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!! Early Bird Registration for the Congress has been extended until 24th June 2011. To register, log onto www.eufami.org and click on Congress Banner.



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Community Care - a blessing or a curse
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 Basel, Switzerland

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It has been decided to extend the period for Early Bird registrations until the 24th June. By registering for the congress during the Early Bird period, you can avail of discounted delegate fees. The congress theme and programme will be of widespread interest to all those working with and affected by mental illness.

▶ **The Crisis - Hospitals and Healthcare**

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The financial and economic crisis is hitting European hospitals and healthcare services. Spared at an earlier stage, most of them are now clearly impacted. The European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE) has been looking for the past year at the direct and indirect effects of the crisis on the European health systems. Its results are now available with the work recently published "*The Crisis, Hospitals and Healthcare*". The comparative report details impacts and measures taken, on hospital and healthcare services, on healthcare professionals and on patients and citizens. The report is available on: <http://www.hope.be>

▶ **New book released – De galna systrarna (The Mad Sisters)**

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This book, available at present only in Swedish, is based on interviews of four women whose sisters affected by schizophrenia or a related illness. The four women very openly tell about their experiences and about difficult feelings such as anger, guilt and vulnerability, but at the same time their stories are filled with empathy and love for their sisters. For more information, contact our Swedish member association, Schizofreniförbundet, at office@schizofreniforbundet.se.

▶ **European Doctors call for policies which look at the bigger picture of public health**

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At its meeting in Brussels on 30th April, the Board of the Standing Committee of European Doctors adopted a number of policy documents which aim to tackle public health policy in a more holistic manner. The CPME inter alia approved a document addressing health inequalities and outlining main actions and also a position on Active and Healthy Ageing developing innovative ways to face an ageing society. All CPME Policy documents are available at: <http://www.cpme.eu/policy.php>

▶ **Person centred medicine**

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The Fourth Geneva Conference on person centred medicine took place recently. EUFAMI, through its President, Sigrid Steffen, is an active participant and contributor to this initiative. Amongst the aims of the initiative are to bring the patient to the forefront of clinical work and to reprioritise away from the disease towards the person. By all accounts, the conference was very successful in progressing the work of the group.

▶ **International Conference on Recovery**

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A two day international conference on recovery recently took place in Bolzano, Italy and there were many contributions presented at the conference related to the different facets of the recovery-oriented rehabilitative paradigm. One of EUFAMI's Executive members, Alessandro Svetini, was very much involved with the organisation of the conference as a member of the Scientific Committee. Sigrid Steffen, President of EUFAMI, attended the conference and made the presentation to the winners of the associated essay competition. EUFAMI was also one of the many patrons of the conference. Conference presentations can be found at http://convention.eurac.edu/conferences/2011/recovery/presentazioni_de.htm

▶ **Taking the Wheel**

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Hafal, our member association from Wales, has launched its 'Taking the Wheel' campaign which will run throughout the summer months. The campaign will see the "Taking the Wheel" VW microbus and rally simulator travelling through Wales with 22 county events to spread the word about empowerment. 'Taking the Wheel' is a service-user led campaign which will empower mental health service users to take more control of their lives and the services they receive. For more information, please log onto www.hafal.org/hafal/taking-the-wheel.php

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