

Research Committee “Sociology of Health”

Congress „Health Professions in Transition. Activities, Cooperation and Self-images Amidst Organisational und Societal Change“

June 1st and 2nd 2012, School of Health Professions, University of Applied Sciences Winterthur

100 people visited the congress from Switzerland, Germany and Austria. This congress is traditionally organised by the Section Sociology of Medicine and Health of the German Sociological Association, the Section Sociology of Health and Medicine of the Austrian Sociological Association and the Research Network „Sociology of Health“ of the Swiss Sociological Association. This year the Working Group „Health Professions“ of the section sociology of professions of the German Sociological Association supported us.

For organising the congress we extended the board with the following people: 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 Streckeis, Pädagogische Hochschule Bern, Marilène Vuille, Université de Lausanne.

For further information on this congress please visit homepage http://www.sgs-sss.ch/en-sociology_health.

Other activities

- The board met twice in Berne.
- 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.
- We integrated our homepage in main homepage of Swiss Sociological Association.
- Julie Page and Andreas Bänziger presented the results of a study they were involved in on health research in Switzerland (“Gesundheitsforschung in der Schweiz – Thematische Schwerpunkte, institutionelle Verankerung”. Andreas Bänziger et al. 2012) at the conference “Medical Humanities” (16 March 2012) organised by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.
- Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Julie Page coordinated Bulletin no 142 of the Swiss Sociological Association on the topic “Successes and Pitfalls in the Collaboration between Sociology and Medicine” (December 2012).

Planned Activities 2013

- Two publications are planned to emerge from the congress “Health Professions in Transition”: one each in German and French.
- Workshop “Describing and explaining the social gradient in health” at conference of Swiss Sociological Association on “Inequality and Integration in Times of Crises”, June 26-28 2013, Berne.
- Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Julie Page are part of an advising group supporting the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW/ASSH) in planning the convention “Health Research: Methods and prospects” (working title) to be held in June 2013.

Members of the Board

Claudine Burton – Jeangros, Department of Sociology, University of Geneva; Andreas Bänziger, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, ZHAW, Winterthur (treasurer); Jérôme Debons, Haute école cantonale vaudoise de la santé, HESAV, Lausanne; Josef Estermann, Orlux Social Research and Institute of Sociology, University of Zurich; Oliver Hämmig – Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Zurich; Ursula Meidert - Zurich University of Applied Sciences, ZHAW, Winterthur (*new*); Julie Page – Zurich University of Applied Sciences, ZHAW, Winterthur (president); Ursula Streckeisen - Pädagogischen Hochschule Bern and University of Bern (*new*); Marilène Vuille - University institute for the history of medicine and public health, Faculty of biology and medicine, University of Lausanne (*new*)

Nicole Maeder has resigned from the board. We thank her for her support especially with the website.

Advisory Board

Thomas Abel, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern; Laila Burla, Observatoire suisse de la santé (Obsan); Claudia König – Zurich University of Applied Sciences, ZHAW, Winterthur; Peter C. Meyer – Zurich University of Applied Sciences, ZHAW, Winterthur; Maja Mylaeus-Renggli, Spitex Verband Schweiz; Sophie Paroz, Université Lausanne

Mary Hour-Knipe has resigned from the advisory board. We thank her for supporting us in strategic matters and in reviewing abstracts for our conferences.

Co-ordination of Committee

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