EUFAMI - Dublin Declaration – now available in many languages

The Dublin Declaration, which was released at EUFAMI’s recent major European Conference, is now available in a number of European languages for download at http://tinyurl.com/m4rcpdy. Currently it is available in English, Czech, Dutch, Greek, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian and Spanish. More languages will follow soon! The Dublin Declaration was unanimously endorsed by delegates attending EUFAMI’s special European Family Conference held in Dublin, Ireland on Friday, 24th May 2013 to mark the 20th Anniversary of the founding of EUFAMI under the patronage of his Excellency, Michael D Higgins, President of Ireland.

Trialogue – a short interesting film

We would like to share a short film about Trialogue with our readers, which we recently received. The Hamburg model as shown in the film has been recognised as ‘best practice model of the EU. The pictures shows the basis (trialogue-forum), the trialogue ant stigma campaign (Irre menschlich Hamburg) and the Hamburg Experienced Involvement-Programme. You can view the film (approximately 6 minutes) at http://www.inno-serv.eu/content/changing-perceptions-people-mental-illnesses-irre-menschlich.

Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Prize - The Brain Prize

Nominations are open for the Brain Prize 2014. This Prize recognises highly original and influential advances in research on the nervous system. If several researchers have contributed significantly to this achievement, more than one individual may receive the Prize. Nominees can be of any nationality but the research for which they are nominated must have been conducted in Europe or in collaboration with researchers in Europe. This Prize is intended to raise the visibility of European neuroscience and to be a stimulus to this important field of research. The Selection Committee are now seeking nominations of the highest quality. Please log onto www.thebrainprize.org for more information.

Triple A for Citizens: Access to Information, Advice and Active Help

The general objective of this EU funded project is to enhance ‘the role of civil society in giving citizens a voice and holding governments to account’. By enhancing the connection to citizens, the project will strengthen the role of civil society. Citizen information and legal advice services are able by aggregating the complaints and evidence they receive, to influence government policy on key reforms and their implementation (priority no. 1 in the call). The aim is to spread the citizens’ advice concept to Western Balkans and Turkey. The August newsletter can be downloaded at http://www.ecas-citizens.eu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1133&Itemid=

European Congress on Empowerment

The World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for research and training in mental health (WHO-CC, Lille, France) and WHO Europe are organising a congress aimed at producing a comprehensive update on empowerment of mental health users in Europe. Empowerment indicators and good practices in mental health will be presented in order for them to be validated. The congress, ‘How to promote empowerment experiences for Mental Health users and carers in Europe?’ will take place in Lille, France on the 30th and 31st January 2014. The congress is open to users, caregivers, mental health and primary care professionals, social workers, elected representatives and urban policy actors, and everyone interested in empowerment of mental health users in Europe. More information can be found at http://www.ccomssantementalelillefrance.org/

Summertime is moving on

Holidays are coming to an end, children will be returning to school over the coming weeks, business and politics are beginning to crank up again (not that they ever fully stop, or so we hear!). We hope that our readers have been able to experience some relaxation and have had time to ‘smell the flowers’ over the summer period. We also hope and look forward to meeting many of our members and readers of the @Bulletin at various meetings, fora and conferences in Brussels and throughout Europe over the coming months. Good luck and health to all.

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