



European Men's Health Activity Report

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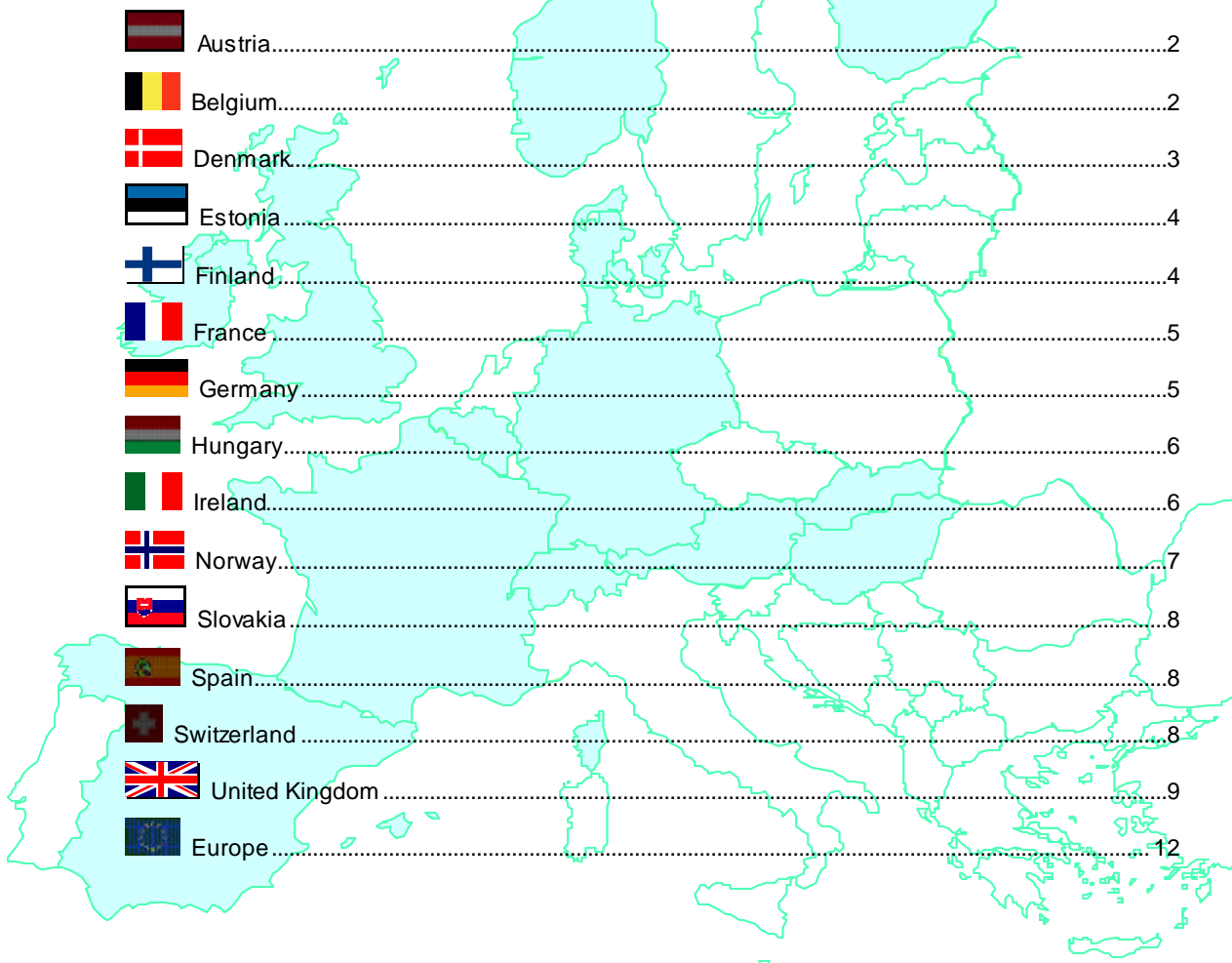
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
Based on the result of telephone interviews and written documents received from organisations members of EMHF, this report was compiled by the Secretariat of EMHF. It aims to provide a useful overview of current and future activities and to foster exchange of best practice among members of the EMHF network.

