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At the World NGO Day 2014 Forum which was held in Finland on the 27th and 28th February, FinFami (Finland) was awarded the NGO Time Show (Health and Welfare) for its Prospect Programme which they have rolled out across the country. FinFami is a member of EUFAMI and Prospect is EUFAMI's peer to peer empowerment and training programme which is used in over 14 European countries. Winning the Show meant a lot to FinFami as Prospect has always been a very important project in its activities. The international day for NGOs "World NGO Day" was celebrated in several other countries with local events in Pakistan, Afghanistan, South Africa, and USA; including various NGO greetings via social media from several NGOs around the world like Plan International, Oxfam, Fundsforngos.org, American Red Cross, Street Kids International and many others. We send our congratulations to our colleagues at FinFami.



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www.HorizonHealth.eu is a web portal for easy access to up to date information about European health research projects for the general public and the media. All the projects on the web portal are innovative European research projects about investigating diseases and finding new ways to help patients. Every week new projects and articles are published with topics varying from cancer and diabetes to the less common diseases like Chagas disease.



▶ **Conclusions of the first ever Cross-Stakeholder Pan-European Seminar on Health Apps**

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In a new white paper published on the 12TH March, produced jointly by myhealthapps.net and the UK government's ICT Knowledge Transfer Network are key findings from a joint seminar held in London at the King's Fund on 28th October 2013. The seminar was a cross-stakeholder European based meeting looking at quality standards among health apps, precipitated by the imminent publication of the EU Green Paper on Mobile Health, to be published at the end of March 2014. In attendance were major mobile manufacturers, app developers, representatives from the healthcare industry, academics, patient organisations as well as representatives from the European Commission DG CONNECT. The general consensus among these 60 attendees was that five key challenges need to be addressed - overhauling healthcare systems to make them patient-centric: apps as a catalyst, engaging doctors in the prescribing of health apps, overseeing quality standards for health apps, ensuring that health apps remain of a high standard throughout their lifetime and considerations for policymakers wishing to oversee health apps. For full details of the press release, log onto <http://tinyurl.com/p7kexga>



▶ **Mental Health for All – Connecting people and sharing experience**

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The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) and the French Psychiatrist Partners have joined together to organize the first edition of the international congress - Mental Health for All. The congress will take place at Lille Grand Palais, France, from 28th to 30th April 2015, and will focus on integrating Mental Health into Primary Care with a global perspective and also reflect the WHO Global Mental Health action plan and a matching platform between professionals (GP and Psychiatrist) and interaction with the general public. Registration for the congress is now open and a call for abstracts has been issued. The congress website is www.imhclille2015.com



▶ **International Congress on Mental Health – Living with Schizophrenia**

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The International Congress on Mental Health will take place in Athens on 9th to the 11th October 2014. The congress is being organised by the World Federation for Mental Health and the Hellenic Psychiatric Association and its theme is 'Living with Schizophrenia', which is the very topic of the 2014 World Mental Health Day. Information on the congress, poster and logos of the organisers can be found at www.wfmh2014.gr. Organisations of families and carers, such as EUFAMI, will be actively involved in the congress.



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