

*Dear Colleagues*

*We are delighted to welcome you all to Yerevan, Armenia, and the American University of Armenia. This Annual Meeting of ASPHER will be unusual for a number of reasons:*

- *For the first time it is being held in one of the countries of the Newly Independent States*
- *In addition to the membership of ASPHER, we have invited to the conference participants from the schools of public health of the Eastern Mediterranean Region as well as Africa*
- *For the first time, we are holding a major public health conference of this size in Yerevan*

*We hope that beyond its business and regular sessions, this Meeting will provide us an opportunity to*

- *Share some common concerns in public health and the education of future generations of health professionals,*
- *Learn from each other's experiences, and*
- *Know each other better.*

*The Organizing as well as the Scientific Committee will do their utmost to facilitate the Conference proceedings as well as help you with your individual needs.*

*We would also like to help you spend more time in discovering Armenia and make this visit a most positive and unusual experience.*

*An experience that you hopefully will repeat in the future.*



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## Keynote Speakers

### DONALD A. HENDERSON, MD, MPH



D.A. Henderson is Professor of Public Health and Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and Resident Fellow of the Center for Biosecurity of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is Dean Emeritus of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a Founding Director (1998) of the Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies. From November 2001 through April 2003, he served as Director of the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and, later, as Principal Science Advisor, in the Office of Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Henderson's previous positions include: Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (1990-93); Dean of the Faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health (1977-90); and Director of the World Health Organization's global smallpox eradication campaign (1966-77).

In 2002, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He is the recipient also of the National Medal of Science; the National Academy of Sciences' Public Welfare Medal; and the Japan Prize, shared with two colleagues. He has received honorary degrees from 16 universities and special awards from 19 countries.

Dr. Henderson serves as an advisor to many organizations in the United States and abroad. His roles in this capacity include: Chairman of the Technical Advisory Group on Vaccines of the Pan American Health Organization; Chairman of the National Advisory Council on Public Health Emergency Preparedness; Chairman of the WHO ad hoc Orthopoxvirus Advisory Committee. He is a Member of the Institute of Medicine; a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; an Honorary Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine of Mexico; an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London; an Honorary Member of the Royal Society of Medicine; and is a Fellow of a number of professional medical and public health societies.

Dr. Henderson is a member of the editorial board for the peer-reviewed journal, *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice and Science*. Additionally, he has authored more than 200 articles and scientific papers, 31 book chapters, and is coauthor of the renowned *Smallpox and Its Eradication* (Fenner F, Henderson DA, Arita I, Jezek A, and Ladnyi ID. 1988. Geneva: World Health Organization), the authoritative history of the disease and its ultimate demise.

Dr. Henderson, a Lakewood, Ohio native, graduated from Oberlin College, from the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He served as medical resident at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, New York.

## **HUDA C. ZURAYK, MA, PhD**



Dr. Huda Zurayk is presently the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut, in Lebanon, a position she has held since September of 1998. Dr. Zurayk earned her undergraduate degree in Statistics from the American University of Beirut in 1965, received an MA in Statistics from Harvard University in 1966, and completed her PhD in Biostatistics from The Johns Hopkins University in 1974. Dr. Zurayk joined the American University of Beirut as Assistant Professor in 1974, progressing to Professor in 1985.

In 1987 she joined the Population Council Regional Office for West Asia and North Africa in Cairo, as Senior Representative and then as Senior Research Associate. During her eleven years tenure at the Population Council, Dr. Zurayk established the Regional Reproductive Health Working Group that continues today as a multi-disciplinary network of researchers throughout the Region examining issues critical to reproductive health.

Dr. Zurayk has participated in a number of advisory boards and professional organizations throughout the world. Most recently, she was a member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies in South Africa from 2002-2005. She was member of the Scientific and Ethical Review Group (1991-93) and of the Social Science Task Force (1994-99) of the Special Program of Research Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction of the World Health Organization, Geneva. She was also a member of the Reproductive Health Panel of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences from 1994 until 1995. She served two terms as an elected member of the Council of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population from 1993 to 2001.

## Andrija Stampar Award

Each year, during its Annual Conference, the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) awards the prestigious Andrija Stampar Medal to a distinguished person for excellence in the field of Public Health. The medal itself is named after Doctor Andrija Stampar from Croatia.

