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CONFERENCES



5-7 May 2010
The European Commission – The Borschette Centre
Brussels, Belgium

The 6th edition of EGEA Conference,
Social and Health Benefits of Balanced Diet:
The role of fruits and Vegetables

CALL FOR POSTER
Abstract submission Deadline
28 February 2010
Contact: egea@interfel.com
<http://www.egeaconference.com/>

Interesting for psychologists working in the field of nutrition (healthy behavior, eating disorders, obesity, nutrition-behavior-learning, allergies...)

OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS



FP7 - EU's 7th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013)

The 7th Framework programme of the EU offers various funding possibilities for psychologists. The programme has seven funding areas of which the following are of interest to psychologists.

1. Cooperation - collaborative research
 - aims at bringing together our best talents from across Europe (researchers, industry and SMEs) in various areas, including Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities;
2. Ideas (ERC) – conducting frontier research
 - establishes the European Research Council (ERC) – the first pan-European funding agency for Frontier Research supports investigator-driven frontier research over all areas of research
3. People – 'Marie Curie' actions aiming at researchers
 - includes Fellowships, Grants, Awards for Initial training of researchers (Marie Curie Networks), Life-long training and career development (Individual Fellowships, Co-financing of regional/national/international programmes), Industry-academia pathways and partnerships (Industry-Academia Knowledge-sharing Scheme), International dimension (Outgoing & Incoming International Fellowships, International Cooperation Scheme, Reintegration grants. Support to researcher 'diasporas'), Specific actions: mobility & excellence (Mobility and career enhancement actions, Excellence awards).

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4. Capacities – research capacity

- aims to offer excellent infrastructures to conduct research by measures aiming at Research infrastructures, Research for the benefit of SMEs, Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential, Science in Society, Coherent development of policies, Activities of International Cooperation.

General information on the 7th Framework Programme can be found at:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

Below is a list of open calls for proposals.

ADVANCED INVESTIGATOR GRANTS - FP7 Ideas 2010

The European Research Council (ERC) offers Advanced Investigator Grants to encourage and support excellent, innovative investigator-initiated research projects by leading advanced investigators across the EU Member States and Associated countries. The grants will support projects carried out by individual teams which are headed by a single Principal Investigator (PI) of any nationality and, as necessary, include additional team-members. These teams may be of national or trans-national character. There calls in two domains that are of relevance for psychologists:

ERC-2010-AdG_20100317 for the domain Life Sciences (LS)
[with deadline 17 March 2010](#)

ERC-2010-AdG_20100407 for the domain Social Sciences and Humanities (SH)
[with deadline 7 April 2010](#)

More info:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.IdeasDetailsCallPage&call_id=293

COFUNDING OF FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCHERS IN THE MARIE CURIE PROGRAMME – FP7 People 2010.

The 'MARIE CURIE CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)' offers opportunities for financial support of a wide array of research fellowships. This is of interest to psychological researchers with an interest in a fellowship abroad, those who wish to invite foreign researchers or those who wish to return to Europe after having spent some time abroad. The programme offers co-funding of 40% of the costs.

Deadline for application: [18 February 2010](#).

More info:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=246

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS – FP7 Capacities: Science in Society 2010

There is an opportunity to obtain funding for small or medium-sized research projects on a number of topics that relate to the interface between science and society. Several of these are of interest to psychologists.

Action 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship:

- Relationships between science, democracy and law
Topic: The role of Ethics under EU policy and law: the EU as a global actor / EU policy in the making
- Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications, taking also into account measures to improve access by the public
Topic: Assessing how research outputs at individual researcher level are evaluated and measured.

Action 2: Strengthening potential, broadening horizons:

- Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and scientific decision making
Topic: Implementing structural change in research organisations/universities
- Mainstreaming gender in Community research policy and programmes
Topic: Women in Science: Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation
- Supporting formal and informal science education in schools as well as through science centres and museums and other relevant means
Topic: Supporting and coordinating actions on innovative methods in science education: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe)
- Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education
Topic: Science curricula and their objectives: balancing the needs between training for future scientists and broader societal needs.

Action 3: Science and Society Communicate

- Encouraging a European dimension at science events targeting the public
Topic: Science and the Arts: an experimental approach.

Deadline: 21 January 2010

More Info:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=271

MISCELLANEOUS

“Work in tune with life. Move Europe”



The European Network for Workplace Health Promotion (ENWHP) has started a European campaign to promote mental health in workplaces, which is co-funded by the European Commission under the Public Health Programme 2003 - 2008.

The campaign aims to:

Increase the awareness of companies and the general public about the needs and benefits of mental health promotion at work

Attract companies to take part in the campaign and to convince them that investments in workplace mental health promotion initiatives are worthwhile.

Design practical measures and models for promoting mental health in workplace settings and encourage an exchange of experience in this field.

See the Folder:

http://www.enwhp.org/fileadmin/downloads/8th_Initiative/MentalHealth__Faltblatt.pdf

New report on Workforce Safety and Health

Workforce diversity and risk assessment: Ensuring everyone is covered', Report by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

The main aim of this report is to describe why and how risk assessment can and should cover the whole workforce, and to increase awareness among those responsible for and affected by health and safety at work – employers, employees, safety reps and OSH practitioners – about the importance of assessing the risks of ALL workers. The report is aimed mainly at those who are responsible for carrying out risk assessments and/or are involved in the process.

<http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/TE7809894ENC/view>



What do Europeans think about their working conditions?

