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## EUFAMI to host Empowerment Leadership Meeting

The WHO Regional Office for Europe with the support of the European Commission Directorate for Health and Consumers will hold a Leadership Meeting on Empowerment in Mental Health, hosted by EUFAMI. This meeting will bring together local and national champions of empowerment and government representatives to discuss concrete opportunities for user and family carer empowerment. It will take place at the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe in Leuven, Belgium on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This meeting will also include a very unique exhibition – The Marketplace – where delegates will be able to view and discuss many examples of user empowerment good practices. Further details can be found on the EUFAMI website – [www.eufami.org](http://www.eufami.org)



## EUFAMI Vice President presents at the European Psychiatric Nursing Congress

We overlooked to report that Connie Magro, EUFAMI Vice President from Malta, represented EUFAMI at the Horatio Psychiatric Nursing Congress 'Building bridges' which took place in Prague earlier this year. Over 300 delegates attended and the title of Connie's presentation was 'Bridging the gap' in which she discussed the importance for professionals to work together with families. The presentation was well received by the delegates.

## Change at the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH)

The WFMH Board has appointed a new Secretary General and CEO, Dr Vijay K. Ganju. Under his leadership, WFMH has started to re-examine its current and proposed activities and priorities.

## Friends of the Forgotten Children



In last month's @Bulletin, we announced the launch of this action network which uses Facebook - currently the most widely used social networking platform. If you wish to become a friend of the Forgotten Children, simply log onto the information page for the network through Facebook and send a request to become a member. You can do this by following this link [Friends of the Forgotten Children on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=118331018189669) or – in case this does not work, by pasting the following link in your browser address bar: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=118331018189669&ref=ts>

## Xplore Health Survey for Patients Group Professionals

Xplore Health is a European project, coordinated by Barcelona Science Park and funded by the EU, to build and promote an online portal on the latest health research. The portal will contain multimedia tools for public engagement, and will be linked to activities in science centres, museums, schools and patients groups, that will nurture public engagement with health research and its wider ethical, legal and social aspects, working with young people. The website will go online in September 2010, and modules of the website will be published every three months, each module covering a different subject. In order to help with the development of the portal, a survey is being carried out. Anyone wishing to take part in this survey should log onto the survey website at <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHkyTUtGVmFsRkVrbXhUUtHhEV25uUGc6MA>

## Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

*Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is currently being used by people in over 14 European countries. Prospect is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries. If you would like to get further information, contact Rita Geerts on [project.admin.office@eufami.org](mailto:project.admin.office@eufami.org).*



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