*"Doctor Andrija Stampar was born in the Croatian countryside 100 years ago. His parents were schoolteachers and moved around the country a lot. This gave him many opportunities to observe the daily life of the people.*

*He qualified in medicine in Graz during the period of the Habsburg Empire. There was no medical school in Croatia at that time. In the 1920s he worked in a senior position in the newly created Ministry of Health in Belgrade. Apparently at this time he was very outspoken about what needed to be done.*

*In the period 1927/8 he founded the School of Public Health in Zagreb, with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. From this base he began to develop the public health system for the whole of Yugoslavia. As a result of these successful activities he was invited by the King to take up the cabinet post of Minister of the Interior. He accepted subject to certain conditions, which the King did not accept. Subsequently he went to China as an official of the League of Nations, and set up a fledgling public health system under its auspices.*

*He spent the period of the Second World War in prison, but in 1945 was appointed as Professor of Social Medicine in Zagreb. He also served as Dean of the Medical School and as President of the Academy of Arts and Sciences of Croatia.*

*In 1946 he was president of the Interim Committee of WHO, charged with setting up its structures and constitution. It also drew up the famous definition of health. Professor Stampar was chairman of the first WHO General Assembly in 1948.*

*He died in 1958, tragically early, from a stroke."*

Speech by Professor Richard Madeley, Aspher Annual Conference, Torino, Italy, October 10-14, 1998.



This year the recipient is George Soros. On 18 September 2005, ASPHER will award its 13<sup>th</sup> Stampar Medal to Mr. George Soros of Open Society Institute (OSI), in recognition of OSI's support to the development and improvement of public health training in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

George Soros is chairman of the Open Society Institute and founder of a network of philanthropic organizations that are active in more than 50 countries. Based primarily in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union - but also in Africa,

Latin America, Asia, and the United States - these foundations are dedicated to building and maintaining the infrastructure and institutions of an open society. They work closely with OSI to develop and implement a range of programs focusing on civil society, education, media, public health, and human rights as well as social, legal, and economic reform.

Mr Michael Borowitz, Director of Open Society Institute's Public Health Programs, will accept the award on behalf of OSI's Public Health Programs.

## **Introduction**

A strong public health infrastructure provides the capacity to prepare for and respond to emerging and long standing public health challenges. Such an infrastructure serves as the foundation for planning, delivering, and evaluating public health and requires a well-educated and well-trained professional public health workforce. Assuring a competent public health workforce is vital to managing the health of a population.

In light of recent emerging threats such as bio-terrorism, the development and expansion of public health training programs are now receiving renewed interest from governmental and non-governmental public health agencies. Yet, these programs themselves have a major and indispensable role in developing new insights and innovative solutions to public health training, including the introduction of new educational formats and modalities, contemporary technologies and managerial/organizational options. The process of globalization and accompanying scientific and technological changes requires the schools to design programs corresponding to global and Western standards of excellence, at the same time responding to more pressing country-specific, local needs, which is often logistically and methodologically burdensome process. Often the decisions are made and transformations are initiated by public health schools in limited resource environments. In this state of affairs, the expansion and support of amicable working network of public health programs both on regional and global level, which would allow sharing experiences and collaboratively finding best approaches to old and new public health education issues, appears to be a necessary (but not sufficient) prerequisite for successful development.

The 27<sup>th</sup> ASPHER Annual conference will address the issues of development perspectives of Public Health schools in European and Mediterranean regions, revealing possible barriers and catalysts to the process of development. For the first time, the ASPHER conference will formally involve several schools of public health and health management from WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region, increasing the diversity of opinions, approaches, and methodologies and to expand the network of cooperating schools and faculty throughout the region. We hope that the conference will lead to better understanding of future trends and challenges in public health training globally, and will leave schools of public health with sound solutions and working approaches to these emerging challenges.