This first version mostly presents raw data as gathered from our members. Future updates may include cross-border summaries on common areas such as Men's Health Week, the Vienna Declaration, or financing policy.

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Austria



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Year to date activities

- MEN' s core activity continue to be counselling
- Vienna Declaration translated into German and posted on MEN' s website

Planned activities

- MEN is planning lectures on men's health in Prisons
- Involvement with a new, mostly private, platform on obesity called ' Big Chance'
- Awareness raising with a chain of chemist's shops/drugstores where MEN will soon have their events and activities promoted: <http://www.dm-drogeriemarkt.at>.
- 1st Austrian Boy' s Day in parallel with Girl's Day, an annual event already organised last year.
- 21st April: MEN exhibition stand at ' Psychology Day' organised by Austrian Association of Psychotherapists. Possibility promotion of Declaration

Relations with other organisations

- New association called ' Being Man' co-founded by Bernhard Wappis, author of a book on bulimia and anorexia nervosa in men. www.mann-sein.at/seite1.htm for further info.

Pipeline projects

- Men' s health touring bus
- Internet-based counselling platform

The development and implementation of such ideas is highly dependent on financial and human resources.



Belgium



Vitalis

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Evening lectures

Vitalis organises men's health evening working sessions aimed at health professionals in Leuven, Brussels and Antwerp. The next one is scheduled for April 27th I Liege (ED and Diabetes, CVD).

Men' s Health Week

In 2006, and on a continuous basis, Vitalis researches opportunities for communications to/about men over 50 within the health programmes of the 9 Belgian provincial governments. An opportunity has been identified this year with the province of Liege. In partnership with a local WHO Europe affiliate, a communications event could be organised in June to coincide with Men's Health Week 2006. 200 people would be expected.

Website

Vitalis is also busy preparing their new website called ' Affaires d' hommes' (men's business) where public and professionals can find information about the programme of evening sessions. The website will also provide a facility for men to ask questions online to health experts and order health information leaflets.

Declaration

Vitalis is supportive of the EMHF Declaration and plans to translate it in Dutch. EMHF will share the French version as soon as it is ready.

Denmark



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January 31

Presenting research on male depression related to men becoming fathers (Info on EMHF website, Feb update)

February-March

Men' s Health Society, Denmark is participating in an education program (Formal presentation + CD-Rom) for pharmacists all over the country. The programme is funded and run by Ratiopharm, a manufacturer of generics. MHSD provides the expert input in the programme and a key presentation at the project launch. The theme is: Communication with men on prostate cancer.

March 10-11

Active participation in the organisation of the First Nordic Conference on men's health in Oslo, Norway. (See detail and link to programme under Norway)

March 22

Launch event with media presence of a new book called " Know your body, man!" (including sections on general health, sexuality, sports and mind) written by skilled scientists and with a foreword by The Crown Prince of Denmark, Prince Frederik.

June 6-11

Campaign where Men's Health Society will call on all members of Parliament, Danish members of European Parliament, and all members of the new Danish regional health authorities to sign the Declaration on the health of men and boys in Europe. The EMHF secretariat will help coordinate approach with SMSdk, other countries and John Bowis.

June 12-18 - Men' s Health Week

Focus on mental health.

No conference but a lot of other activities – more information to follow.

The EMHF logo may be used on all material to illustrate the European support for Danish activities – SMSdk also suggested a leaflet in English about EMHF, and/or about MHW activities in Europe and across the world could be very useful. It was also suggested that MHW may also be an opportunity to seek endorsements of the declaration from all partner organisations.

Key partnerships

National Health Board of Denmark; Psychiatry Foundation (Crown Prince as patron); Patients Suffering Mental Illness, Prostate Cancer (Part of Danish Cancer Society), HIV groups, Obesity Society.



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EMHF does not currently have a member organisation in Estonia; however Dr Poolamets has been a member for many years.

Paper: Overview Men' s Health in Estonia

The Gender Equality Department of the Estonian Social Ministry commissioned Dr Poolamets and colleagues of the Tartu University Sociology Cathedra to prepare an overview of male gender studies in Estonia. The paper was produced last December. It included a recommendation for the production of a men's health report in the style of the White/Cash report during 2006.

