

FACT SHEET

IUHPE WORLD CONFERENCES

From the 11th to the 15th of July, the International Union for Health Promotion and Education and Health Promotion Switzerland are organizing the 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion in Geneva 2010.

It is expected that some 2,000 to 2,500 participants will attend, among them health promotion professionals, researchers, students, decision- and policy-makers from key disciplines, institutions, companies and networks from all over the world. By mid-May, registrations have been received from delegates coming from some 90 countries and all continents / main regions. More than 2/3 of the registered persons hail from universities or public and governmental organizations. The ratio of attendees is 40% men and 60% women.

In a globalized world, the dynamics of modernisation and urbanisation pose major challenges to both health promotion and societal development. Therefore, the Geneva 2010 World Conference focuses on building bridges between health promotion and sustainable development by:

- presenting and discussing the state-of-the-art of knowledge and cross-cutting issues in health promotion and sustainable development,
- showcasing and challenging best practice in health promotion, with focus on sustainability, and
- initiating strong alliances and partnerships for promoting sound policies and practices that positively impact the health of people, societies and the planet.

IUHPE Conferences, which are held every three years, are renowned events bringing together leading professionals in all corners of the world to take stock of the present state of knowledge and experiences, bring forward future challenges and shape the agenda to advance developments in health promotion.

The programme for the 2010 Conference in Geneva includes:

5 plenaries: Opening Plenary on Health Promotion, Equity and Sustainable Development, Territorial Change and Urbanization, Social and Cultural Change, Environmental Change (Climate Change) & Healthy3 and Economic Change and Global Challenges

15 sub-plenaries on: urban spaces, social determinants of health, cross-cutting core themes, quality and knowledge transfer, Basics, innovations and challenges of health promotion

190 symposia, oral presentation sessions, and “walk on the wild side” sessions (workshops, world café, open space, electronic poster sessions, ...)

1,000 posters, 16 guided poster sessions on key issues such as Health Promotion and Sustainable Development, Health Equity, Environmental/ Climate Change, Ethics, etc.

Past IUHPE World Conferences

	YEAR	LOCATION	THEME
I	1951	Paris, FRANCE	Health education leadership in France felt the need for an international non-governmental organisation. Public health authorities were invited from around the world to send representatives. The meeting had strong leadership, and it also enjoyed observer participation with WHO and UNESCO. The ideas of the proponents of the Union were endorsed, and the International Union was born.
II	1953	Paris, FRANCE	Through plenary sessions and study groups, the conference explored possibilities and mapped a basic programme for the Union.
III	1956	Rome, ITALY	<i>Health Education at the Service of Health, Welfare, and Social Progress</i>
IV	1959	Dusseldorf, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	<i>Health Education of Children and Youth in Family, School and Community</i>
V	1962	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA	<i>Major Health Problems of Man and his Environment</i>
VI	1965	Madrid, SPAIN	<i>The Health of the Community and the Dynamics of Development</i>
VII	1969	Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA	<i>Communication and Behavioural Change</i>
VIII	1973	Paris, FRANCE	<i>Twenty years of Health Education: evaluation and forecast</i>
IX	1976	Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA	<i>Health Education, Health Policy and the Dynamics of Development</i>
X	1979	London, UNITED KINGDOM	<i>Health Education in Action - Achievements and Priorities</i>
XI	1982	Hobart, Tasmania, AUSTRALIA	<i>Towards Health for All by the Year 2000</i>
XII	1985	Dublin, IRELAND	<i>Health for All - Meeting the Challenge</i>
XIII	1988	Houston, Texas, USA	<i>Participation for All in Health</i>
XIV	1991	Helsinki, FINLAND	<i>Health - United Effort</i>
XV	1995	Makuhari, Chiba, JAPAN	<i>Bringing Health to Life</i>
XVI	1998	San Juan, PUERTO RICO	<i>New Horizons in Health: From Visions to Practice</i>
XVII	2001	Paris, France	<i>Health: An Investment for a Just Society</i>
XVIII	2004	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA	<i>Valuing diversity, reshaping power: exploring pathways for health and well-being</i>
XIX	2007	Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA	<i>Health promotion comes of age: Research, policy and practice for the 21st Century</i>