## **Conference themes**

1. Creating sustainable partnerships
2. Core public health competencies: Linking knowledge to real world practice
3. Evidenced based practice: Strengthening the link between health research capacity and policy development
4. Flexible learning: Cutting-edge learning techniques and technologies
5. Public Health training and global problems: Responding to migration, urbanization, poverty, and multi-cultural strife

## Pre-Conference Workshops

<b>Workshop 1:</b>	<b>Health Systems in Transition – Lessons Learned, Opportunities Lost</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>AUA Business Center, 9 Alex Manoogian</b>
<b>Faculty:</b>	Allan Krasnik, Institute of Public Health, University of Copenhagen Varduhi Petrosyan, American University of Armenia
<b>Date:</b>	15 and 16 September [9am - 5pm each day]
<b>Overview (Provisional):</b>	<p>The Observatory's periodic reports on health systems in transition (HiT) are a rich, roughly comparable data source for comparing and understanding the evolution of health systems in transition. Valuable opportunities are lost when lessons learned are not shared and applied.</p> <p>This workshop will address the major elements of ongoing reform processes in European health care. It will start with a common orientation defining terminology and reviewing methodology for analyzing and comparing reforms. The workshop will provide a conceptual and practical approach to assess and analyze health systems in transition, highlighting recent examples from HiT reports and identifying emerging trends and key issues to resolve. Guest lecturers will present several case studies on national and regional reforms, and an active discussion by participants will follow. One of the case studies will present the changes of the Nordic tax financed and decentralized publicly provided health care services emphasizing the organization of services, public/private mix, and evidence base for quality management. A session with the representatives of the European Observatory will be devoted to the discussion of how these HiT reports can be integrated as a resource into public health teaching programs.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>Workshop participants will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a conceptual and analytic framework for comparing and contrasting health systems</li><li>• Review and develop examples/case studies from the literature and personal experience</li><li>• Identify themes, trends, and lessons learned by examining a multitude of national case studies and clarify how these lessons can serve as a basis for strategic planning and management of health care services</li><li>• Guide the development of an analytic framework for a collaborative course utilizing the Health In Transition reports</li></ul>
<b>Target Audience:</b>	This workshop is intended for academicians and practitioners involved in health system design and assessment and/or health policy formulation.

<b>Workshop 2:</b>	<b>Prevention of blindness: Strategies for European and EMRO Regions</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>AUA Business Center, 9 Alex Manoogian</b>
<b>Faculty:</b>	Astrid Fletcher, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Naira Khachatryan, American University of Armenia
<b>Date:</b>	15 September [1pm - 5pm]
<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Recent population based studies coordinated by the WHO estimated approximately 37 million people worldwide are blind. Every year, an additional 1-2 million persons go blind. The major causes of blindness and low vision vary widely from region to region, being largely determined by socio-economic development and the availability of primary health care and eye care services.</p> <p>Blindness still remains one of the major public health problems in the Eastern Mediterranean and Eastern European Regions. In both regions the blind population is increasing daily, mainly due to the backlog of untreated cataracts. Without intervention, this number will double within the next twenty years.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>Workshop participants will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify main barriers to cataract surgery and suggest strategies to eliminate them</li> <li>• Provide recommendations on improving quality of cataract care</li> <li>• Discuss and identify mechanisms of integration of primary eye care into the existing primary health care system</li> <li>• Discuss human resource development for eye care</li> <li>• Examine current advocacy activities in eye care and recommend new approaches</li> <li>• Suggest strategies on expanding partnership between international blindness prevention NGOs and local ophthalmic centers</li> </ul>
<b>Target Audience:</b>	Ophthalmologists, ophthalmologists in training, eye care program managers, public health professionals interested in eye care, nurses

<b>Workshop 3:</b>	<b>Toolbox of Assessment Methods for Competence Assessment</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>AUA Business Center, 9 Alex Manoogian</b>
<b>Faculty:</b>	Ara Tekian, University of Illinois at Chicago
<b>Date:</b>	16 September [9am – 5pm]
<b>Overview:</b>	Public Health schools are increasingly interested to review educational programs, revise and update the essential competencies for public health professionals, and reevaluate assessment methods. Accreditation bodies are scrutinizing public health programs and among many issues inspecting assessment methods. This workshop will examine the current methods of assessment, and offer a toolbox consisting of a variety of instruments that could be used to assess any competency.
<b>Objectives:</b>	Participants at the end of the workshop should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examine and evaluate current assessment methods</li><li>• Explore new methods of assessment techniques</li><li>• Understand the psychometric properties of these assessment methods</li><li>• Select instruments which are appropriate to assess different public health competencies.</li></ul>
<b>Target Audience:</b>	Public health professionals, course directors, leaders, and decision-makers.

