“Where are you going, primary prevention? – 5th Annual Conference on Primary Prevention of Risk Behaviour

The 5th annual international Primary Prevention of Risk Behaviour Conference entitled “Where are you going, primary prevention?” will be held at the Prague City Hall, Mariánské náměstí 2/2, Prague 1 on 10-11 November 2008.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Centre for Addictology of the Psychiatric Clinic, 1st Faculty of Medicine and General Teaching Hospital, Charles University in Prague, the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Physical Education, the Institute of Pedagogical and Psychological Counselling, the Department for Pedagogical and School Psychology of the Pedagogical Faculty, Charles University in Prague, the Capital City of Prague, and the Central Bohemian Region.

Partners:

Czech Addictology Institute, civic association
Czech Medical Association of J. E. Purkyně – Association for Addictive Diseases
National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
Department of Psychology, Philosophical Faculty of Palacky University in Olomouc
A.N.O. – Association of Non-Governmental Organisations
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The conference follows up on the previous annual conferences from 2004 to 2007. The conference will include a general part for all participants, will then focus on conceptual requisites for successful primary prevention and will lastly provide a choice of workshops on individual topics. The conference will emphasise practically oriented contributions which proceed from experiences and conditions in the Czech Republic.

Several of our annual conferences have dealt with the quality and effectiveness of preventive programmes. They have been cultivating the underpinnings for evaluation tools as well as the professional public’s general awareness of the importance of evaluation. New systemic issues keep emerging as primary prevention programmes and services are gradually becoming professionalized. There are proposals for conceptual changes, and it is also becoming increasingly apparent that multiple-track and weak (i.e., mostly formal) communication between the key actors (ministries, regions, etc.) hinder further development. And so perhaps it is time to ask the question, “Where are you going, primary prevention?” and to try to seek the answers to the question of whether we strive for a uniform framework of primary prevention programmes and good communication between us, or whether we will continue to be satisfied with the current fragmentation,
conceptual heterogeneity, terminological inconsistency, multi-trackedness or even incompatibility of the subsidy system, and manifold evaluating criteria.

The programme committee of the conference will accept practical, case-oriented contributions or theoretically oriented contributions (theory and conceptual framework – rooted in and interconnected with practice). A special space will be dedicated to contributions from the field (case reports, examples of good practice). The programme committee has endeavoured to support the diversity of the messages, which are divided into main thematic blocks of the conference (see below).

**Main thematic blocks of the conference:**

- aggression and bullying,
- high-risk sports and hazardous behaviour in transportation,
- food intake disorders,
- racism and xenophobia,
- negative impact of religious and other sects,
- risky sexual behaviour,
- addictive behaviour (addictology).

**Important deadlines:**

Deadline for applications and payments from non-contributing participants: 2 November 2008
Deadline for applications and payments from contributing participants: 10 October 2008
The conference will start on Monday, 10 November 2008 at 10 a.m. (registration begins at 8 a.m.)

**Applications and Abstracts:**

Applications and abstracts can only be submitted in electronic form (after clicking on announcement about the conference on the main page, the registration and abstract form can be filled in – at the end of the article).

Oral contributions can last a maximum of 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of discussion.
Conference fees:
The fees will be CZK 500 (CZK 400 for students * and pensioners) if paid to our account in advance. The fees at the door will be CZK 700 (CZK 500 for students and pensioners). Participants from Slovakia can pay the fee at the door without any extra charge (i.e., CZK 500/400).

*full-time students (undergraduate studies), full-time postgraduate students – please present a card (ISIC or other).

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Accreditation for the conference (submitted applications for accreditation):
Czech Medical Chamber
Association of Clinical Psychologists of the Czech Republic
Czech Association of Nurses

Accommodation:
To be provided for by the participants themselves, a list of recommended accommodation facilities can be found at www.adiktologie.cz .

Transportation:
A map of how to get to the conference for motorized and non-motorized participants can be downloaded from www.adiktologie.cz.

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