The Pan-European opinion poll on occupational safety and health provides current and reliable data on people's perception of their working environment, such as

- Deciding factors when looking for a new job
- Work as cause for ill health
- Development of safety and health at work
- Impact of the economic crisis on working conditions
- Information levels regarding occupational safety and health risks.

The results can be accessed by Member State in a user-friendly format in the corresponding language or for EU-27 in English

http://osha.europa.eu/en/statistics/eu-poll/index_html

TESE - Thesaurus for Education Systems in Europe – 2009 Edition

TESE is a multilingual controlled vocabulary on education systems in Europe. It is designed by the Eurydice network to organize its publications by subject and to make them easier to retrieve in a search. This 2009 edition is a collaborative effort of information and education specialists and takes into account the most recent developments in education systems and policies in Europe.

TESE is available in 15 languages: Czech, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish and Turkish. The Latvian version is currently under preparation.

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/Eurydice/TESEHome>

TRAINING IN EU FUNDING

E-ISOTIS in cooperation with the training consultancy company CYBERALL-ACCESS are pleased to inform you that we organize the following two unique training courses in Athens that can be funded 100% (Travel, Accommodation, meals, training course and material) by the Grundtvig National Agency in your country and advance your skills in project management and exploiting EU funds. For seminars taking place any time between 1st May 2010 and 31st August 2010, [you need to apply till 15th January 2010](#).

The application process is straight forward but you need to act now!

The two seminars are the following:

1st Seminar: FUNDING FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

2nd Seminar: EFFICIENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

The outline of both courses follows below as well as the steps for receiving funding from the Grundtvig/Comenius Agency of your country. We give also indicative impressions/quotes from trainees that attended already these two courses.

Steps to obtain the grant

Step 1. Contact your own National Agency to obtain a grant application form and to check the deadline for submitting your application. For seminars taking place any time between 1st May 2010 and 31st August 2010, you need to apply till 15th January 2010, therefore, you need

to submit your application very soon. National Agency contact details can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html

Step 2. Once you have selected the available days to attend our training event, contact us (training@e-isotis.org) and provide your contact data and the seminar dates you wish to attend for allowing us checking availability and sending you the confirmation of your provisional registration that you need to enclose in your grant application form at your National Agency.

Step 3. Send your grant application form to your National Agency along with the confirmation from us of your provisional registration for the course that we should have provided it to you [before 15th Jan 2010](#).

Web: www.learn-it-easy.eu



COMMISSION TAKES STEPS TO TACKLE HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN THE EU

The European Commission has announced a series of actions to help Member States and other actors tackle the gaps in health which exist between and within countries in the EU.

Despite increased prosperity and overall improvements in health in the EU, health differences between and within countries persist and in some cases are increasing.

Difference in life expectancy at birth between Member States reach up to 8 years for women and 14 years for men. The reasons behind these differences are complex and involve a wide range of factors from income, education, living and working conditions, health behaviours to access to healthcare. A possible consequence of the current financial crisis is that this health gap will increase in the groups most hit by the recession such as the unemployed.

The Commission initiative identifies action for improving knowledge on this issue, better monitoring and data collection, more assessment of how EU policies can tackle health inequalities and work with countries, regions and stakeholders.

The EU will support Member States and stakeholders to identify what works best and how to put this into practice. It will produce regular statistics and reporting on the size of inequalities in the EU and on successful strategies to reduce them. It will strengthen its procedures to evaluate the impact of its policies on health inequalities and help reduce them where possible. It will help countries to use EU funds to improve health of the worst off and narrow health gaps between regions – such as primary care facilities, water and sanitation and housing renewal. A first report on progress will be produced in 2012.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1550&aged=0&language=EN&format=HTML&guiLanguage=en>

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN HEALTH CARE

A new WHO Handbook has been published on Monitoring and Evaluation of Human Resources in health care, with special applications for low and middle-income countries (WHO 2009)

In many countries, shortage and misdistribution of trained health workers is one of the most important constraints to strengthening the delivery of primary and other health services, including curative, promotional, preventive and rehabilitative services. At the same time,



many countries currently lack the technical capacity to accurately monitor their own health workforce: data are often unreliable and out-of-date, common definitions and proven analytical tools are absent, skills and experience for assessing crucial policy issues are lacking.

This Handbook aims to strengthen that technical capacity.

It offers health managers, researchers and policy makers a comprehensive and standard reference for monitoring and evaluating human resources for health. It brings together an analytical framework with strategy options for improving the health workforce information and evidence base, as well as country experiences to highlight approaches that have worked. This publication enhances understanding of human resources for health and contributes to the growing body of tools and applied research designed to address the challenge of measuring and improving health workforce outcomes, strengthening health systems and, ultimately, improving population health

<http://apps.who.int/bookorders/anglais/detart1.jsp?sesslan=1&codlan=1&codcol=15&codcch=757>

STATE OF THE DRUGS PROBLEM IN EUROPE

The Annual report on the state of the drugs problem in Europe has been launched on the 5th November 2009

The report, available in 23 languages, provides the latest European data and commentary on the drug situation across the 27 EU Member States, Croatia, Turkey and Norway. Individual chapters dedicated to specific drugs are complemented by updates on drug-related infectious diseases and deaths, new drugs and emerging trends and the legal, political, social and health responses to Europe's drugs problem.

The report can be downloaded at:

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/annual-report/2009>

