





TÜRKİYE HALK SAĞLIĞI KURUMU DERNEĞİ PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION-TURKEY

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Please kindly note that the Turkish Public Health Association (T.HASAK) is pleased to participate and honored to be part of the UN Global Compact which is the world's largest corporate citizenship initiative. With this regards, we would like to confirm our commitment to continue to support to the principles of UN Global Compact that we adhered to on November 21, 2006.

Since its establishment, the T.HASAK has supported numerous public health, social, educational and cultural programs indicating the importance that the T.HASAK has given to social responsibility activities. Cooperation and joint initiatives can bring all elements in social networks to meet at a common denominator. We need the state, non-governmental organizations, private sector, professional organizations and academia to support each other in an effective dialogue along the lines of this country's realities. Our basic philosophy is to contribute to society and to regard our development as an integral part of the development of society.

We commit to making the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our NGO and undertake to make a clear statement of this commitment both to our employees, partners, clients and to the public. We support public accountability and transparency and will report on progress made in a public manner.

Turkish Public Health Association's stakeholders to find appropriate information related to the UN Global Compact, our COP and (<u>www.t-hasak.org/english/reports.htm</u>) Annual Reports could include links the UN Global Compact principles to relevant policy and strategy documents, descriptions of practical actions and outcomes on our website. (<u>www.t-hasak.org/bmkis.htm</u>)

With its high growth potential, the T.HASAK aims to be one of the leading exchanges in the near future. In achieving this goal, the global common virtues such as environmental and ecological friendly projects, labor and human rights, anti-corruptions and transparency have always been the core corporate values of the T.HASAK. Enclosed please find the T.HASAK's "Communication on Progress (COP)" report for 2008.

Sincerely yours

Prof. Hikmet PEKCAN, M.D President, Turkish Public Health Association

TURKISH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (T.HASAK) UN GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS REPORT (27 November 2007-21 November 2008)

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Type of organization : Civil Society Organization/Non-Governmental Organization **Name of the organization** : Turkish Public Health Association (T.HASAK) Address: Mithatpasa Cad. No: 52 / 7 Kızılay-Ankara / TURKEY **:** +90 312 - 219 57 00 / 230-231 Telephone Fax **:** +90 312 - 219 57 01 Website : www.t-hasak.org Number of members : 350 Type of activity : CSO/NGO- Health Care Services & Supplies Joined Global Compact on : 21st November 2006 Name and title of highest executive: Prof. Hikmet PEKCAN, M.D, President Name and title of contact person: Mr. Bekir Metin Vice President of Turkish Public Health Association Tel: +90 312 - 219 57 00 / 231 Fax: +90 312 - 219 57 01 E-mail: bmetin@t-hasak.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) joining efforts to strengthen the public health profession and to improve community health nationwide.

Purpose; to create ideas for promoting public health in Turkey together with relevant stake holders and institutions and to convey these ideas to relevant authorities and to make contributions for implementing them and to monitor result of them.

Mission: TPHA's mission is to contribute to improve the people's health by making efforts in every level to increase awareness in public health with health protection and formative activities, activating resources, supporting people in this field.

Vision: To exchange of human resources and documentation; to make comprehensive studies in Europe and in the World; to share Turkey's experiences in the field of public health with the world, including neighbor countries in her region and in the world. Our vision is to work, to generate and to share.

Brief History: Turkish Public Health Association was established in 1993, became a member of WFPHA in 1995 and obtained the right to use the expression "Turkish" in its name in 1997. TPHA was qualified as a benevolent Association in 1998. TPHA became a member of European Public Health Association (EUPHA) in 2004 and became member of UNESCO- Turkish National Commission of Public Health Education National Committee on 28 April 2006. TPHA with its studies and active participation has been one of the NGO's referred to within the process of Turkey's accession into European Union. Also, TPHA signed the UN Global Compact on 21 November 2006 with UN General Secretary Kofi ANNAN, thus became a member of UN Global Compact. And Founder member since 1995 and Member of the Council of Board of the National Tobacco Control and Health Committee.

TPHA is a volunteer, non-profit and an international nongovernmental organization bringing health workers throughout Turkey together for professional exchange, collaboration and action.

Its members are multidisciplinary national and regional public health societies include physicians, nurses, sanitarians, administrators, health educators, pharmacists', anthropologists, health engineers, researchers and many other persons interested in public health.

TPHA has a long history of joint works with World Health Organization, European Union, European Public Health Association and World Federation of Public Health Associations and this cooperation has been strengthened since 2004. Within this framework, TPHA has been carrying out many EU projects. Concrete steps taken by TPHA to hold European and World Public Health Congresses in Turkey have given its fruits. Consequently, (www.worldpublichealth2009.org) 2009 World Public Health Congress will be held in Istanbul-Turkey and sub structural process is about to be completed to ensure that 2012 European Public Health Congress is also conducted in Turkey.

TURKISH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TPHA) Activity Report for the Year 2008

2008 ACTIVITIES OF TURKISH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

- 1. Congress, Conference and Meetings
- 2. International Cooperation
- 3. Training and Publications
- 4. Other activities

1. CONGRESS CONFERENCES AND MEETING

TPHA participates in congress, conference and various activities held every year on country level aiming at strengthening public health awareness and increasing interest in this field. TPHA provides participation in congresses and conferences not only in Turkey, but also in the international arena. It works together with the competent local and international experts and organizations. It continues its activities with state organizations, universities, NGO's, professional organizations, relevant UN and other international organizations as WHO, EUPHA, WFPHA and private sector in the field of medicine and health.