## Detailed Program for the 2005 ASPHER Conference in Yerevan

**Saturday, 17 September**  
**AUA Business Center, 9 Alex Manoogian**

09:00-12:00	<b>ASPHER Executive board</b> Restricted to ASPHER executive board members	Conference Hall
12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Cafeteria
13:30-15:30	<b>ASPHER General Assembly</b> Restricted to delegates of ASPHER member schools	Conference Hall
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	Conference Hall
16:00-18:00	<b>ASPHER General Assembly – continuation</b>	Conference Hall
18:00-19:00	<i>Light fare reception at the Museum of Folk-Art of Armenia accompanied by a performance of Speghany Youth Choir Buses depart AUA Business center at 18:00</i>	

**Saturday, 17 September**  
**AUA (main building), 40 Marshal Bagramian**

10:30-12:00	<b>Workshop 1</b> OSI Regional Cooperation Workshop <i>(Exploring partnerships with schools of public health to address HIV/AIDS in partnership with OSI and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, Malaria (GFATM) in Africa, Eurasia, Europe and Middle East)</i>  <b>Participants:</b> Academic program directors and deans of schools/faculties of public health, from countries of Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia <b>Part 1, Session 1</b>	Room 23A
12:00	<i>Transition to AUA Business Center, 9 Alex Manoogian</i>	

**Saturday, 17 September**  
**AUA Business Center, 9 Alex Manoogian**

12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Cafeteria
13:30-15:30	<b>Workshop 1</b> OSI Regional Cooperation Workshop <i>(Exploring partnerships with schools of public health to address HIV/AIDS in partnership with OSI and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, Malaria (GFATM) in Africa, Eurasia, Europe and Middle East)</i> Chairs: Linas Sumskas, Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania Michael Borowitz, OSI	Room 501
16:00-17:30	Ara Tekian, American University of Armenia, Armenia <b>Part 1, Session 2</b> <b>Part 1, Session 3</b>	

09:00-10:30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> ASPHER Annual Conference Official Welcome	Large auditorium
10:30-11:00	<b>Stampar Award Ceremony</b>	Large auditorium
11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	Lobby
11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Communication Session A</b> Public Health training and global problems: Responding to migration, urbanization, poverty, and multi-cultural strife Chair: Tatul Hakobyan, Ministry of Health, Armenia	Large auditorium
	<b>The Social Context of Public Health: Professional Training Needs in Armenia</b> Vincent O'Brien, St Martin's College, UK	
	<b>Model Village for Health program (MVH) of Isra University: A base line</b> Tufail Bhatti, Isra University, Pakistan	
	<b>IT&amp;C and Traditional Medicine across European and Asian Cultures (TMEA)</b> Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica, CEFPAS, Italy	
	<b>Positive Deviance as a basis for behavioral change in the management of obesity and compliance to the Mediterranean lifestyle</b> Elliot Berry, Braun School of Public Health, Israel	
11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Workshop 2</b> Public Health Training in the Context of an Enlarging Europe –PHETICE Thierry Louvet, ASPHER, France	Small auditorium
11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Student forum</b> Student research development	Room 23a
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Cafeteria
14:00-15:30	<b>Parallel Communication Session B</b> Core public health competencies: Linking knowledge to real world practice Chair: Ramune Kalediene, Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania	Large auditorium
	<b>The ways for improving the quality of education of PH workforce</b> Stojniew Sitko, Institute of Public Health, Poland	
	<b>Maximizing the public health role of community nurses</b> Selena Gray, University of the West of England, UK	
	<b>A Minimum Health Indicator Set for PH-SEE Countries</b> Ulrich Laaser, University of Bielefeld, Germany	
	<b>Public Health Ophthalmology Course for Eye Care Professionals in Armenia</b> Naira Khachatryan, American University of Armenia, Armenia	

