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EUFAMI launches its '20 year Histogram'

EUFAMI is delighted to share with its readers of the @Bulletin a copy of its newly published one page document outlining the main points of EUFAMI's work over the past 20 years since it was officially registered in December 1992. We are calling the document the EUFAMI 20 year Histogram (*maybe not the correct use of the word Histogram!*). We hope that you will find it informative and useful. It accompanies this edition of the @Bulletin as a separate appendix.



The National Family Association Promoting Mental Health in Finland is now FinFami

Effective from January 1st, 2014, the National Family Association Promoting Mental Health in Finland has changed its name to FinFami. The work of the association will continue as before, providing services for its 17 member organisations working locally to support the wellbeing of mental health carers as well as acting as a national advocacy group for carers' rights. FinFami's new website can be found at www.finfami.fi. For further information please contact the Executive Director, Pia Hytönen, email pia.hytonen@finfami.fi. FinFami is a member of EUFAMI.



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The Geneva Prize for Human Rights in Psychiatry - Invitation to submit candidatures

The Geneva Prize for Human Rights in Psychiatry is intended to acknowledge an individual (with no restriction as to gender, age or nationality), or an institution or association (with governmental or non-governmental status) for exceptional achievement at regional, national or international level in promoting equity and humane qualities of care for people with mental illness, reducing negative discrimination of the mentally ill or defending the rights of people with mental illness, and supporting the application of ethical principles in psychiatric services. The Prize, consisting of a diploma, a medal and a monetary award of 20,000 Swiss Francs, is awarded once every three years, usually during the World Congress of Psychiatry. Deadline for nominations for the 2014 Prize is the 31st March 2014. For further detail, see www.geneva-prize.ch.



EUFAMI featured on the family caregivers unite! Radio show

The Family Caregivers Unite! talk show is for family caregivers – featuring Family caregivers talking together, Family caregivers talking with experts, Family caregivers sharing experiences, Family caregivers saying what makes the sun shine for them and Family caregivers calling for change. The show is hosted by Dr Gordon Atherley and broadcast by VoiceAmerica Internet Talk Radio, the world leader in Internet Talk Radio. VoiceAmerica reports that, as of October 28, 2013, Family Caregivers Unite! reaches over 520,000 listeners in 22 different countries, with over 230 episodes accessed in the on-demand library, and is growing.



EUFAMI was featured on the show released on the 14th January with Connie Magro, Vice-President of EUFAMI, and Kevin Jones, EUFAMI's Secretary General being interviewed about the work of EUFAMI. The broadcast can be downloaded at <http://ow.ly/sBTei>

Health inequalities in the EU

Recently the EU-funded report "Health Inequalities in the EU", produced by a consortium led by Sir Michael Marmot (University College, London) was published. The main findings have been included in the Commission's progress report on the implementation of the 2009 Communication, 'Solidarity in Health: Reducing Health Inequalities in the EU' published on 9th September 2013. Findings include (a) Inequalities in life expectancy - no evidence of an overall decline between EU regions and (b) Inequalities in infant mortality - the gap between Member States narrowed by 12% between the period 2002-04 and 2007-09. The report warns that the current financial, economic and social crisis is threatening to undermine existing policies, and may negatively affect health inequalities. It urges that tackling health inequalities remain a priority and be mainstreamed into the health sector's core policies, and addressed also by other sectors. The full report can be read at <http://tinyurl.com/pwhjlld>

Lithuanian Presidency - Sustainable Health Systems Conference

This conference was held in Vilnius, Lithuania on the 19th and 20th November 2013 and the aim of the annual Conference was to identify the existing best evidence on fostering the development of sustainable health systems throughout the entire Europe. As a summary to the conference produced three key reports were produced. Full details can be found at



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