

Research committee „Sociology of Health“

Activities 2011

- We are busy organising our traditional conference with our Austrian and German colleagues planned for 1.-2.6.2012 in Winterthur, Switzerland. For this reason we extended the board with the following people – some of them former board members: Laila Burla, Observatoire suisse de la santé (Obsan), Mary Hour-Knipe, conseillère indépendante, Peter C. Meyer, School of Health Professions, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Maja Mylaeus-Renggli, Spitex Verband Schweiz, Sophie Paroz, Université Lausanne, Magdalena Rosende, Université de Lausanne; Ursula Streckeisen, Pädagogische Hochschule Bern, Marilène Vuille, Université de Lausanne.
- The board met four times this year in Berne.
- As every year we regularly distributed information by email on scientific meetings or job vacancies in areas relevant to us. We have about 100 registered members on our mailing list. Our members work at Swiss universities (of applied sciences) as well as other health institutions and come from the whole area of Switzerland. Anyone interested in health topics can become a member of our committee and register for the mailing list.

Planned conference 2012

- „Health Professions in Transition. Activities, cooperation and self-images amidst organisational and societal change“ Conference on June 1st and 2nd 2012 at the School of Health Professions, University of Applied Sciences Winterthur.
- Co-operation partners: Section Sociology of medicine and health of the German Sociological Association, Section Sociology of health and medicine of the Austrian Sociological Association, Section sociology of professions, Working Group ‘Health Professions’ of the German Sociological Association
- Deadline of call for Papers: 15. January 2012
- For further information see our website: www.sociohealth.ch

Co-ordination of committee

For indicating interest in joining the board, distributing information on the mailing list or for registering as a member – please contact:

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Oliver Hämmig - Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Zurich
Nicole Maeder – The Swiss Aids Federation, Zurich (Webmistress)
Julie Page - School of Health Professions, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Winterthur (Co-ordinator)

Sociologists who are interested in actively participating on the board of our research committee are welcome to get in contact with us.

Resignation from the board

We would like to congratulate our colleague Matthias Richter to his new position as Director of the Institute of Medical Sociology, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg as of March 1st 2011, which resulted in his resignation from our board. We are looking forward to future co-operations and thank him for his past support.

Website

<http://www.sociohealth.ch>

Julie Page, December 2011