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Reducing Alcohol Problems in the Baltic Sea Region

International Conference on Effective Approaches to Tackle Alcohol Related Problems in Local Communities

Riga, Latvia, 12 – 13 March 2007

Programme

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Monday, 12 March**09.00 Registration****09.30 -10:00 Opening of conference**

Chair: Ms. Eva Ekmehag, Swedish Delegate to Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) of the Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Rapporteur: Ms. Kerstin Ödman, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Words of welcome; introduction

- Mr. Christer Persson, Ambassador, Chairman of the CBSS CSO
- Ms. Inga Smate, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia

10.00 – 10:30 Plenary**Key note presentation**

”Situation analysis and trends (consumption, consequences and policy development)”.

Mr. Dag Rekve, WHO

10.30 – 11:00 Coffee break**11.00 – 12:30 Plenary**

Round table: ”How to resolve the tension between the public health and trade interests in the alcohol field? Alcohol policies in general at national level and international level”.

Facilitator: Mr. Mikko Vienonen, Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS)

Participants:

- *Mr. Sven Andréasson, Swedish National Institute for Public Health: “Combining national control policy and local community prevention”*
- *Ms. Daria A. Khaltourina, Russian State Academy for Civil Services by the President of Russia, and Mr. Andrey Korotayev, Russian State University for the Humanities: “The perspectives of application of the basic principles of alcohol policy in the North East Europe”*
- *Ms. Maria Renström, European Commission (SANCO): “Analysis of the significance of the new EU alcohol strategy for the new Member States and countries outside the EU”*
- *Mr. Haik Nikogosian, WHO-EURO: “Framework for alcohol policy in the WHO European Region”*

12.30 – 13:30 Lunch

13.30 – 14:45 Plenary

Chair: Mr. Haik Nikogosian, WHO-EURO

Rapporteur: Ms. Elisabet Aldenberg, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

National Conference “Efficient Alcohol Control Policy in Latvia: a basis for improved public health as well as country overall development.” 8 March, 2007.

Ms. Inga Smate, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia.

Alcohol related mortality in Russia and opportunities to reduce it

Ms. Yulia Mikhaylova, Federal Public Health Institute, Russia

Alcohol policy of Slovenia

Ms. Vesna-Kerstin Petrič, Ministry of Health, Slovenia

14.45 – 15:15 Coffee break**15.15 – 17:30 Parallel workshops:****Workshop 1. Strategies to reduce harm caused to children in families with alcohol problems**

- policies, strategies, implementation in practise

Chair: Mr. Lars Lööf, Children’s Unit, CBSS

Rapporteur: Ms. Elisabet Aldenberg, Sweden

- How to identify children at risk – the role of pre-school, school, school health care, social services and other actors
- Methods to support children and parents
- Important conclusions of the workshop

Workshop 2. Preventive strategies for identifying hazardous and harmful use of alcohol in the population, for early intervention

- policies, strategies, implementation in practise

Chair: Ms. Mayya Rusakova, Russia

Rapporteur: Ms. Karin Nilsson Kelly, Sweden

- Identification of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol: screening and brief intervention, directed at different groups of the population
- Preventive strategies in first contacts and Primary Health Care settings such as maternal health care; child health care, school and student health care, elderly care etc.
- Important conclusions of the workshop

Workshop 3. Alcohol prevention in different societal settings

- policies, strategies, implementation in practise

Chair: Mr. Kari Paaso, Finland

Rapporteur: Ms. Kerstin Ödman, Sweden

- Reducing the availability of alcohol to children and young people: effective age control, family programs
- Collaboration with bars, discoteques, restaurants and other actors in the local society, such as public transports
- Role of working environment to identify, alleviate and react to alcohol problems at work
- Important conclusions of the workshop

17.30 End of first day

19.00 Buffet reception at the invitation of the Embassy of Sweden

Address: J. Alunana iela 7, Riga

Host: Ms. Anna-Lisa Trulsson Evidon, Chargé d'Affaires

Tuesday, 13 March

09.00 – 10:30 Workshops continue

10.30 – 11:00 Coffee

11.00 – 12:00 Workshops continue

12.00 – 13:00 Lunch

13.00 – 15:00 Plenary

Chair: Mr. Audrius Ščeponavičius, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania and Representative of the Chair of the NDPHS

Rapporteur: Mr. Mikko Vienonen, NDPHS

Short reports from rapporteurs on the discussions, conclusions in the workshops. Participants will be invited to share the most important ideas for them to bring back to their administrations

Summary and conclusions

Mr. Sven Andréasson, National Institute of Public Health, Sweden

15.00 End of Conference

Coffee