Men' s Health Week 2006

Men' s Health Week takes place in November, to coincide with Father's Day in Estonia. Dates are to be confirmed - Topic is expected to be Prostate Cancer.

Book: Sexuality in Estonia

Now it is ready – published on 27 January - and here are also many interesting and good responses. There I send to You also one picture how book looks like, it is made in international collaboration and finalizing several years work (360 pages, scientific studies, readings, memoirs, visions to future, there are also included chapter about male sexuality, homosexuality and transgender questions in Estonia etc).

Men' s Health Forum Estonia

Idea to make Men' s Health Forum in Estonia is under development and we will try to launch it this spring. If we are successful, the newly created organisation will become a member of EMHF.

Several activities related to male health are under work daily but much of Olev' s work is at the Andrology Centre www.meeste.kliinik.ee



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Background

Founded in 1897, Suomen Mielenterveysseura, the Finnish Association for Mental Health (FAMH) is the oldest voluntary mental health organisation in the world (NGO). It is very active at national and international level. FAMH is a recent addition to the EMHF group. It became an organisation full member on March 1.

FAMH is a member of several other organisations including Mental Health Europe is a member of several other organisations including Mental Health Europe and the World Federation for Mental Health.

Men' s health focus

A particular area of recent focus has been children and adolescents, improving institutional quality of life, and promoting greater inclusion, particularly by alleviating the long term effects on unemployment. Ended last year was a project called ' 3rd link' especially targeting the effect of unemployment on men. The activities in order to promote men's mental health was to organise "quality time" both for fathers and sons. The organisation has a more detailed brochure in English which Mirja will forward to EMHF.

FAMH works in partnership with a number of other Finnish organisations and with some ministries. Of particular notice are: (Note names in " are free translations)

- Miessakit ry, "Bunches of Men", focus on men and mental health and provide crisis support services
- "Special activities/hobbies for men", one of the main targets being to prevent domestic violence.

Also:

- Y Foundation: provides sheltered accommodation
- "Federation of mothers and children, homes and shelters"

With these 2 partners, FAMH have developed the "Men Crisis Centre" targeted at men involved in domestic violence.

FAMH also coordinates a "SOS Centre" for the prevention of suicides, but not specifically men, apart from a subgroup which cares for immigrants. There, they target Somali men and children only.

During its last Executive meeting in December, FAMH decided to support the EMHF Declaration. FAMH is committed to the improvement of men's health in Finland and to taking an active role in key EMHF management decisions.

France



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New Men's Health Forum France

ADIRS, member of the ESDA network focussed on sexual health, has so far provided a main contact for EMHF in France. Plans are now underway to create a new association with a broader men's health prevention and promotion remit. The statutes are being finalised and the new entity should be legally registered by April this year. It is expected that the broader remit will attract a wider array of sponsors within and beyond the pharmaceutical industry. Some new funding prospects may also exist in the banking/financial services sector.

French State of Men's Health Report

Following the model of A. White/Cash report, a new report presenting the various facets of the state of men's health in France should be produced later this year.

Men's Health Week

No activities have so far been planned during Men's Health Week 2006. Yet there may be opportunities to develop an awareness raising activity with the national media. This may be used to promote the Declaration. The use of the EMHF logo and the presence of a speaker will be very welcome.

Germany



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New Professor / New Society

A new society: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Männergesundheit was created in Frankfurt in December 2005 with Prof. Frank Sommer as 1st Secretary. Mr Sommer is Professor of men's health in Hamburg and very well known, not least for his contribution to the Cologne Study on ED. The official presentation of this new organisation will take place in Berlin at the end of March. Great hopes are pinned on the ability of Prof Sommer to organise much needed men's health events at national events.

Men' s Health Day

Men' s Health Day initially scheduled 17 June in Freiburg will be postponed to Oct-Nov when facilities can be available that can accommodate the 1000+ expected participants.

Vienna Declaration

The German version of the Declaration is on the ISG website, but no activities to actively seek endorsements are planned for the moment.

ES suggested that ISG might want to use the supportive endorsement and logo of EMHF in the material/leaflet ISG will produce for the Men' s Health Day. It may also be an opportunity to secure key endorsements of the Declaration.

