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### January 30 :

Publication of a 1st CD-rom dedicated to a European cross-border cooperation programme

It was with great pleasure that I welcomed the second part of the EUROPHAMILI Programme to the University of Nottingham and the School of Community Health Sciences. This programme has set out to offer students a vocational course supported by academic material delivered by experts from participant countries.

Health professionals and managers have, for many years, worked in isolation both increasingly suspicious of the other. Public health has been led by the medical profession and dictated a service framework that was based on a bio-medical model. However, there have been large changes within society which has demanded greater access to information and services. Managers are needed to be able to commission services that are based on sound evidence with flexible and integrated care pathways for patients.

Public Health is highly complex and extremely diverse. Its implementation must allow individuals to make choices but it can only be delivered by a multi-disciplinary partnership between Health Service management, health professionals and other workers in the public sector. Responding to public health needs requires considerable knowledge of many core disciplines, which are represented in the EUROPHAMILI Programme. It is important that different professions can learn together since they will ultimately work together in developing services in health care to tackle the large number of public health problems. Health professionals must be able to deliver care that is culturally sensitive and appropriate for the resources available.

The development of the European Union has led to a greater co-operation between member states and allowed us to develop a European perspective on health care studies. However, from this great diversity many lessons can be learnt, this element is key to the programme and represents an important strand through the course. The course has clearly been developed to cater for a variety of different learning styles, with the new skills learnt being brought together to produce a project report on a key aspect of the work of the placement site. The students are participating in an evaluation of services, which offers mutual benefit. Nottingham is recognised for its research and teaching expertise and we hope that the students enjoy their 3 month stay.

I am grateful to my colleagues in the various sites for providing such excellent placement opportunities for the students to experience first hand the commissioning and delivery of health care in Nottingham. I wish all the students every success on the course and for the future.

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# AESCULAPIUS

## 4 new partners join the network

Regular readers of this newsletter already know that EUROPHAMILI will soon be going from a pilot project to a permanent programme run by AESCULAPIUS and will be extended to new countries.

From the beginning EUROPHAMILI has been designed to integrate new members from right across the European continent including both EU member states and non member states. In this way the programme should become a real reference in its field and be fully transeuro-pean in nature. Now that the programme has been developed and improved throughout its experimental phase, it is only natural for it to reach out to other countries and cultures, which in itself, will enrich the content and character of the course.

Extending the partnership will, in the first instance, be aimed at public health training organisations as AESCULAPIUS wishes to have a correspondent of this type for each country who is a member of the network. But the vocational nature of the EUROPHAMILI programme calls for active involvement from other types of health sector institutions as well. Over the first two years of the project, more than 20 establishments became involved by providing placements, study themes, tuto-

ring or specific cross-border co-operation projects. Through this on-going synergy between prestigious higher education and

vocational training organisations, EUROPHAMILI will be able to consolidate its vocation : to help in developing managerial skills of health sector professionals within the emerging context of a Europe for Health.

With this in mind, AESCULAPIUS, is particularly pleased to welcome today to its network four new higher education establishments from Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania and Spain.

The next EUROPHAMILI course will take place in 2004 in Lodz, Poland and already the programme will widen its base by incorporating professionals coming from Bulgaria, Croatia Lithuania and Spain with those from Britain, Denmark, France, Poland, and Portugal. Then in the not too distant future we very much hope to welcome colleagues from Cyprus and Germany as well as other countries.



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Ever since its foundation, 41 years ago, the Medical University of Varna has performed as a national center of academic excellence in the field of medicine and health care and according to the needs of health care in Bulgaria.

The Faculty of Public Health provides academic education in health sciences - public health, health care management and nursing.

The programmes for the academic education in public health and health care management, the highly qualified academic staff and the facilities of the University can be considered as a sufficient prerequisite for the participation of the Faculty of Public Health in the AESCULAPIUS Network and in the EUROPHAMILI project. We can offer facilities as well as sophisticated lecturers and tutors for the EUROPHAMILI modules thus contributing to the appropriate overall training in public health and health care management issues.



The School of Public Health was founded in 1926. by the initiative of a group of public health workers led by Dr Andrija Stampar and the financial support of the Rockefeller Foundation. Since its foundation, the School has been developing strong international collaboration and is involved in national and international health services organisation and training of health experts.

The School is recently running 11 postgraduate courses (MPH, MSc). The most recently founded is Master course in leadership and management in health care equivalent to MBA Health with the idea to train the new generations of professionals able to meet the challenges of leading management of health care institutions.

Interest of the "Andrija Stampar" School of Public Health to participate in the AESCULAPIUS network and EUROPHAMILI program is becoming a part of international management training course for European health service professionals.



The Faculty of Economics and Management of Kaunas University of Technology is actively involved in the provision of managers' skills training for various fields of Lithuania economy. Many graduates of the Faculty have held positions at director and senior management levels and government positions.

In May 2003 Lithuanian's people voted for the European Union. It means that new opportunities and new challenges are opening for our country. We are very glad that KTU has become a full member of AESCULAPIUS network. Participation in EUROPHAMILY is a possibility for our teachers' to appropriate the new teaching methods in international team and to share one's experience. For Lithuanian's healthcare managers it will provide an excellent chance to obtain new management skills of healthcare institutions in international environment.



The Andalusian School of Public Health (EASP) is a publicly owned institution based in Granada, southern Spain, mainly devoted to training consultancy, research and overseas cooperation. All the School's projects ensure full integration of the public health standpoint into a clear view of health services management. EASP was set up by the regional government in Andalusia, known as the Junta de Andalucía, on 2 May 1985. Since then, the School's portfolio of products has been in continual development and constant adaptation to the profile of each client. Health authorities from Andalusia, Spain and many foreign countries count among the wide range of the School's clients, as well as town councils, professional societies, health care districts, hospitals and other public and private bodies. The School is a World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre on issues of health policy, health care management and primary care.

## EUROPHAMILI training session in Nottingham

The second EUROPHAMILI training session has come to an end. Our European trainees have undertaken the 8 Teaching Units, as well as a new interculturality module. Following

their professional studies presentations, related to their practical placements, they all received their certificates at the closing ceremony organised at the University of Nottingham.

After 2 pilot sessions in Rennes-France (2002) and Nottingham-UK (2003), the next EUROPHAMILI training session will take place in Łódź-Poland in 2004. 25 students from all European countries will be selected by the end of December this year. Application forms are now available on [www.europhamili.org](http://www.europhamili.org).

**Flash** back to 2 major events, the introductory week, and the cross-border case study in Ireland.



In early April, EUROPHAMILI trainees arrived in Nottingham-UK and were welcomed at the University by our local liaison officer, Martin Von Fragstein. This was the beginning of an introductory week to the training session. Trainees had the opportunity to visit

Sherwood Forest (and to meet the Sheriff of Nottingham), were presented the UK National Health System (NHS) and shown the University facilities. They also began the work related to the interculturality module.

In mid June, the trainees flew to Ireland for Teaching Unit 8. Following TU7 (Transnational partnership), this TU is dedicated to an example of crossborder cooperation. Trainees focused on CAWT (Cooperation And Working Together), a partnership in the field

of health between EIRE and Northern Ireland. Many presentations that lead to informal discussions were given on both sides of the border, and trainees had to reflect on the political, economic and cultural determinants for successful cooperation.



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