one of the biggest UN Agencies. UNDP makes efforts to eliminate poverty and to improve the economies of developing countries.

- **Visit to Regional Environmental Center in Turkey**

Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President and General Coordinator of 2009 World Congress on Public Health, visited Dr. Sibel Sezer ERALP, Director of Regional Environmental Center in Turkey, on **4 July 2007** and asked for working together in the preparation activities of 2009 World Congress on Public Health and 2011 European Public Health Congress.

1.3.3 Meetings with NGOs and Professional Associations

- **Meeting with Officers of the Ankara Office of TEMA Foundation (The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats)**

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) authorizes met with the officials of Ankara Office of TEMA Foundation, on **01 August 2007**, at TEMA Office in Ankara, and gave information on the progress of 2009 World Congress on Public Health activities and requested cooperation in the framework of 2009 World Congress Programme.

Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA, Sermin KÖK, Deputy General Coordinator of 2009 World Congress on Public Health, Barış KAHRIMAN, Member of The Executive Board of TPHA, Mukadder EKREMOGLU, Representative of TEMA Foundation in Ankara, Küşat YILDIRIM, Deputy Representative of TEMA Foundation, Şerife ŞAHİN and Cevahir ÇALKAVUR members of TEMA participated in this meeting.

- **Meeting with the Management Team of Veterinary Medical Association**

TPHA authorities met with the management team of Veterinary Medical Association, on **30 July 2007**, at their office and gave information on the progress of 2009 World Congress on Public Health activities and Veterinary Public Health issues were also taken up to seek the ways to include them in 2009 World Congress Programme.

- **Meeting with the Officials of Turkish Pharma Union and Associations**

Mr. Bekir METİN, General Coordinator of 2009 World Public Health Congress and Vice President of TPHA visited Mr. Turgut TOKGÖZ, General Secretary of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Turkey and Nurgun ÖRGEN, Deputy General Secretary of Association of Research- Based Pharmaceutical Companies, on 22 June 2007, and issues concerning their contribution and sponsorship to 2009 World Public Health Congress were taken up.

- **Attendance to the General Assembly of Veterinary Medical Association**

65th General Assembly of Veterinary Medical Association was held on **21 April 2007**, at Centre of The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) . Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA and Mr. Barış KAHRIMAN, Member of The Board of Management of TPHA participated in the meeting.

In his speech Mr. METİN, proposed cooperation on hosting World and/or European Veterinary Congress in Turkey and thanked for their decision on attendance to 2009 World Congress on Public Health will be held in Istanbul.

1.3.4 Sponsorship Activities for 2009 World Public Health Congress

- Meeting with the officials of the Turkish Industrialists and Businessmen Association (TUSIAD) on **28 September 2007** in **Istanbul**
- Meeting with Turkish Union of Banks on **20 September 2007** in **Istanbul**.
- Meeting with Nestle Food Co. On **20 September 2007** in **Istanbul**.
- In order to obtain financial funds from the Prime Ministry Promotional Fund, format project under the title of "2009 World Congress on Public Health" has been completed and delivered to the relevant governmental bodies between **12–24 March 2007**.
- Meeting with the officials of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Turkey and Association of Research- Based Pharmaceutical Companies between **18 January and 22 June 2007** in **Istanbul**.
- Moreover, contacts have been done with health, pharmaceutical, chemical, food and hygen sector representatives who are considered as potential sponsors and contributors to the public health. As of 2008 January, activities at this direction will be expedited.

1.3.5 Other Works Regarding 2009 World Public Health Congress

- **Contribution provided to Preliminary Draft Programme of 2009 World Congress on Public Health**

2009 World Public Health Congress Preliminary Draft Programme which was drawn up by Prof.Dr. Samir Banoob, member of the International Planning Committee on **14 Nov. 2007** sent by Mrs. Barbara Hatcher, Secretary-General of WFPHA to the members of WFPHA Boarding Management and members of WFPHA and International Planning Committee was translate into Turkish and put into the web page (www.t-hasak.org) of TPHA. Draft programme was also sent to more than 350 organizations in Turkey. The feed back from the organizations were evaluated and the result was sent to the Parties.

