

## **WFPHA POLICY COMMITTEE (WPC) REPORT (draft) 2007/2008**

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Meeting of the Policy Committee May 16, 10.00-12.00

The WPC continued to publish the Federation's Pages in the Journal of Public Health Policy which become increasingly a public archive of the Association's activities.

Editorials were provided in 2007 by Alena Petrakova on Knowledge Management for Public Health, by Ulrich Laaser on Challenging Developments in Universal Insurance Coverage, by Deborah Klein-Walker on APHA and WFPHA Work for Global Public Health Vision, by Federico Paredes on The Global Relevance of the Knowledge in Public Health, and by Anders Foldspang on Developing the Public Health Workforce in Europe: Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (Aspher).

Reports were published on the Bangladesh Health Watch, Social Health Insurance, on the WFPHA Strategic Plan, on the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in Belgrade, Serbia, 2007, and on Strengthening Public Health Associations, an Initiative of the Canadian Public Health Association.

In addition meeting reports, other WFPHA business and a Secretary General's Column were published as available.

In parallel the other business like proceeding draft resolutions and inviting PHA's to contribute was followed. However, as the available volume in the JPHP is increasingly limited due to the improved scientific status of the journal, there are more contributions than can be published at the moment.

Proposals for further activities:

- 1) WFPHA Strategic Goal 1 on Prioritizing Global Public Health Policy, especially concerted activities on hunger and war.
- 2) Preparing policy relevant sessions in Istanbul 2009.
- 3) Commenting on "National Public Health Institutes: Contributing to the Public Good" (in: JPHP 1/2008: 3-21).