1.1. National Congress, Conference and Meetings

Family Physician Practice Meeting (26–28 October 2008)

Family Physician Practice Meeting that will determine education curriculum for the employee of Public Health Centers, within the context of Family Medicine Practice is held in Ankara, on **26-28 October 2008.** Vice-President Bekir METIN attended to this meeting as representative of TPHA, on 26 October 2008.

12. National Public Health Congress (21 – 25 October 2008)

12. National Public Health Congress was held at meeting hall of Ankara Medicine Faculty Morphology building on **21 – 25 October 2008.** Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA; Bekir METIN, Vice-President; Dr. Ersin ASLANTÜRK, Barış KAHRIMAN and Dr. Deniz BABA, members of Executive Board attended to this meeting as representatives of TPHA and promotion of 2009 World Congress on Public Health was made.

Introduction Meeting of "MPOVER" (07 October 2008)

Introduction meeting of "MPOVER"- Package of Effective Tobacco Control Policies- was held on **07 October 2008** by Ministry of Health under the chairmanship of Dr. Hasan IRMAK, Deputy General Director of the Primary Health Care

Ministry of Health Authorities has given information on "Assessing National Capacity to Implement the MPOWER Package of Effective Tobacco Control Policies" activities in Turkey organized by World Health Organization to related organizations and institutions.

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA; Bekir METIN, Vice-President and Prof. Dr. Nazmi BILIR, Former President TPHA attended to this meeting on behalf of TPHA.

Moreover promotion of 2009 World Congress on Public Health was made and flyers on World Congress were distributed.

National Tobacco and Health Committee' Press Conference (28 May 2008)

National Tobacco and Health Committee' Press Conference held in Ankara on **28 May 2008**, with attendance of its member institutions. The purpose of this meeting was to support 4207 numbered "Control and Prevention Harm of Tobacco Product" Law. TPHA President Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, Vice-President Bekir METIN and some members of Executive Board attended above mentioned meeting.

TPHA Executive Board Meeting (26 April 2008)

Executive Board of TPHA convened on **26 April 2008**, under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN. Bekir METİN, Vice-President of TPHA; Ersin ASLANTÜRK, Treasurer and members of Executive Board Prof. Dr. Haluk ÇELİK, Öznur ŞAHİN and Barış KAHRIMAN attended to the meeting.

Latest development of 2009 World Congress of Public Health preparation activities, acceleration of invitation process of UN Agencies General Directors and the strategy to be followed in order to bring 2011 European Public Health Congress were discussed.

7 April, World Health Day Activities in Turkey (07 April 2008)

World Health Day is celebrated in Turkey with various activities on **7th of April 2008**. Two different panels have been held in Ankara on this occasion. One of them was held by TPHA and the other one was held by Health Administrators Association. (Detailed information on this subject can be found at TPHA web-page <u>www.t-hasak.org</u>). Moreover, promotion of 2009 World Congress on Public Health was made during the both events in order to create awareness. Documentation of the activities has been sent to WHO HQ and European Regional Office.

National Tobacco and Health Committee' Meeting (01 April 2008)

National Tobacco and Health Committee, founded 1995 and TPHA is one of its founder member, convened on 01 April 2008. The meeting held under presidency of Prof. Dr. Elif Dağlı, at the Center of The Turkish Thoracic Society in Ankara- Oran. Bekir METIN, Vice President and General Secretary of TPHA and Muharrem VARLIK, member of the Board attended to the meeting as representatives of TPHA.

Following topics have been discussed at the meeting:

Law No: 4207 On Prevention of the Harms of Tobacco Products; 31 May 2008 World without Tobacco Day Activities; WHO Bloomberg Global Initiative to reduce tobacco use Project and privatization of TEKEL.

TPHA authorities explained their Public Health activities and also the efforts have been going on in the World regarding tobacco related issues. Moreover detailed information concerning 2009 World Congress on Public Health was also given to the participants.

Board Meeting of TPHA (08 February 2008)

The board meeting of TPHA held on **8 February 2008** – Saturday, at ZED meeting room. Issues related with bringing 2011 European Public Health Congress to Turkey and preparation activities regarding 2009 World Congress on Public Health were thoroughly discussed.

The Meeting of National Tobacco and Health Committee (07 January 2008)

The Meeting of National Tobacco and Health Committee held on **07 January 2008**, at Turkish Medical Association's meeting hall. Following topics were discussed:

- The Ratification process of the Law Modifying the Law on Prevention of the Harms of Tobacco Products and evaluation of the post-Law process.
- Evaluation of selling medical uncertificated alternative products.
- Determination of annual activity programme of National Tobacco and Health Committee,
- Evaluation of National Tobacco Control Programme activities

Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA and Mr. Koray TUNCER participated to the meeting as representatives of TPHA.

14th General Assembly of TPHA (05 January 2008)

14th General Assembly of TPHA held on 5 January 2008, at ZED meeting room in Ankara.

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of Board of Management, presented the TPHA activity report for the term 2005- 2007 and income and expenditure account for the same term. The report of Auditing Commission was presented by Mahir CEVIZ on behalf of Prof .Dr. Bihter YAZICIOGLU. Both reports were approved after discussed by members.

Election was held for Executive and Auditing Boards. Seven full members and seven deputy members were elected for Executive Board and three full members and three deputy members were elected for Auditing Board.