Netzwerk für Männergesundheit

The German men' s health network is reported to be in a development phase. The EMHF secretariat remains informed of any progress. The network is only formed of individuals at present. It is primarily working on defining its mission and positioning.

Hungary



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The Institute is a WHO collaborating centre for Central and Eastern Europe.

Men' s health is at the heart of many of the public health priorities of the Hungarian government. Such priorities include CVD particularly in middle age, anti-smoking campaigns, tackling overweight and obesity. Mental health and HIV/AIDS also feature very highly on the agenda.

7th European Conference of IUHPE

The Institute is organizing the 7th European Conference of IUHPE on Health Promotion and Education, to be held in Budapest this October (18-21) and the idea came up that one of the sessions could be devoted to of men' s health, dealing with the up-to-date questions of it.

The planning of this session would be reasonable with the involvement of the Forum. In the same time this event could also host/serve as the 2006 network meeting of the Forum.

Key partnerships

In the area of men' s health, the institute has developed strong links with the Hungarian League Against Cancer. The organisation has since become an associate member of EMHF.

Ireland



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Men' s Health Week

A recent meeting of the All Ireland group in Belfast decided on the organisation of a conference on June 13th during Men' s Health Week. The theme of the event is mental health. The Irish Department of Health and Children may launch their new men' s health policy during the meeting. Supported by the Irish Royal College of Surgeons, the conference will draw on Irish keynote speakers such as Anthony Claire, Terrence Real and Tony Humphreys.

Vienna Declaration

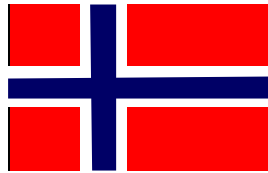
MHFi will translate the Declaration into Irish and will seek to use the men's health week conference to generate endorsements. MHFi will look into use the EMHF logo on its printed materials to highlight international support for MHFi events and other activities.

New project manager

On the administrative side, MHFi will be fundraising for the recruitment of a much needed project manager, and a key priority this year will be to develop the Irish membership and produce a regular newsletter.



Norway



Men's Health Forum Norway

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The Men's Health Forum Norway exists since 2005 as a working group of 4-5 people. There are no plans to formally register it as a statutory organisation yet.

2006 Events

- *Nordic Men's Health Conference, 10-11 March.*

Topics: suicide, obesity, CVD, fitness and doping, postnatal depression, death & honour (suicide and masculinity) – Language: mostly Danish/Swedish – Key note speaker: Alan White – Showing of the film 'Tired Man' about the behaviour of a man aged 40 victim of a heart attack, and about the reaction of his entourage. The film will be translated into English at a later stage to showcase male attitude to health with broader audiences.

The 'Nordic Network' (Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and perhaps Iceland) will hold their first main meeting during the Nordic Conference

- *Conference 'The equal society? Meaning of gender in health and welfare', 8-9 June.*

Held at Stavanger University. Language: mostly Norwegian. Key note speakers include English Prof Ian Banks and Prof Sasha Roseneil from Leeds (UK)

Vienna Declaration

The Danish version can be easily understood in Norway and doesn't require translation for the moment. Men's Health Forum Norway will look into promoting the Declaration/seeking endorsements during both the Nordic and Stavanger Conferences. It was suggested that a small leaflet in English about EMHF be available for distribution at both events.

Men's Health Week

There are currently no plans to organise an event during Men's Health Week 2006.

Key partnerships

2005 saw the development of a partnership with the Norwegian Association Lung and Heart Disease who have a strong interest in the film.

In 2006, a new partnership has been developed with the Norwegian Cancer Society. Prof Ian Banks spoke at their steering committee in February where plans to focus on men and cancer were discussed. One of the main issues in their campaign is how to reach men with health services, the new 3-year plan is expected to be officially announced during the Nordic Conference in March.



Slovakia



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Unfortunately this update is relatively dated. We hope to be able to include this section in the next update.

Real Men is preparing personal discussions with potential new EMHF network members in Hungary, Ukraine, Poland, Czech, and Poland.