- **Cooperation Offer from Officials of Expo Show Fair Org.Co.**

Prof. Dr. Hikmet Pekcan and Mr. Bekir Metin met with the officials of EXPO Show Fair Org. Co. on **5 November 2007**. During their meeting Mr. Ozkan Catmaz, Director-General, Mrs. Aysem Arslanoglu, Fair Manager and Mrs. Yeliz Ozalhas, Sales Manager explained that their co. is willing to organise "1th Ankara Health Centers and Equipments Fair" in Ankara Ataturk Kultur Merkezi on 14-16 March 2008 with the support of TPHA and offered cooperation in the field of the 2009 World Congress on Public Health.

- **Official Correspondence to 2009 World Public Health Congress Stake Holders for Information and Support (November and December 2007)**

In order to strengthen cooperation between stake holders, Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) sent a brief summary of the result of its activities carried out in national and international level after the decision taken that Turkey will be the host of 2009 World Congress on Public Health. All the activities concerning 2009 World Congress are regularly published on web-page of the congress (www.worldpublichealth2009.org) and web-page of TPHA (www.t-hasak.org).

- **Advertorial Film for the Publicity of 2009 World Public Health Congress**

A 5-10 minute long film for the publicity of 2009 World Congress on Public Health is produced since **June 2007** in order to promote 2009 World Congress in national and international level.

The visual and written documentation received from WHO, WFPHA and other UN agencies have been used in this 8 minute long film and produced by Bilge Yapim Arsivi and its crew. The film was prepared bilingual; Turkish and English are ready for use.

- **Questionnaire For 2009 World Public Health Congress**

A Questionnaire has been prepared for the 2009 World Congress on Public Health to be held in Istanbul, between 27 April- 01 May 2009 and hosted by TPHA (www.t-hasak.org) in cooperation with WFPHA (www.wfpha.org).

In this questionnaire, institutions and associations were asked for their ideas about who they prefer to see in the committees, about sub themes of the Congress and keynote speakers on **30th April 2007**. The results of this questionnaire have been shared with WFPHA Management and related institutions.

2. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA); in the framework of common efforts intensified since 2004 with World Federation Public Health Association (WFPHA), European Public Health Association (EUPHA), European Union (EU), World Health Organization (WHO), TPHA has started projects with EU. Efforts to host World and European Public Health Congresses have become more concrete. Consequently it is decided that 2009 World Congress on Public Health will be held in Turkey. An official application was made in order to host 2011 European Public Health Conference in Turkey. The relationship between TPHA and UN Agencies in Turkey (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIDO, FAO, UNHCR, ILO, WHO, World Bank, IOM) are improved.

2.1. United Nation (UN) Agencies

- **UN Global Compact**

“UN Global Compact 2007 Communication on Progress Report (COP)” was prepared by TPHA which signed UN Global Compact on 21 November 2006, and sent to UN Global Compact Secretariat on **21 November 2007**. The Report has been endorsed and published on their web-page (www.unglobalcompact.org).

The Survey, containing 17 questions, received from UN Global Compact with a deadline of **20 August 2007**, is completed on 18 August 2007 by TPHA and sent to Ms. Olajobi MAKINWA, Coordinator of NGOs UN Global Compact office.

The cooperation and close contacts with World Health Organization (**WHO**), **UNICEF**, , **UNFPA**, **FAO** and all other UN Agencies continues. The information about activities in the framework of 2009 World Congress on Public Health were shared and common activities with the UN Agencies continues.

- **World Health Organization(WHO)**

World Health Day, 7 April 2007; A conference was held on **11 April 2007** by Health Sciences Department of **Ankara University**, on the occasion of World Health Day. The theme was “International Health Security and Turkey”. Mr. Mehmet KONTAŞ, Liaison of WHO Office in Turkey made a presentation.

Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA said that all the activities and documents of WHO have been translated to Turkish by TPHA and published in their web-page in his speech during the Conference (www.t-hasak.org). Moreover he informed the attendees about the 2009 World Congress and offered to organize a big event on the occasion of World Health Day on 7 April 2008 together with TPHA. Policy documents of WHO were translated to Turkish and published in the web-page of TPHA.

2.2. World Federations of Public Health Association (WFPHA)

All of the WFPHA policy documents (40) were translated to Turkish for better understanding and implementation. And they were published in TPHA’s web-page (www.t-hasak.org).

Prof. Dr. Hikmet Pekcan, President of TPHA participated in “WFPHA Strategic Plan Preparation Meeting” , on 30 April – 01 May 2007, in Bellegio/Italy, held by Members of Executive Board and Secretariat of WFPHA. The preparations of 2009 World Congress on Public Health were reviewed.

2.3. European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

All of the received documents and information from EUPHA were published in our web-page and sended to our members. More over, the activities of TPHA mentioned in this report have been shared with EUPHA Executive Board, Presidents of the member Associations to EUPHA.

- **The Annual Meeting Of The European Public Health Association And 15th European Public Health Conference, 10–13 October 2007, Helsinki, Finland**

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2.4. European Union (EU)

- **Turkey EU Reproductive Health Programme (2003–2007)**

“Turkey Reproductive Health Programme” based on financial agreement signed on December 2001, between EU and Ministry of Health of Turkey, was started on January 2003 and continued 48 months.

The purpose of the Programme is to promote sexual and reproductive Health of Turkey’s population particularly women.

The activities and outcomes of the Project were shared at the closure meeting of the Project, held on **10–11 September 2007**, at **Ankara Hilton Hotel**. Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA participated at this meeting. The information about “The Project of to Create Awareness on Reproductive Health of Employees and Employers” and 2009 World Congress were shared and 2009 World Congress brochures distributed.

- **EU Accession Process, Screening and Evaluation**

Within the framework of the EU Accession Process, as of January 2006, TPHA took its place among NGOs accredited in the screening process opened for 35 chapters for contribution and consultation.

Since TPHA took its place among partner NGOs who will work together on the closed chapters and as well as on the chapters that will start from the beginning of 2007. TPHA made contributions by delivering its opinions on the following subjects:

— **On the chapter “to Protect Health and Consumer”**

TPHA submitted its views and proposals to EU General Secretariat (ABGS), about general attitude, implementation capacity of *acquis communautaire* in the framework of the letter of ABGS dated **18 July 2007**, numbered 1569.

TPHA’s opinion was asked on the issues in its fields such as chapter 12: policy of food safety, veterinary and plant health; chapter 26: education and culture, chapter 27: environment and chapter 28: to protect health and consumer in the letter received from ABGS dated 21 March 2007, numbered 666. TPHA sent its views and proposals with its letter dated **30 March 2007** and numbered 71.

- **Cooperation with EU-TURKEY Cooperation Association(TURKAB)**

Evaluation meeting of EU Platform Activities was held in Ankara, on **24 May 2007** by EU-Turkey Cooperation Association (TURKAB), located in Istanbul.

TURKAB met with 21 NGOs in order to discuss NGOs cooperation on EU Accession Process of Turkey, on **28 March 2007** and decided to establish EU Platform. President and Vice President of TPHA participated in these meetings.

- **Call For 2007 Proposal For EU Public Health Action Programme**

The presentation meeting of "Call for 2007 Proposal of EU Public Health Action Programme" held on **8 March 2007**, at Hifzısıhha Necmettin Alkış Conference Hall organized by EU Coordination Department of Ministry of Health and Refik Saydam Hygiene Centre.