The Board of Management (Full Member)

- President: Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN
- Secretary General: Mr. Bekir METIN
- Treasurer: Dr. Ersin ASLANTURK
- Member: Prof. Dr. T. Haluk ÇELİK
- Member: Dr. Muharrem VARLIK
- Member: Mr. Barış KAHRIMAN
- Member: Ms. Öznur ŞAHİN

Auditing Commission (Full Member)

- Member : Mrs. Melek Coşan YILMAZ
- Member : Mr. Nurdogan ERÜNAL
- Member : Mr. Mahir CEVİZ

National and International Organizing and Counselling Comittee Meeting (27 December 2007)

" National and International Organizing and Counseling Committee" Meeting was held in Ankara, on **27 December 2007** in coordination with General Directorate for Health and Safety at Work of Ministry of Labor and Social Security.

Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA and General Coordinator of 2009 World Public Health Congress and representatives from 40 Institutions and Association were attended to the meeting. Speaking on the agenda of the meeting, Mr. METIN explained views and proposals of TPHA and offered cooperation on 2009 World Congress on Public Health.

Dr. Rana GÜVEN, Deputy Director- General for Labor Health and Safety of Ministry of Labor and Social Security was the chair of the meeting and expressed the following:

"22nd Labor Health and Safety Week" is planned to be held on 6 – 8 May 2008 in Istanbul or Ankara and among the themes of the event shall be "Labor Health and Safety in Mines, Psycho - Social Elements in Working Places, Working Life and Smoking".

V. International Health and Safety at Work Regional Conference, to be held in Istanbul, on 14 – 16 October 2008 and main theme is going to be "risk assessment";

Presentation of 2008–2012 Action Plan on National Tobacco Control Programme (12 December 2007)

Presentation of Tobacco Control Action Plan was held on **12 December 2007** in Sheraton Hotel, Ankara, by Ministry of Health. Mr. Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN, Prime Minister; Prof. Dr. Recep AKDAĞ, Minister of Health; Dr. Agis TSOUROS, President of non communicable diseases section of WHO European Region and representatives of various related sectors were attended the meeting.

Vice president Mr. Bekir METİN and many academicians from TPHA have attended to above mentioned meeting as representatives of TPHA. Mr. Bekir METİN had the opportunity to submit information to Prime Minister and Minister of Health about ongoing preparatory works of 2009 World Public Health Congress and asked their support to the World Congress on Public Health.

Workshop for Eid ul-Adha (21 November 2007)

Eid ul-Adha Workshop was held in **Ankara**, on **21 November 2007**, as a common Organization of EU Veterinary Medicine Platform and Public Health Research and Development Center. The president of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN and member of the Executive Board of TPHA, Öznur ŞAHİN participated in the workshop as representives of TPHA. They made contributions to workshop declaration by expressing their views and proposals.

Purpose of the workshop was to determine rules of killing animals during Eid ul-Adha and to follow the hygienic rules in such killings.

1.2. International Congress, Conference and Meetings

5. International Work Health and Safety Conference (01-03 November 2008)

5th International Occupational Health and Safety Conference was held at Lütfi Kırdar Congress and Convention Center in Istanbul on 01–03 November 2008 by General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety of Ministry of Labor and Social Security .

Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA and Barış KAHRIMAN, member of Executive Board have attended to Opening Ceremony of the Conference. Meeting was held with decision makers who attended to Conference and latest information on 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparation was shared and support was requested. Moreover, 2009 World Congress Promotion brochures handed out to the participants. And also Mr. METIN met with Mr. Faruk CELIK, Minister of Labor and Social Security on same day in Istanbul.

42. General Assembly of WFPHA and 61. World Health Assembly (Geneva, 16- 24 May 2008)

A delegation headed by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA attended to 42. General Assembly of WFPHA held on **16-19 May 2008** in Geneva and 61.World Health Assemble held on **19-24 May 2008** in Geneva. Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Former President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA, Muharrem VARLIK and Öznur ŞAHİN members of Executive Board were in the delegation.

The delegation submitted a special file that includes all information on 12th World Congress on Public Health to be held on **27 April – 01 May 2009** in Istanbul, to the Head of Delegations of 193 member states of WHO in order to promote the Congress. Detailed report has been prepared and sent to persons concerned after the meetings in Turkey.

International Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety Congress (Antalya, 12–13 April 2008)

International Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety Congress was held in Antalya-Topkapı Palace Hotel on **12 and 13 April 2008**. Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA, Prof. Vet. Dr. Haluk T. ÇELIK, Board Member and Mr. Koray TUNCER, member of TPHA were participated in the Congress.

Main themes of the Congress were the importance of public health and food safety, international policies in this regard, regulations and practices of the EU, USA and Turkey on these issues, diseases originating from livestock products, zoonosis, animal wealth, animal food security and food safety through the eyes of consumers.

Prof. Dr. H. PEKCAN has presided a session where he was able to express the views of TPHA during the Congress and gave a conference on "Public Health".

First Global Forum on Human Resources (Kampala-Uganda, 02-07 March 2008)

First Global Forum on Human Resources for Health organized by WHO Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) was held in Kampala-Uganda on **2-7 March 2008.**

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, the President of TPHA-board member of WFPHA and Co-President of the 2009 World Congress on Public Health; Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Former President of TPHA, member of the Award Committee of WFPHA; Dr. Sarp ÜNER. Lecturer of Hacettepe University Medical Faculty, Public Health Department and Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA participated in the mentioned Conference as representatives of TPHA.

The Turkish Public Health Association's delegation met with representatives and experts from the United Nations and international agencies, countries, health worker associations, civil societies and academicians who were also present in this event. TPHA delegation opened a stand in order to introduce the 2009 World Congress on Public Health.

After the Forum, a report was prepared by TPHA delegation. The report covers information about the 2009 World Congress on Public Health introduction activities and meetings held there and the report subsequently publicized on 18 March 2008.