Real Men is developing its contacts with the Rotary Club. This is a slow process which started with a cooperation with clubs, districts and so on RI central community or foundation.

Real Men announced that they would be very pleased to join a research project on men's use of health services. Dr Horváth has offered the contribution of his surgery.

Contacts with SKODA and US Steel have been made in order to explore the possibility of further partnership. Contacts with other companies such as KIA, and FORD seem to very promising too.



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It has not been possible to receive any information from Mr Manzano in time for this update.



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Background: national focus is on “gender health”.

The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health will publish the first “Gender Health Report” at the end of 2006. More Information (in german only):

http://www.bag.admin.ch/gender/f/zielsetzungen_genderbericht.pdf

“Réseau national pour la recherche Gender Health” : The basic “document stratégique du réseau de recherché” (german only) <http://www.bag.admin.ch/gender/forschung/netzwerk/f/strategiepapier.pdf>
Its main target is to improve the interdisciplinary research on gender and health.

Besides the research, they organise once a year a gender conference. Last report of the conference: <http://www.bag.admin.ch/gender/forschung/netzwerk/d/tagungsreader%202005.pdf>

Just a few weeks ago, this study was published:

http://www.sfa-ispa.ch/Extranet/publication/PublicationUpload/sucht_mannlichkeit.pdf

Radix Gesundheitsförderung in brief

Men's health is still a small project (30 % of a full time job). The work is targeted at professionals in the field of health promotion/prevention. I coach them in developing male sensitive approaches in their daily work or projects. Although on national level the focus is on gender health, it is recognised, that there is a gap in the field of men's health.

Radix translated the background document to the Vienna Declaration into German.

Swiss men's health network

In January 2006, the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health has asked Radix to build up the "Network Men's Health Switzerland". This network will be based on the "Vienna Declaration", the background document and the membership criteria of EMHF.



United Kingdom



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Operations/Management

MHF recruited a new Director of Operations, Stephen Sibbald, in December 2005. Stephen will take over the role of managing the MHF staff team as well as developing a robust approach to project management. His appointment represents a significant stage in the growth of MHF.

Policy

(i) Men and Cancer Symposium

During National Men's Health Week 2004, MHF drew attention to the fact that, for nine out of the ten most common cancers that are not specific to either sex, incidence rates are very much greater in men than in women. To follow up on this startling statistic, MHF is organising a symposium of 8-10 expert speakers, all of whom will be invited to address the question of why cancer incidence and mortality rates are so much higher in men than women. The symposium is being developed in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Relief, Cancer BACUP and the Centre for Men's Health at Leeds Metropolitan University and will take place at the end of 2006.

(ii) Gender Equity Consultation

MHF is undertaking a survey of all the PCTs in the country to assess how their current services take into account gender sensitivity. A database has been developed which has 75% of the direct email addresses for Public Health Directors around the country. The online survey has been posted and emails sent out at the beginning of February and 5 PCT pilot sites have been visited for more in-depth interviews. A report of the findings will be made available in the summer.

(iii) White Paper on Public Health

In September 2005, the Department of Health announced "Your Health, Your Care, Your Say", a consultation process to allow interested individuals and organisations to submit views about the content of the White Paper on the future structure of community health care services. The consultation required that responses be submitted in a standardised format, using an online questionnaire. The MHF made two separate submissions based on two separate "view-canvassing" exercises. The document you can download at http://www.menshealthforum.org.uk/uploaded_files/YHYCYSresponse.pdf comprises the full text of those two submissions, removed from the context of the consultation questionnaire.

The White Paper was issued by the Department of Health at the end of January 2006 and signals a pleasing shift towards patient choice and control over their health, although there is very little specific mention of men. MHF will be issuing a response to this by the end of the month.

(iv) Equality Bill Consultation

MHF has been involved on the gender duty consultation, led by the Department of Trade & Industry and the Equal Opportunities Commission, and designed to ensure that gender is considered in the delivery of all public services.

MHF' s response to the consultation can be downloaded here:
http://www.menshealthforum.org.uk/uploaded_files/genderdutyconsultationjan06.pdf.