14:00-15:30	<b>Parallel Workshop 3</b> OSI-ASPHER Julien Goodman, ASPHER, France	Small auditorium
14:00-15:30	<b>Parallel Student forum</b> Student research development	Room 23a
15:30 -16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	Lobby
16:00-17:30	<b>Parallel Communication Session C</b> Core public health competencies: Linking knowledge to real world practice Chair: Grace Sullivan, American University of Armenia, Armenia	Large auditorium
	<b>European accreditation of educational programs for the competitiveness of the PH workforce</b> Stojniew Sitko, Institute of Public Health, Poland	
	<b>New Concept of the Public Health Program in Republic of Macedonia</b> Dragan Gjorgjev, Republic Institute for Health Protection, Macedonia	
	<b>Decentralization and Public Health Education in Croatia</b> Aleksandar Dzakula, Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Croatia	
	<b>Sciento-metric analysis of the master thesis of MPH students</b> Lora Georgieva, Medical University, Bulgaria	
16:00-17:30	<b>Parallel Workshop 3 - continuation</b> OSI-ASPHER Julien Goodman, ASPHER, France	Small auditorium
16:00-17:30	<b>Parallel Student forum</b> Sharing experience	Room 23a
17:30-18:00	<b>Posters viewing</b>	Entrance Hall
18:15-19:00	<b>Concert by Komitas Quartet</b>	Large auditorium
20:00-23:00	<i>Dinner at Ojakh restaurant, Abovyan city</i> <i>Buses depart AUA main building at 19:30 sharp</i>	

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09:00-09:30	<b>Conference lecture</b> <i>New and Emerging Infections: Catalysts to Needed Change in Public Health</i> Donald A. Henderson, MD, MPH Dean Emeritus, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Service Professor, Professor of Medicine and Public Health, University of Pittsburgh Center for Biosecurity, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Large auditorium
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09:30-11:00	<b>Parallel Communication Session D</b> Evidenced based practice: Strengthening the link between health research capacity and policy development Chair: Ann Allen, Cardiff University, UK	Large auditorium
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	<b>Ethical Restrictions on International Recruitment of Health Professionals from Low-income Countries</b> Ulrich Laaser, University of Bielefeld, Germany	
	<b>Assessment of the feasibility of establishment of food fortification program in Republic of Macedonia</b> Dance Gudeva Nikovska, School of Public Health, Macedonia	
	<b>Tobacco control policy in Armenia: Translating evidence into practice</b> Narine Movsisyan, American University of Armenia, Armenia	
	<b>Birthing in the Arab region: how to translate research into policy?</b> Tamar Kabakian-Khasholian, American University of Beirut, Lebanon	
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09:30-11:00	<b>Parallel Workshop 4</b> Cooperation in the field of public health training from a global perspective Stojgniew Sitko, Institute of Public Health, Poland	Small auditorium
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09:30-11:00	<b>Parallel Student forum</b> Sharing experience	Room 23A
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11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	Lobby
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11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Communication Session E</b> Evidenced based practice: Strengthening the link between health research capacity and policy development Chair: Ann Allen, Cardiff University, UK	Large auditorium
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	<b>To Develop a Coherent Legislation on Prevention: The German Experience</b> Ulrich Laaser, University of Bielefeld, Germany	
	<b>Whose evidence, anyway?</b> Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica, CEFPAS, Italy	
	<b>Meeting the Challenge of Injection Drug Use and HIV Epidemic in Armenia</b> Karine Markosyan, World Bank, Ministry of Health, Armenia	
	<b>New projects in a health care services sector - learning and practicing project management.</b> Stojgniew Sitko, Institute of Public Health, Poland	

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11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Workshop 5</b> Exchanging experience: How can schools of public health engage with the wider community, Martin McKee, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK	Small auditorium
11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Student forum</b> Sharing experience	Room 23A
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Cafeteria
14:00 -15:30	<b>Parallel Communication Session F</b> Creating sustainable partnerships Chair: Lars Cernerud, Nordic School of Public Health, Sweden	Large auditorium
	<b>Continuous education in public health as a challenge for international collaboration</b> Dorota Szosland, Nofer Institute, Poland	
	<b>International Collaborative Partnership in Health Management Education</b> Mihran Nazaretyan, School of Health Care Management and Administration, Armenia	
	<b>Integration among Health Professionals in Sicily</b> Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica, CEFPAS, Italy	
	<b>Building Public Health Association in the Transition Countries of South Eastern Europe: The Example of Albania</b> Enver Roshi, University of Tirana, Albania	
	<b>The importance of sustainable partnerships for students.</b> Esther Slits, Maastricht University, The Netherlands	
14:00-15:30	<b>Parallel Workshop 6</b> PEER Review as a tool for continuous quality improvement in public health training, Ramune Kalediene, Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania	Small auditorium
14:00-15:30	<b>Parallel Workshop 1</b> OSI Regional Cooperation Workshop <i>(Exploring partnerships with schools of public health to address HIV/AIDS in partnership with OSI and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, Malaria (GFATM) in Africa, Eurasia, Europe and the Middle East)</i> Chairs: Linas Sumskas, Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania Michael Borowitz, OSI Ara Tekian, American University of Armenia, Armenia	Room 23A
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	Lobby