P.S.: TPHA planning to attend all of the international and national related congresses, to be held in 2008, in order to make publicity of 2009 World Congress.

Presentation of Competitive Tobacco Control Grant Programme, WHO Bloomberg Global Contribution to Tobacco Control (Ankara, 11 Dec. 2007)

WHO Bloomberg Global Contribution to Tobacco Control Tobacco encourages to developed tobacco combat interventions and for their implementations.

Vice president of TPHA Mr. Bekir METİN and Mr. Koray TUNCER, member of TPHA, participated in the meeting held in Ankara on **11th December 2007**, in coordination with WHO Country Office in Turkey. Detailed information about the projects were explained at the meeting. The information regarding 2009 World Congress on Public Health has been shared with more than 60 NGOs' representatives who attended to the meeting and cooperation was requested from representatives of WHO and Bloomberg Global Initiative.

1.3. Activities Regarding 2009 World Congress on Public Health In 2008

1.3.1. Meetings with Governmental Organizations and Institutions

Visit to Ibrahim ŞAHİN, Director General of Turkish Radio and TV. (Ankara, 23 October 2008)

Ibrahim ŞAHİN, Director General of The Turkish Radio and TV was visited by TPHA authorities in order to request support to 2009 World Congress on Public Health. Mr. ŞAHİN has declared that TRT is going to be official press sponsor to the Congress during this visit. Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Former President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA, Prof. Dr. T. Haluk ÇELİK and Barış KAHRIMAN_members of Executive Board were attended to this meeting.

Governor and Major of Denizli and Rector of Pamukkale University were visited (Denizli, 17 October 2008)

The decision was taken to cooperate with TPHA in order to support 2009 World Congress on Public Health during 11. National Public Health Congress, held last year (October 2007) and the activities regarding this issue were carried out under presidency of former governor Mr. Hasan CANPOLAT. In order to inform the incoming governor, Mr. Yavuz ERKMEN on this issue and re- accelerate cooperation; an expansive file sent to new governor and major of Denizli and Rector of Pamukkale University on 18 September 2008. Furthermore, new governor, major and rector have been visited on **17 October 2008** in order to give detailed information on the World Congress on Public Health by Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA and Barış KAHRIMAN, member of Executive Board and Prof. Dr. Ali İhsan BOZKURT.

Visit to Mrs. Esra SAKAR, Chief of the Cabinet of the Secretary General of **Presidency** (05 September 2008)

Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of the Turkish Public Health Association and General Coordinator of World Public Health Congress visited Mrs. Esra ŞAKAR, Chief of the Secretary General of Presidency, in order to discuss the issues to be done and the context of the support of the Presidency after the World Congress is under the auspices of H.E. Abdullah GÜL, President on **05 September 2008**.

Visit to H.E. Mr. Abdullah GÜL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Prof. Mustafa İSEN, Secretary General of Presidency (28 July 2008)

President GUL and Mr. ISEN were visited by the delegation composed by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Former President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President of TPHA, Prof. Dr. T. Haluk ÇELİK and Mr. Baris KAHRIMAN members of Executive Board, on **28 July 2008**. Delegation gave detailed information on 2009 World Public Health Congress and patronage of the President was requested. Minutes regarding to this visit were translated to English and put to the official congress web-page (www.worldpublichealth2009.org).

Visit to Ambassador Hüseyin Avni KARSLIOGLU, Chief of Cabinet of Presidency (19 June 2008)

Mr. Bekir METIN, General Coordinator of World Congress visited Ambassador Hüseyin Avni KARSLIOGLU, Chief of Cabinet of Presidency on **19 June 2008**, in order to give information and documents on 2009 World Public Health Congress.

Visit to Dr. Orhan GÜMRÜKCÜOĞLU, Under Secretary of Ministry of Health and Dr. Turan BUZGAN, Deputy Under Secretary of Ministry of Health (02 May 2008)

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir Metin, Vice President of TPHA visited Dr. Orhan GÜMRÜKCÜOGLU, Under Secretary of Ministry of Health and Dr. Turan BUZGAN, Deputy Under Secretary of Ministry of Health on **02 May 2008.**

Preparation works of 2009 World Congress and issues on participation of TPHA authorities to the 42.General Assemble of WFPHA to be held on **16-19 May 2008** in Geneva and 61.World Health Assemble to be held on **19-24 May 2008** in Geneva were discussed.

The Meeting with İsmet YILMAZ, Under Secretary of Ministry of Culture and Tourism (25 April 2008)

İsmet YILDIZ, Undersecretary of Ministry of Culture and Tourism was visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METİN, Secretary General of TPHA, on **25 April 2008** and detailed information about 2009 World Public Health Congress was given.

Support on organizing a reception, through Permanent Representative of Turkey in Geneva, during 42. WFPHA Annual Meeting and 61. WHA to be held in Geneva, on 15-22 May 2008, was requested from Mr İsmet YILDIZ. They will give their consent after the necessary consultations.

The Meeting with Prof. Dr. Ahmet Fahri ÖZOK, Dean of Istanbul Technical University, School of Business Administration and President of Turkish Ergonomics Association (18 April 2008)

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METIN, Secretary General of TPHA visited Prof. Dr. Ahmet Fahri ÖZOK, Dean of Istanbul Technical University, School of Business Administration and President of Turkish Ergonomics Association on **18 April 2008.** His views and contributions were asked during the visit, especially adding "Public Health and Ergonomics" to 2009 World Health Congress Programme was discussed and he was asked to invite the President of World Ergonomics Council as a speaker to World Health Congress. Cooperation with Istanbul Technical University and Turkish Ergonomics Association was also taken up.

