Research Committee “Sociology of Health”

Activities 2013

Proceedings of the Congress „Health Professions in Transition.“ June 1st and 2nd 2012, School of Health Professions, University of Applied Sciences Winterthur.

From this conference two proceedings have been published:


Workshop “Describing and explaining the social gradient in health”, 27th 2013, Bern

We held an interesting workshop at the conference of the Swiss Sociological Association on “Inequality and Integration in Times of Crises” with five contributions.

Other activities

• We regularly distributed information by email on scientific meetings or job vacancies in areas relevant to us. We have 115 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.
• Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Julie Page were part of the preparatory group of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW/ASSH) for organising the convention “Health research. Perspectives in social sciences”, 14th Juni 2013, Fribourg.

Planned Activities 2014

Conference “Health Literacy als Basis-Kompetenz (in) der Gesundheitsgesellschaft”, Villach Austria

Our traditional conference 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 will be held in September 2014. The call for papers is open, deadline is 31.3.2014. For further information please consult the conference Website www.fh-kaernten.at/healthliteracy2014.

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