



September 2009



EUFAMI, in association with Lietuvos Sutrikusios Psichikos Žmonių Globos Bendrija (LSPŽGB) - its Lithuanian family member association -will host

THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

A major European Conference addressing the subject of Children of parents with a mental illness
Vilnius, Lithuania
26th and 27th November 2009

EUFAMI President visits Athens Hostel and Day Centre

During her participation at the WFMH conference in Athens Sigrid Steffen had the opportunity to visit the hostel and day centre initiated by our member organisation SOPSI Athens. It was a wonderful experience for her to see that all people living there have an excellent quality of life, very good meals, and nicely furnished rooms with a bathroom for each one. In addition to that they are highly motivated to contribute to the tasks of their daily life. The nice and cheerful atmosphere in both, the day centre and the hostel are of course a very good example of best practice. Sigrid was very impressed about the integrated programme the team offers. The congress was also a very good opportunity for her to get in contact with many members of POSOPSI who participated in the 'dialogue' forum at the congress.



Ernesto Muggia steps down from WAPR

For many years, Ernesto Muggia, our Italian Board member has represented EUFAMI and of course families at the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR). Earlier this year, Ernesto stepped down from the Board of WAPR and we would like to express our sincere thanks, on behalf of everyone at EUFAMI, to Ernesto for many hours he has put into to this task. He has ensured that the voice of families has been heard at congresses in many countries.

A Straight-Talking Introduction to Caring for Someone with Mental Health Problems – new publication

This publication has recently been released onto the market and it has been edited by a group of carers from Bradford, UK. It contains accounts by a number of carers of their experience and it may be of interest to EUFAMI members. Full details are available on the publisher's website at <http://www.pccs-books.co.uk/product.php?xProd=465>

World Mental Health Day 2009

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is approaching – 10th October 2009. We are currently collecting information from our member associations on the activities which they have planned for the day and will include these in a special @Bulletin to be released on that day. If you have not sent in your association's plans for WMHD, please send to Willemien Schut at admin.office@eufami.org

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
October 10, 2009



Online debate on consumers' health and safety at EU level starts

To mark the 10th anniversary of its creation the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) has launched an on-line discussion on European health and consumer policy. A dedicated channel on the Debate Europe forum will be open from 14th September to 9th October 2009. The online discussion will be available via the Debate Europe forum on: <http://europa.eu/debateeurope>.



Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

Did you know that EUFAMI's Training Initiative, **Prospect**, is now being used in over 14 countries across Europe? 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.

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