The Meeting with Necla ZARAKOL, Chairman of Zarakol Communication Services Corporation (18 April 2008)

Necla ZARAKOL, Chairman of Zarakol Communication Services Corporation was visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA; Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA and Serdar DINLER, President of Turkish Corporate Social Responsibility Association, on **18 April 2008**, at Corporation Centre. Detailed information on 2009 World Public Health Congress was given to Mrs. ZARAKOL and cooperation requested on the following two topics:

1. To find sponsors for the 2009 World Public Health Congress,

2. Communication consultancy services on various fields with press and visual media in order to make the World Congress publicity a success.

Mrs. ZARAKOL said that the decision on cooperation will be given after they evaluated all the documentation and information, given by representatives of TPHA on this issue.

The Meeting with Özgür ÖZARSLAN, Director-General of Information, Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Cemal TEKKANAT, Deputy Director-General (8.4.08)

Özgür ÖZARSLAN, Director General of Information of Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and Cemal TEKKANAT, Deputy Director General were visited by Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA, on **8 April 2008**, in order to get their support

in organizing a reception during 42. WFPHA Annual Meeting and 61. WHA to be held in Geneva, on 15- 22 May 2008, they will give their consent after the necessary consultations.

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Visit to Mr. İsmet KAYTAŞ, Head Advisor of the President of Red Crescent Association and Mr. Abdülkadir KIRTEPE, Director of Health Services of Red Crescent. (3 April 2008)

Mr. Kaytaş and Mr. Kırtepe were visited by Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA in their offices and cooperation issues were taken up in the framework of the 2009 World Health Congress preparations on **3 April 2008**. Red Crescent officials took note of the expectations of TPHA and promised to consider the cooperation issues and inform the outcome after their consultations.

Visit to Dr. Seraceddin ÇOM, Director General of Primary Health Care of the Health Ministry. (2 April 2008)

Dr. ÇOM was visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA on **2 April 2008** and he was informed about the developments and preparations of 2009 World Health Congress. They also informed about their planned visit to Prof Dr. Recep AKDAG, Minister of Health. Dr. ÇOM asked the TPHA officials to submit a written letter covering the cooperation issues as well as their requests from the Ministry.

The Meeting with Prof. Cevdet ERDÖL M.D, President of Health, Family, Labour and Social Works Commission of Turkish Grand National Assembly (27.03.2008)

Prof. Cevdet ERDÖL M.D, President of Health, Family, Labour and Social Affaires Commission of Turkish Grand National Assembly was visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA; Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA and Muharrem VARLIK, Member of Board of Management of TPHA, on **27 March 2008.**

In this meeting, cooperation and support on preparations of 2009 World Congress on Public Health was requested from Prof. Dr. Cevdet ERDÖL as well as delivering a speech during the Congress.

1.3.2. Meetings with International Organizations and UN Agencies in Turkey

Meeting with Mr. Kemal DERVİŞ, President of UNDP (20 June 2008)

Mr. Bekir METIN, General Coordinator of World Public Health Congress had a meeting with Mr. Kemal DERVIS, President of UNDP during his visit to Ankara/Turkey, on **20 June 2008.** He was invited again to deliver a speech and to participate to Opening Ceremony of the 12th World Public Health Congress.

Meeting at International Children Center (ICC) (25 December 2007)

An evaluation meeting of 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparations was held at International Children Centre (ICC) on **25 December 2007** chaired by Prof. Dr. Münevver BERTAN, General Director of ICC.

Prof. Zafer ÖZTEK, Head of Public Health Department of Medicine Faculty of Hacettepe University; Prof. Dr. Nazmi BILIR, President of Scientific Committee of National Tobacco Control and Health Committee; Prof. Dr. Hilal OZCEBE, President of Public Health Specialist Association (HASUDER); Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of Turkish

Public Health Association (TPHA) and Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA were participated in that meeting.

In order to make 2009 World Congress on Public Health a success, parties agreed to continue cooperation; to give necessary support on sponsorship services and on programming; to introduce World Congress on their web-page and on other publications; to make contributions at scientific and international committees as ICC.

1.3.3. Meetings with NGOs and Professional Associations

Visit to Vural KURAL, General Director of Sectoral Assemblies and Economic Research Department of the Union Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (04 November 2008)

Bekir Metin, Vice President of TPHA and Barış KAHRAMAN, member of Executive Board visited Mr. Vural KURAL in order to request their support to 2009 World Congress on Public Health to be held on 27 April- 01 May 2009 in Istanbul.

Meeting with Executive Board Members of Public Health Research and Development Center (24 October 2008)

2009 World Congress on Public Health Organization Committee met with Executive Board Members of Public Health Research and Development Center on 24 September 2008, in Ankara. Detailed information on 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparation was given.

Meeting with Hayrettin GÜNGÖR, Secretary General of Municipalities Union (10 October 2008)

Hayrettin GÜNGÖR, Secretary General of Municipalities Union, was visited on 10 October 2008, in order to inform him on latest development of 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparation and our expectation from the union.

Mrs. Berrin AYDIN, Foreign Relation Manager of Municipalities Union, Burcu KULAŞ, Editor of Municipalities Union Journal, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir Metin, Vice President of TPHA, Sermin KOK, Deputy General Coordinator of 2009 Congress and Barış KAHRAMAN, member of Executive Board attended to this meeting.