(v) Men & Chlamydia Project

The evaluation of this project, being undertaken by Bournemouth University, is due to be published shortly but is already highlighting some valuable learning which will be fed into a forthcoming campaign, headed by MHF and involving an expert panel of representatives from the public and sexual health field, aimed at forcing the National Screening Programme to proactively target men with their Chlamydia screening.

For further information on all of the above, please contact: david.wilkins@menshealthforum.org.uk

Men' s Health Week

NMHW 2006 is looking to be the biggest yet and MHF is working with 40 partners and has already received around 2000 registrations from local groups and individuals around the country. Expert seminars have also been held with representatives of black and minority ethnic men as well as gay, bisexual and transgender men, to ensure that the week recognises the health needs of specific groups of men. The NMHW conference will take place on 14th June where MHF will launch the latest in its series of Haynes Manuals, this year entitled *Brain* and in a computer manual format.

For more information, visit:

http://www.menshealthforum.org.uk/userpage1.cfm?item_id=1078 or contact matthew.maycock@menshealthforum.org.uk.

Parliamentary Activity

Two All Party Parliamentary Group on Men' s Health meetings have been held in the last few months. The Christmas reception looked at progress on work to tackle weight problems in men. The '[Three Quarters Is Too Many' statement](#) published by the Men' s Health Forum now has 54 organisations backing its calls to improve the way weight problems in men are tackled and 75 MPs have backed a [Commons EDM supporting the statement](#).

Both the ' Three Quarters Is Too Many' statement and EDM261 are still open for additional support.

The second All Party Group meeting was staged earlier this month and revisited the MHF' s work on men and chlamydia. This was extremely well attended and allowed MHF the opportunity to explain its forthcoming campaign for the development of proactive approaches to ensure men are effectively targeted in the National Screening Programme.

The MHF will also be lobbying strongly in the run-up to the implementation of the duty on gender equality (see above) to ensure that a serious approach to the needs of men is taken by public service providers as well as clarifying that GPs will be included in the remit of the legislation.

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Project Work

(i) Existing Projects

The BT Work Fit programme has now come to an end and initial indications suggest that it has been very successful. Data is currently being analysed which will provide statistics on the number of people who stayed with the programme through the entire 16 weeks and how much weight was lost in total. A follow-up survey will be held in April and the final results are due to be published in June.

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(ii) Potential New Projects

- Boys in Schools

MHF is keen to develop a project looking at the promotion of health to boys in schools and is working with the Department of Health to develop this further.

- Mini-Manuals

The Haynes Manuals, produced in conjunction with NMHW each year, can be revised into 16 page mini-manuals, tailored to target specific audiences and subject matter. Several editions have already been produced and MHF will be exploring how to expand the marketing of this material.

- Lambeth PCT

MHF has been approached by Lambeth PCT to develop a research project exploring attitudes towards men's health, from both the perspective of men and health care professionals, the findings of which could be disseminated widely and form the basis for future programmes of activity and further research.

For more information on any of the above projects, contact: Stephen.sibbald@menshealthforum.org.uk.

- Gender Equity Training & Consultancy

With the advent of the Equality Bill (see above), public sector agencies will be required to deliver services which take into account gender. MHF believes that many public health providers are not prepared for the implications of this duty and MHF will therefore be looking to develop a training and consultancy programme to facilitate this.

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Funding

The majority of MHFs' income consists of core funding by the Scottish Executive (Scottish Health Ministry). Against initial expectations, this source will dry out after March 2007 and MHFS is revising its fundraising strategy to diversify its sources of income, which may include more commercial partners.

From well-man clinics to Prevention 2010

An on-going and paramount pre-occupation throughout 2006 will be to maintain the network of 12-18 month-old well-man pilots beyond March 2006 when the funding from the Scottish Executive will cease. MHFs are working to limit the winding down of the network ahead of the expected funding shortage. It aims to ensure that the momentum for men's health hence created can be carried through to the new 'Prevention 2010' plan where GBP 25M over 3 years will fund local Community Health Partnerships for the prevention of priority areas such as heart disease, HIV/AIDS, Cancer and obesity. Although each of these priorities could benefit from a strong gender focus, it is not expected that these services will be gender specific.