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16:00 -17:30	<b>Parallel Communication Session G</b> Creating sustainable partnerships Chair: Lars Cernerud, Nordic School of Public Health, Sweden	Large auditorium
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<b>ASPHER: Damp Squib or the Powder's Keeper</b> Jeffrey Levett, NSPH, Greece		
<b>Development of professional Public Health education in Tajikistan</b> Zumrat Maksudova, Tajik State Medical University, Tajikistan		
<b>Quality Development of Public Health Teaching Programs in Croatia: Lessons Learnt</b> Gordana Pavlekovic, Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Croatia		
<b>ERASMUS MUNDUS Application: a Masters Consortium Approach for High Quality Services to Third-Country Students and Scholars</b> Fanny Heliott, Ecole Nationale de la Sant Publique, France		
<b>European partnership: a solution for the challenge of the increasing dependence of ageing people</b> Hlne Malterre, Ecole Nationale de la Sant Publique, France		
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16:00-17:30	<b>Parallel Workshop 7</b> ASPHER Membership Criteria and standards Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica, CEFPAS, Italy & Anders Foldspang, Univresity of Aarhus, Denmark	Small auditorium
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16:00-17:30	<b>Parallel Workshop 1</b> OSI Regional Cooperation Workshop <i>(Exploring partnerships with schools of public health to address HIV/AIDS in partnership with OSI and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, Malaria (GFATM) in Africa, Eurasia, Europe and the Middle East)</i> Chairs: Linas Sumskas, Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania Michael Borowitz, OSI Ara Tekian, American University of Armenia, Armenia	Room 23A
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17:30-18:00	<b>Posters viewing</b>	Entrance Hall
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20:00-23:00	<b><i>Conference Dinner at Nor Dzoraberd restaurant</i></b> <b><i>Busses depart hotels at 19:30 sharp</i></b>	

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09:00-09:30	<p><b>Conference lecture</b>  <i>Reaching beyond boundaries in academic public health: the case of the American University of Beirut</i>  Huda Zurayk, MA, PhD  Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences,  American University of Beirut</p>	Large auditorium
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Parallel Communication Session H</b>  Flexible learning:  Cutting-edge learning techniques and technologies  Chair: Elliot Berry, Braun School of Public Health, Israel</p> <hr/> <p><b>Innovation in Training Human Resources for Health through Quality Distance Learning Programmes</b>  Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica, CEFPAS, Italy</p> <p><b>Using on-line virtual classroom and video-conferencing systems as a tool for public health education and research at the Trnava University in Slovakia</b>  Marek Majdan, Trnava University, Slovakia</p> <p><b>Accreditation Systems Dashboard for Schools of Public Health</b>  Nadim Haddad, American University of Beirut, Lebanon</p> <p><b>Growing a public health workforce in Sandwell, UK</b>  John Middleton, Birmingham University, UK</p> <p><b>The challenge of Bologna: the European public health training in transition</b>  Roza Adany, University of Debrecen, Hungary</p>	Large auditorium
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Parallel Workshop 8</b>  Strengthening health systems in developing countries:  Human resources development via eLearning.  Alena Petrakova, WHO, Switzerland,  Tom Cook, University of Iowa, USA</p>	Small auditorium
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Parallel Student forum</b>  Plans for future collaboration</p>	Room 23a
11:00-11:30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>	Lobby
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Closing ceremony, Best poster award</p>	Large auditorium
12.30 – 14.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	Cafeteria
14.00 –18.00	<p><i>Optional: Guided tour to Echmiadzin (Holy See of the Armenian Apostolic Church)</i></p>	

## Posters

**Posters viewing:**  
**Sunday, 18 September 17:30-18:00**  
**Monday, 19 September 17:30-18:00**  
**AUA (main building), 40 Marshal Bagramian**  
**Entrance Hall**