Visit to Mr. Tekin KÜÇÜKALİ, President of Red Crescent Association and Mr. İsmet KAYTAZ, Head Advisor of the President of Red Crescent. (25 Sep.2008)

Mr. KÜÇÜKALİ and Mr. KAYTAZ were visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir Metin, Vice President of TPHA and Barış KAHRAMAN, member of Executive Board, on 25 September 2008, in their offices. Latest information regarding the 2009 World Health Congress preparations was given and cooperation and support were requested from them on 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparations.

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) and the Turkish Society of Public Health Specialists (HASUDER) Meeting (18 June 2008)

The Executive Boards of TPHA and HASUDER met on 18 June 2008 in order to hold 12th World Public Health Congress and 13th National Public Health Congress together in Istanbul.

Visit to Mr. Abdülkadir KIRTEPE, Health Services Director of Red Crescent Association and Mr. Mustafa AYDIN (06 May 2008)

Mr. KIRTEPE and Mr. AYDIN were visited by Mr. Bekir Metin, Vice President of TPHA and Barış KAHRAMAN, member of Executive Board, on 06 May 2008. Latest information regarding the 2009 World Health Congress preparations was given and the issues of cooperation for 2009 World Health Congress were discussed.

Dr. Mehmet Alkan, President of Turkish Veterinary Medical Association was visited.(22 January 2008)

Dr. Mehmet Alkan, President of Turkish Veterinary Medical Association was visited by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA, on 22 January 2008 at the centre of the association.

During the meeting, cooperation issues were taken up and discussed in the framework of the 2009 World Congress on Public Health preparations.

1.3.4. Attendance to International Meetings

42. General Assemble of WFPHA and 61.World Health Assemble (16-24 May 2008)

A delegation headed by Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA attended to 42.General Assemble of WFPHA held on 16-19 May 2008 in Geneva and 61.World Health Assemble held on 19-24 May 2008 in Geneva. Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Former President of TPHA, Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA, Muharrem VARLIK and Öznur ŞAHİN, member of Executive Board was in the delegation.

The delegation submitted a special file that includes all information on 12th World Public Health Congress to be held on 27 April – 01 May 2009, in Istanbul, to the Head of Delegations of 193 member states of WHO and International Agencies in order to promote the Congress. Detailed report has been prepared and sent to persons concerned after the meetings.

International Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety Congress (12-13 April 2008, Antalya)

International Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety Congress was held in Antalya-Topkapi Palace Hotel between **12 and 13 April 2008**. Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METİN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA, Prof. Vet. Haluk T. ÇELİK, Board Member and Mr. Koray TUNCER, member of TPHA were participated in the Congress.

Main themes of the Congress were the importance of public health and food safety, international policies in this regard, regulations and practices of the EU, USA and Turkey on these issues, diseases originating from livestock products, zoonosis, animal wealth, animal food security and food safety through the eyes of consumers.

Prof. Dr. H PEKCAN has presided a session where he was able to express the views of TPHA during the Congress and gave a conference on "Public Health". And also TPHA delegation opened a stand in order to introduce the 2009 World Public Health Congress.

First Global Forum on Human Resources (Uganda, 2-7 March 2008)

First Global Forum on Human Resources for Health organized by WHO Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) was held in **Kampala-Uganda** on **2-7 March 2008**.

Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN M.D., the President of TPHA and Board member of WFPHA and President of the 2009 World Public Health Congress; Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Former President of TPHA, member of the Award Committee of WFPHA; Sarp ÜNER M.D. Lecturer

of Hacettepe University Medical Faculty, Public Health Department and Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President and Secretary General of TPHA participated in the mentioned Conference as representatives of TPHA.

The Turkish Public Associations delegation met with representatives and experts from the United Nations and international agencies, countries, health worker associations, civil society and academicians who were also present in this event. TPHA delegation opened a stand in order to introduce the 2009 World Public Health Congress.

After the Forum, a report was prepared by TPHA delegation. The report covers information about the 2009 World Congress introduction activities and meetings held there and the report subsequently publicized on **18 March 2008.** <u>First Global Forum on Human Resources for Health</u>

P.S.: TPHA planning to attend all of the international and national related congresses, to be held in 2008, in order to make publicity of 2009 World Congress.

1.3.5. Sponsorship Activities for 2009 World Public Health Congress

A solution partner file (Turkish-English), introduction film, the list of partner institutions and associations and 2nd draft program of World Congress on Public Health were sent to private sector institutions, members of Association of Research Based Pharmaceutical Companies, Food and Nutrition Companies, auto industry companies, members of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Turkey, General Directors of Insurance Companies and GSM companies, in the framework of the 2009 World Public Health Congress Sponsorship activities.

In order to promote and provide support to 2009 World Public Health Congress an official letter has been prepared and sent to metropolitan municipalities and some municipalities on **20 September 2008.** Moreover, correspondence is going on with governmental bodies and private sector institutions which have a potential to be sponsor.

1.3.6. Other Works Regarding 2009 World Public Health Congress

Budget Works of 2009 World Public Health Congress (16 September 2008)

A detailed draft budget of 2009 World Public Health Congress has been prepared and sent to World Federation of Public Health Association Secretariat, International Planning Committee and persons concerned, on **16 September 2008**.

Turkish Members of Scientific Committee and the persons concerned informed (02 September 2008)

Information on monthly teleconferences and latest development of World Congress preparations works sent to Turkish Members of Scientific Committee on **02 September 2008.** Moreover the persons concerned were also informed on latest development of World Congress preparation activities.

The visit of Core Group of International Scientific Committee to Istanbul (15–19 August 2008)

A core group of International Scientific Committee visited Istanbul on 15-19 August 2008, in the frame work of 2009 World Congress on Public Health. Prof. Dr. Ulrich LASEER, Chairman of the Scientific Committee and Vice President of WFPHA (Germany); Prof. Samir N. BANOOB, Member of Scientific Committee (ABD) and Dr. Alvaro MATIDA, Member of Scientific Committee (Brazil) were in the Core Group. Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN, President of TPHA and Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of TPHA hosted them.