Men' s Health Week

In 2004 and 2005, MHFs focussed on publishing a directory of local events and contributed with MHF to the development of the resource CD aimed at the event' s participants. This will be repeated again in 2006. But for the first time this year, a conference and a 10km run for men will provide a national focus. The 200 delegate conference will take place on June 12th and focus on the development of the well-man pilots. The run will take place on Father's Day and will be limited to 1500 runners and has the support of a wide range of sponsors and partners. Participants will be organised in groups and their physical preparation overseen by a professional trainer. It is expected that a network of such groups will continue to thrive after the event. Andy Kerr, Health Minister for Scotland is a keen supporter of the event, which he will officially launch and also take part in.

National policy document

In the lead up to the 2007 Scottish elections, MHFs have identified a clear need for the publication of policy recommendations that meets the specific development needs of men's health in Scotland. A final version document could be ready by the summer.

Quarterly advisory group seminars

These themed meetings are opened to a wide range of stakeholders. Limited to 100 people and always oversubscribed, they provide fantastic opportunities to network, and to debate issues and project development with the largest possible number of interested parties

Other meetings and conferences

- Conference on domestic violence

As a result of one of the quarterly meetings, this conference will take place in partnership with Amnesty International Scotland on March 30th, with speakers coming from Bangladesh, USA, South Africa and Canada

- Healthy Gay Scotland

At the end of May, this meeting will bring health professionals together to discuss the delivery of health services to the gay community, beyond sexual health.

- *Mental Health Framework*

A seminar of experts (25-26 May) to provide recommendations aimed at health workers who need to engage men on mental wellbeing issues.

- *Counter weight:*

This is a UK governmental initiative to tackle obesity. MHFs in partnership with MHF will organise a seminar in early April to provide recommendations regarding the delivery of weight management programmes to men. This follows from the limited success of previous non-gender sensitive attempts to communicate to men on these issues.

Website: MHFs have recently set up their own website. www.mhfs.org.uk

Proposal for promotion of Declaration

- Conference: Plenary presentation, info pack, dedicated presentation stand
- Reference in national policy document
- 10k run: possible endorsement by Scottish health minister, and by relevant partners/sponsors

EMHF network meeting 2006

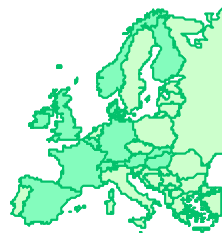
Invitation to EMHF was renewed with offer to provide help with location/hotel search, EMHF to secretariat to work with MHFs to assess details.

Relations with other organisations

Prostate Cancer Charity; Cancer Back-Up (support services for sufferers), Breathing space (Telephone help line for mental health issues)



Europe



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For details regarding EMHF's 2006-2007 plans, please refer to the document entitled 'Revised 2006 priorities and key deliverables' in the Secure Area of the EMHF website
http://www.emhf.org/index.cfm/item_id/205/

Network

- New membership focus to include Italy and Poland
- Organisation of an EMHF network meeting in late 2006
- Development of a European Men's Health Activity Report
- Expansion of EMHF brand in support of national activities

Raising awareness by actively contributing to international events

- Organisation of an EMHF workshop on the challenges of LT medical conditions during European Health Forum Gastein (Oct)
- Ensure presence EMHF at ESSM with a plenary presentation / workshop (Vienna, Dec)
- Organisation of a parallel session on men's health at IUHPE (Budapest, Oct)
- Presence EMHF at EU presidency conference on Gender Equality (Helsinki, Oct)

Men's Health Week

- Negotiations underway for a Europe-level awareness raising project (Details to be communicated as soon as confirmed with sponsor)

Vienna Declaration

- Campaign of endorsements with key EU level organisations/individuals (Jan-Oct)
- Organise endorsement campaign targeting MEPs in June
- Follow-up of translations and promotional activities at national level
- Organisation of official launch event in the Autumn

EU Institutions

- EMHF contribution to obesity and mental health Commission Green Papers
- Securing Community funding for gender-focussed projects and organisations in the next 5-year work plan of DG Sanco
- New discussions about EMHF' s involvement with the EU health Policy Forum

Administration

- Setting up of network committee
-