<b>Health-express</b>	Ulrikke Bryde Nielsen Copenhagen University	Denmark
<b>Expenditures For Health Care In Kazakhstan</b>	Maksut Kulzhanov Kazakhstan School of Public Health	Kazakhstan
<b>Capacity strengthening for health research in public health training to improve population health in Kazakhstan</b>	Madina Takenova Kazakhstan School of Public Health	Kazakhstan
<b>Baseline Quality of Life Survey for the Evaluation of Support to Mobile Medical Teams Program in Lori and Gegharkunik, Armenia 2004</b>	Anush Sahakyan World Vision, Armenia	Armenia
<b>Title: Midwives Supportive Role in Prevention of Postpartum Depression</b>	Roshanak Zahraei Esfahan Medical University	Iran
<b>Comparative Study on the effect of Occupation and Socio-economic Status of Mothers on their Children s health trend</b>	Ahmad Bozorgzad Islamic Azad University	Iran
<b>A Review of Quality Assurance in the German Health System: a Complex Transition Process</b>	Ulrich Laaser University of Bielefeld	Germany
<b>A Review of the evidence for long-term use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)</b>	Lisbet Schmolker Master of Public health	Denmark
<b>Development of a useful evaluation method of short-term post-education courses for health professionals. Systematic efforts in health counseling a post-education course from The Clinical Unit of Health Promotion in Hospitals</b>	Jutta Skau University of Copenhagen	Denmark
<b>The experience of development of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines</b>	Rafail Kipshakbayev Kazakhstan School of Public Health	Kazakhstan
<b>Dental public health and oral hygiene among the youngest population in Macedonia incorporated in the teaching curriculum by the Ministry of Education</b>	Jaroslav Karadzinski University of MetSst. Cyril and hodus-Skopje	Macedonia
<b>The relation between research and policy on drugs how was and how could be</b>	Constanta Mihaescu Pintia National Institute for Health Research and Development	Romania
<b>Cardio protective Medication Use in Post Myocardial Infarction Patients at Nork-Marash Medical Center</b>	Zaruhi Bakalyan American University of Armenia	Armenia

**Posters viewing:**  
**Sunday, 18 September 17:30-18:00**  
**Monday, 19 September 17:30-18:00**  
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**Entrance Hall**

<b>Risk factors associated with the development of atopic dermatitis among children in Yerevan: a case-control study</b>	Anush Sahakyan American University of Armenia	Armenia
<b>A multidisciplinary team evaluates the potential effects of local programs on the health of the population through health impact assessment (HIA)</b>	Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica CEFPAS	Italy
<b>Towards Unity for Health</b>	Rosa Giuseppa Frazzica CEFPAS	Italy
<b>MANAHEALTH extension and promotion of European Public Health and Management Training Initiative</b>	Dorota Szosland Nofer Institute	Poland
<b>The Foundation of the Center-School of Public Health in Belgrade in 2005</b>	Vesna Bjegovic University of Belgrade	Serbia
<b>Six universities under one roof. SSPH+</b>	Julie Page Universities Basel	Switzerland
<b>The importance of sustainable partnerships</b>	Annemarie Heuvel University Maastricht	The Netherlands
<b>International collaboration as a successful approach in meeting challenges in Public Health</b>	Vuko Antonijevic Institute of Public Health Pristina-Kosovska Mitrovica	Serbia
<b>The effect of the student health education on their family knowledge and performance</b>	Shayesteh Salehi Nursing and Midwifery School	Iran
<b>Experience with utilizing e-learning in the implementation of the national DRG system</b>	Antonin Malina Institut for Postgrad M. Education	Czech Republic
<b>Two day training courses for the village ambulatory nurses</b>	Lilit Kirakosyan American University of Armenia	Armenia
<b>The organization of pediatric ophthalmic services in Armenia</b>	Hasmik Yeghiazarian Karagyozyan Foundation	Armenia
<b>New Courses on Drug Management to Meet Needs of Professionals in Armenia</b>	Irina Kazaryan 1Drug Utilization Research Group	Armenia

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***For those staying in Armenia after conference, site-seeing tours will be organized (on September 21, 22, 23, and 24).  
For details, please contact MENUA Tour Agency.***

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### **Tours of Armenia**

#### **ITINERARY**

##### **Day One 10:00 AM September 21<sup>st</sup>**

###### **Duration: 3-4 Hours**

*Pay tribute to the heroes of the Battle of Sardarabad! The Sardarabad Memorial and Museum ensemble was built in 1968 to mark the victory over Turkey in the Battle of Sardarabad in 1918, which led to the first independent Republic of Armenia in 1918.*