Core Group has checked the 2009 World Congress Venue and controlled the preparation works and programme of the Congress. Keynote speakers and subthemes were determined.

Activities on student Seminar to be held before the World Congress (06.08.2008)

International Students' Meeting on Public Health (ISMOPH), a satellite event of 12th World Congress on Public Health to be held in Istanbul, Turkey from April 27th – May 1st, 2009 cooperation with Turkish Medical Student Association, Hacettepe University Medical Faculty and TPHA. Students of the world are at the doorstep of making a great difference in global public health...

This will be announced to Medical Students of 100 States through Turkish Medical Student Association and International Federation of Medical Student' Association. The documents that prepared for this seminar and congress have been put to the Congress webpage (<u>www.worldpublichealth2009.org</u>) on 06 August 2008. 100 participants from 100 states were expected to this seminar.

The Translation of WHO and WFPHA Documents regularly continues.

Documents issued by WHO and WFPHA and make contribution to increase participation and the themes of the Congress such as report, article and research result articles are regularly translated to Turkish and put to the TPHA' s webpage (<u>www.t-hasak.org</u>).

Official Announcements of 12th World Congress on Public Health Translated to Turkish.

The first and second announcement of World Congress on Public Health translated to Turkish and put official congress webpage in order to inform Turkish participants. Turkish and English Posters related with promotion of World Congress were also put on TPHA's webpage (www.t-hasak.org).

12. World Public Health Congress Organization Committee Meeting (07.06. 2008)

2009 World Congress on Public Health Organizing Committee met on 07 June 2008. Latest developments evaluated and assignment plan was prepared during the meeting

Activity Reports for World Congress (01.01.2007 and 01.05.2008)

Activity Report for the 12th World Public Health Congress covering the period between 01.01.2007 and 01.05.2008, were prepared by TPHA and sent to WFPHA Secretariat.

Redesigning of 2009 World Public Health Congress Web-page. (29 February 2008)

Web page of TPHA (<u>www.t-hasak.org</u>) and <u>2009 World Public Health Congress</u> were redesigned for the easy access to the information on the World Congress. After efforts continued in January and February, our web-page was updated. The new updated web-page was put into service as of **29 February 2008**.

Tele-conferences between WFPH and TPHA Authorities (23 January 2008)

The first of Tele-conference in order to get information regarding 2009 World Public Health Congress activities, their results and to discuss the strategy, to be followed was held on **23 January 2008.** Barbara HATCHER, General Secretary of WFPHA, Charlene R. BRIGHT, Programme Coordinator of WFPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN M.D., the President of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Zafer ÖZTEK, Head of Hacettepe University Public Health Division, former president of TPHA, Bekir METIN, Vice President and General Secretary of TPHA, Muharrem VARLIK, member of Board Of TPHA, Sermin KOK, Deputy General

Director of World Congress and Sertaç YÜKSEL, Operation Director of ZED Event Management and Consultancy participated in the first tele-conference.

The Second Tele-conference was held on **27 February 2008** with the participation of Charlene R. BRIGHT, Programme Coordinator of WFPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN M.D., the President of TPHA, Bekir METIN, Vice President and General Secretary of TPHA, Sermin KOK, Deputy General Director of World Congress, Levent ÜLKÜ, ZED Project Director and Barış KAHRIMAN, member of TPHA Board of Management.

All the agenda items were discussed and road maps were determined accordingly in both conferences. Moreover, in order to follow up the progress, the parties continue communication in various means.

Contribution provided to Preliminary Draft Programme of 2009 World Congress on Public Health (14 November 2007)

2009 World Public Health Congress Preliminary Draft Programme which was drawn up by Prof. Dr. Samir Banoob, member of the International Planning Committee on 14 Nov. 2007 sent by Mrs. Barbara Hatcher, Secretary-General of WFPHA to the members of WFPHA Boarding Management and members of WFPHA and International Planning Committee was translate into Turkish and put into the web page (www.t-hasak.org) of THPA. Draft programme was also sent to more than 350 organisations in Turkey. The feed back from the organisations were evaluated and the result was sent to the Parties.

Official Correspondence to 2009 World Public Health Congress Stake Holders for Information and Support (November and December 2007)

In order to strengthen cooperation between stake holders, Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) sent a brief summary of the result of its activities carried out in national and international level after the decision taken that Turkey will be the host of 2009 World Congress on Public Health. All the activities concerning 2009 World Congress are regularly published on web-page of the congress (www.worldpublichealth2009.org) and web-page of TPHA (www.t-hasak.org).

2. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA); in the framework of common efforts intensified since 2004 with World Federation Public Health Association (WFPHA), European Public Health Association (EUPHA), European Union (EU), World Health Organization (WHO). TPHA has started projects with EU. 2009 World Public Health Congress will be held in Turkey. An official application was made in order to host 2011 European Public Health Conference in Turkey. The relationship between TPHA and UN Agencies in Turkey (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIDO, FAO, UNHCR, ILO, WHO, World Bank, IOM) are improved.

2.1. United Nation (UN) Agencies

UN Global Compact

"UN Global Compact 2008 Communications on Progress Report (COP)" was prepared by TPHA which signed UN Global Compact on 21 November 2006, and sent to UN Global Compact Secretariat on **24 November 2008**.

