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KINAPSI, one of EUFAMI's member associations from Greece, organised a one-day conference on 'Providing Independent Living' with the active participation of approximately 40 people on Thursday, 30th August 2012. People of all ages (mental health service users, siblings, mental health professionals and members of NGOs that are active in the field of mental health) attended the conference with great interest and raised crucial questions concerning independent living and its prerequisites for people with mental disorders. The opening speech was delivered by Ms. Erasmia Sakellaropoulou of 'The components of Independent Living and the Participation of Siblings of People with Mental Illness'. The personal accounts of mental health service users deeply touched the audience, as they talked with disarming frankness about their fight to attain independent living, their dreams and their hopes for the future sending a message of encouragement to many receivers.



Italy – insurance for people with mental illness

Our Italian member association, UNASAM, has sent us news that the 'long standing question about rights of insurance for people with mental illness' is coming to a satisfactory end. We welcome this news and hope that it will be fully implemented as soon as possible.

One year Of Hope and Support – 'La Casa Verde' project

The 'CASA VERDE' is a Supporting, Prevention and Monitoring Programme for children whose parents have a serious mental illness (schizophrenia, psychosis, obsessive disorder, etc) set in motion by Fundación Manantial on the 1st April 2011 (in line with the Declaration of the EUFAMI Congress held in Lithuania "The Forgotten Children"), with the aim of preventing future psychological and social disorders in those group of persons with a significant risk of suffering them in adulthood: the children of persons with a mental illness. The core of the programme consists of a multi-professional team that directs its attention to pregnant women with mental disorders, to the mother and her child and to the comprehensive family environment, in order to enable a stable emotional link for a further secure attachment and an appropriate evolutionary development of the child. The Programme is implemented in the Madrid districts of Vallecas Villa and Vallecas Puente (333,438 inhabitants). Children and pregnant women come into the Programme from the Mental Health Centers of the mentioned districts, from the Child and Family Care Centers (CAI and CAF) and from the Social Services Centers of both districts.



Throughout these last 18 months, 'CASA VERDE' has paid attention to 50 children, 11 pregnant women and 51 mothers, fathers or caregivers with mental illness. They have also enjoyed 9 births! There are currently 18 families on the waiting list. The activities that are carried consist of assisting mothers during pregnancy, childbirth and first months of the baby's life, provide psychotherapy and training in parenting skills, early stimulation as needed and support. More information on the project can be found at www.fundacionmanantial.org

Developing a Person-Centered Model of care for patients with Dementia

This inaugural international conference on developing a person-centered model of care for the patient with dementia will take place in London on the 26th and 27th November 2012 and is organised by the International College for Person Centered Medicine, a global body of distinguished clinicians and scientists working in collaboration with the World Health Organization, World Medical Association, World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca), International Federation for Medical Education, International Council of Nurses, International Alliance of Patients Organizations and a wide variety of other worldwide clinical organisations and patient advocacy associations. EUFAMI is a member of this alliance. For more information, log onto www.pchealthcare.org.uk



Crises and Disasters: Psychosocial Consequences

The World Federation for Mental Health in collaboration with the Hellenic Psychiatric Association and the Society of Preventive Psychiatry is organising an International Congress in Athens, Greece from the 6th to the 9th March 2013. The main topic of the Congress is 'Crises and Disasters : Psychosocial Consequences'. More information at www.psychcongress2013.gr

Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is currently being used by people in over 14 European countries. Prospect is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries. If you would like to get further information, contact Rita Geerts on project.admin.office@eufami.org.



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