Governmental Institutions, Universities, NGOs and Representatives of Private Sector that related with EU Projects participated in this meeting. Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA attended to the meeting as representative of TPHA and talked about the TPHA's contributions to the subject.

- **Project to Create Awareness on Workers and Business Circles on Reproductive Health**

Closure Meeting of this Project which was supported by Turkish Public Health Association as well, was held on **16 January 2007** with attendance of Minister of Health Prof.Dr. Recep AKDAĞ and Minister of Labor and Social Security Mr. Murat BAŞESGİÖĞLU.

"Project to Create Awareness on Workers and Business Circles on Reproductive Health" received funding from EU in the scope of Turkey Reproductive Health Programme concluded between EU and Ministry of Health of Turkey which was started on **18 January 2006**, and continued 12 months.

3. TRAINING AND PUBLICATIONS

3.1 Activities of TPHA for Elementary School Children

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) realized general health examination and organized conferences about adolescent health under the topic of "have you ever been teen ager?" for the students of Primary and Secondary Schools during year of 2007. During the mentioned screenings, the children in need of audio support devices and glasses were also selected and support was given who has no social security. Some students those who have no social security and have health problem were taken to the Medical Faculty of Hacettepe University for advanced analysis, diagnosis and treatment. General health screenings were realized in following schools during whole year:

- 100 kindergarten and first grade students from Ankara-**Ulus İlk Meclis Primary School** were examined by TPHA, Ankara Hisar Lions Club and Cankaya Labor Health and Safety Center on **26 December 2007**. Prof.Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Dr. Ersin ASLANTURK, Member of Executive Board implied that examination on early ages is very important in preventing disease and prevention is cheaper than treatment.
- A seminar was organized about adolescent health for all students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade, at **Öğretmenler Secondary School** in Ankara-**Hasanoglan** Town, on **7 December 2007**. Sdutens were fully informed for the problems that may come out.
- Prof.Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, gave lesson to the 9th and 10th grade students from "**Anadolu Endustri Meslek" High School**, on adolescent health and mental health (violence, sexuality, dicipline and toxicomania) on **3 December 2007**.

- General health screening was made to first and second grade students at **Ankara-Tevfik Ileri Primary School** on **24 May 2007**.
- General health screening made for the 1st and 2nd grade pupils of the **Dr. Kazim Mihcioglu Primary School** in the months of **January, February and March of 2007**.
- A conference under the topic of “have you ever been teen ager” was given by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA at the some school and in **Haymana** for the parents of primary school students. During the conferences, recognition of the body during the juvenile age (puberty), drugs, violence, sexuality and discipline etc. were taken up.
- A conference under the topic of “Fundamental Features of the Students of Secondary School” were given to the teachers of the all schools in **Hasanoglan**. Issue is taken up in the triangle of student-parent-teacher and necessary advices were given. TPHA undertook the cost of a multi purpose hall in order to provide drama education which is known as one of the methods of interactive learning.

3.2. Published Books, Prospectus, Documents and Communications via e-mail

- Monthly reporting of activities to members and public health circles via e-mail.
- Delivering information and communication files to State Organizations, Universities, NGOs and Professional Organizations, relevant UN and other International Agencies in the field of medicine and health.
- To put information’s about the activities related with 2009 World Congress on Public Health done in national and international level, in the web pages of Turkish Public Health Association (www.t-hasak.org) and 2009 World Public Health Congress (www.worldpublichealth2009.org) and monitor them.
- Delivering speeches and writing articles concerning public health in the media by TPHA Executive Board members and members.
- All policy documents of World Health Organization and World Federation Public Health Association that provide guide ness in implementation and improvement of Public Health, were translated and published in our web-page.
- Turkish and English presentations CDs and leaflets have done in order to make 2009 World Congress on Public Health advertising properly.
- Moreover, an informative and sponsorship file has been prepared and distributed to the relevant institutions that includes information’s and progress about the Works have been done in the frame work of 2009 World Congress.

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