HEALTH RIGHT ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN:
TACKLING INEQUALITIES AND BUILDING CAPACITIES

A multidisciplinary workshop

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“Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health” (First International Conference on Health Promotion, Ottawa, 1986). That is, after the fundamental definition given by the World Health Organisation (1948), health is currently recognised as the result of a process, which starts with the common constitutional and social determinants and continues along a path of awareness and empowerment.

To date, the Mediterranean is a field for conflicts and tragedies connected with the stream of refugees from Africa and Middle East. The differences in culture, religion, heritage, far from being a source of growth, are cause of conflict. Though the principle of health right is repeatedly stated, the presence of striking inequalities in health status, healthcare and health promotion is dramatically apparent.

The workshop will focus on one key question: what are the key actions to tackle health inequalities and improve health for people living on or moving across the Mediterranean?

We aim to discuss the local and current situation with regard to health and healthcare in the Mediterranean area, by applying the lenses of global health and public health.

The event is part of the programme offered by the University of Genova as Regional Action Centre for Italy of the International Year of Global Understanding (www.global-understanding.info).

PROGRAMME

09:30 Opening
Paolo COMANDUCCI, Rector of the University of Genova
Michele PIANA, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation
Riccardo SPINELLI, Delegate to International Cooperation for Development
Francesco DE STEFANO, Vice-Dean of the School of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Introductory address: The International Year of Global Understanding
Franco MONTANARI

First session: From global programmes to individual health
Chair: Francesco CASTELLI (Brescia)
The health gap: social determinants and health equity
Michael MARMOT (London)
Introduced by Emilio DI MARIA

Migration at the Core of Public Health
Santino SEVERONI (Copenhagen)
Introduced by Giancarlo ICARDI

Selected abstracts presentation

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Second session: From local programmes to global health
Chair: Giovanni MURALDO
Local meets local but what next?
Michael SINGLETON (Louvain)
Introduced by Antonio GUERCI

Sustainable development and health: empowerment and human rights
Grammenos MASTROJENI (Roma)
Introduced by Fabrizio COTICCHIA

The role for interpersonal communication for health and healthcare at the community [individual] level
Francisco RAGA GIMENO (Castellón)
Introduced by Mara MORELLI

Selected abstracts presentation

16:30 Book presentation
“Noi e Altri – identità e differenze al confine tra scienze diverse”, Genova University Press
Opening: Maria Elisabetta RUGGIERO, Genova University Press
With the participation of Esther MUJAWAYO
Introduced by Gaddo FLEGNO

There is no registration fee. Pre-registration by March 24th, 2017 is welcome.
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SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS:
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