*Here you will visit the largest ethnographic museum in Armenia, rich with artifacts and memorabilia.*

**In the afternoon 1:00-1:30 PM From Yerevan**

###### **Duration: 4 Hours**

**This tour would be started by a visit to the village of Garni where you would be served with freshly baked Lavash in traditional Tonir with homemade yogurt and Armenian cheese. A very light lunch.**

**Garni** - *The only pagan temple existent in Armenia, the 2nd century pagan temple of Garni was reconstructed from ruins. This pre-Christian structure, with its classical Hellenist lines, is situated in a picturesque mountain locale, offering a breathtaking panorama of the valley below. The structure of the temple with its columns and dimensions was created to please the gods and protect the people from their wrath. Garni temple was destroyed by an earthquake in 1679 and rebuilt during the Soviet era. The ruins include a bathhouse, where you can see remnants of beautiful mosaic work.*

**Geghard**-*This ancient monastery was carved out of solid rock. In ancient times this monastery was known as "the monastery of the seven churches", "the monastery of the forty altars" or Ayrivank (the monastery of the cave), confirming the presence of ancient caves dug into the rock. Geghartavank is the monastery of the spear. This last name derives from the relics, for many years conserved in the monastery and now in Edjmiatsin's museum, of the spear that was said to have wounded the chest of Christ on the cross.*

*The exact date of Geghard's foundation is not known, but according to the inscriptions found locally dating from the 7th and 8th centuries, it is likely that it dates back to the early times when Christianity was recognized and declared the official state religion. The main church dates back to 1215. Inside the church's interior exists a natural spring, anciently worshipped and today carefully preserved. A visit to Geghard is truly a spiritual experience.*

**Back to Yerevan**

## **Day Two 10:00 AM September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Duration: 7 Hours**

**Khor Virab-** *Khor Virab is the site where St. Gregory, the Illuminator, was imprisoned by an Armenian king for preaching Christianity. You can climb down into the dark pit yourself and then treat yourself to the most spectacular view of the glorious Mt. Ararat*

*Visit the monastery of **Noravank**, a 13<sup>th</sup> century structure with beautiful stone crosses. This monastery is considered to be the pulpit of Suinik bishops. The main church of St. Karapet was built in 1227. The relieves on the entrance tympanum and the windows on the western façade are interesting from an architectural point of view. The focus of the southern section is the two-storied church of Prince Orbelian, completed by Momik (great sculptor) in 1339. Two console stairs on both sides of the entrance take you inside the church.*

**Continue the tour to the Areni Winery and taste the bounty of Armenia's sun kissed grapes. Along the way you would be greeted by hospitable villagers under the apricot trees (in season). Enjoy a freshly-prepared picnic lunch in the grounds of Noravank.**

## **Day Three 10:00 AM September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Duration: 7 Hours**

**Dilijan**—*Located in the northern part of Armenia, this region is famous for its forests and health resorts, its spectacular scenery and cultural centers. You will drive through a lush forest to reach the **Haghartsin Monastery**, an 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> century church situated deep in the woods, about 18 km from the town of Dilijan.*

**Lake Sevan-** *No trip to Armenia is ever complete without a visit to Lake Sevan, one of the largest and highest lakes in Eurasia at about 1900 meters above sea level.*

**Here you will enjoy a wine and cheese reception lunch aboard a boat sailing in Lake Sevan**

## **Day Four 10:00 AM September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Duration: 5 Hours**

**Amberd** — *Visit the family castle of the Pahlavooni Princes, one of the few castles in Armenia that has been preserved. Tour the church and fortress of Amberd, built on a rocky promontory in the 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries and situated near Mt. Aragats and the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory. The domed church was built in 1206 and is one of the most unique churches of its type in Armenia.*

*Beyond the fortress is a fortified three-story castle made of basalt, built as a military measure for blocking invaders' access. Fragments of the water supply system of the castle together with baths and a secret passageway to the canyon are preserved. You will also be able to observe the ruins of the wall and gates of Amberd.*

**Enjoy your lunch at Tatoents Qotug – It is an old private house with beautiful garden, tonir and maran which was built in 1837. During the lunch in Maran you will have a chance to enjoy village local cuisine which is simple and tasty at the same time.**