"UN Global Compact 2007 Communications on Progress Report (COP)" was prepared by TPHA which signed UN Global Compact on 21 November 2006, and sent to UN Global Compact Secretariat on **21 November 2007**. The Report has been endorsed and published on their web-page (www.unglobalcompact.org).

Global Compact Gala Diner (12 November 2007, Istanbul)

The president of TPHA, Prof. Dr. Hikmet PEKCAN and Vice president, Mr. Bekir METİN have participated in Global Compact signing ceremony of 35 new companies followed by gala dinner, hosted by Quality Association (KALDER) and supported by KOC Holding on **12 November 2007** in Istanbul.

TPHA authorities had the opportunity to discuss with Kofi ANNAN, former UN Secretary General and high level authorities from various institutions and companies on issues of mutual interest.

World Health Organization (WHO)

7 April, World Health Day Activities in Turkey (07 April 2008)

On the **7th of April 2008**, World Health Day is celebrated in Turkey with various activities. Two different panels have been held in Ankara on this occasion. One of them was held by TPHA and the other one was held by Health Administrators Association. (Detailed information on this subject can be found at TPHA web-page <u>www.t-hasak.org</u>). Moreover, promotion of 2009 World Public Health Congress was made during the both events in order to create awareness. Documentation of the activities has been sent to WHO Geneva Center and European Regional Office.

The report on World Health Day activities, held on 7 April 2008 in coordination with TPHA, has been translated into English and sent via e-mail to WHO, World Federation of Public Health Association and its members. Moreover the report has been also put to World Congress web – page.

The Translation of WHO Documents regularly continues.

Documents issued by WHO and make contribution to increase participation and the themes of the Congress such as report, article and research result articles are regularly translated to Turkish and put to the TPHA' s web page (<u>www.t-hasak.org</u>).

The Translation WFPHA Documents regularly continues.

Documents issued by WFPHA and make contribution to increase participation and the themes of the Congress such as report, article and research result articles are regularly translated to Turkish and put to the TPHA' s web page (<u>www.t-hasak.org</u>). All activities on hosting 2009 World Congress are going on.

All of the WFPHA policy documents (44) were translated to Turkish for better understanding and implementation. And they were published in TPHA's web-page (www.t-hasak.org).

European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

All of the received documents and information's from EUPHA, were translated to Turkish and published in our web-page and sent to our members. More over, the activities of TPHA mentioned in this report have been shared with EUPHA Executive Board, Presidents of the member Associations to EUPHA.

The activities in order to held 2012 European Public Health Congress in Turkey

Our cooperation agreement with ZED (PCO) includes also bringing 2012 European Public Health Congress to Turkey. In this frame; all documentation related with 16 European Public Health Congress, to be held in Lisbon-Portugal, on 5- 8 November 2008 have been translated to Turkish.

Our joint efforts with European Public Health Assembly (EUPHA) to bring 2012 European Public Health Congress to Turkey has come to the final stage. The General Assembly of EUPHA to be held in Lisbon-Portugal, on 5- 8 November 2008 and will decide which country will host 2011 and 2012 Congresses.

The cooperation and close contacts with World Health Organization (**WHO**), **UNICEF**, **UNFPA**, **FAO** and all other UN Agencies continues. The information about activities in the framework of 2009 World Congress on Public Health was shared and common activities with the UN Agencies continue.

3. TRAINING AND PUBLICATIONS

3.1 Activities of T.HASAK for Elementary School Children

Turkish Public Health Association (T.HASAK) realized general health examination and organized conferences about adolescent health under the topic of ' have you ever been teen ager?" for the students of Primary and Secondary Schools during year of 2008.

During the mentioned screenings, the children in need of audio support devices and glasses were also selected and support was given who has no social security. Some students those who have no social security and have health problem were taken to the Medical Faculty of Hacettepe University for advanced analysis, diagnosis and treatment. General health screenings were realized in following schools in Ankara during whole year:

3.2. Published Books, Prospectus, Documents and Communications via e-mail

• Monthly reporting of activities to members and public health circles via e-mail.

• Delivering information and communication files to State Organizations, Universities, NGOs and Professional Organizations, relevant UN and other International Agencies in the field of medicine and health.

• To put information's about the activities related with 2009 World Congress on Public Health done in national and international level, in the web pages of Turkish Public Health Association (www.t-hasak.org) and 2009 World Public Health Congress and monitor them. (www.worldpublichealth2009.org)

• Delivering speeches and writing articles concerning public health in the mass media by T.HASAK Executive Board members and members.

• All policy documents of World Health Organization and World Federation Public Health Association that provide guideless in implementation and improvement of Public Health, were translated and published in our web-page.

• Turkish and English presentations CDs and leaflets have done in order to make 2009 World Congress on Public Health advertising properly.

• Moreover, an informative and sponsorship file has been prepared and distributed to the relevant institutions that includes information's and progress about the Works have been done in the frame work of 2009 World Congress.

4. OTHER

The Statements of Turkish Public Health Association (TPHA) and Turkish Corporate Social Responsibility Association have been prepared.

The statements of TPHA and CSR Turkey, covering 2007 activities in detail has been prepared by Bekir METIN who works in both associations, on **28 April 2008** and submitted to Ankara Governorship, Directorate of Associations.

TPHA has prepared a project to Bloomberg Global Initiative

A project under the title of "The local authorities say NO to tobacco products use" with a budget of 200.000 dollar was prepared by TPHA, in the framework of WHO Bloomberg Global Initiative to reduce tobacco use grant programme and submitted to related institution on **17 January 2008**.

NOTE: This Activity Report for 2007–2008 have been prepared on 21 November 2008 by Mr. Bekir METIN, Vice President of Turkish Public Health Association