

Evaluating Health Interventions: An Introduction to Evaluation of Health Treatments, Services, Policies and Organizational Interventions, John Ovretveit, Open University Press. ISBN 0 335 19964 X. October 1997. A simple overview of evaluation for health practitioners, managers and policy advisers. It is also useful to researchers who need to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches to evaluation. It describes principles, concepts and methods. *Assessment & Evaluation in Health Care: A Methods Text*, Crispin Jenkinson (ed.), Open University Press. ISBN 0 335 19705 1. October 1997. A comprehensive methods text describing the variety of approaches available in the assessment and evaluation of health and medical care. Includes principles of RCTs, case control studies, cohort studies and social surveys, also qualitative approaches. Both books available from: Marston Book Services, PO Box 269, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4YN, UK. Fax: (+44) 1235 465555.

Ninth Biennial Conference of the Workgroup of European Nurse Researchers, 5–8 July 1998, Helsinki, Finland. Further details from: Mrs Helena Partinen, The Finnish Federation of Nurses, Asemamiehenkatu 4, 00520 Helsinki, Finland. Fax: (+358) 148 1840.

The World Report 1997: Conquering Suffering, Enriching Humanity. This latest report from WHO provides an expert assessment of the world health situation, giving particular attention in both developing and industrialized countries to the problems of chronic diseases. It provides the latest global health statistics with profiles for each of the major diseases. Factors described and discussed include population ageing, global population growth and the increasing prevalence of unhealthy lifestyles. Copies from: WHO Distribution and Sales, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland. Fax: (+41) 22 791 4857.

Second European Conference on Health Tele-matics Education, 6–9 November 1997, Portugal.

Further information from: IGIF, c/o Dr Arlete Amaral, Alameda Julio Henriques, 3000 Coimbra, Portugal.

Australian Summer School in Health Promotion, 2–13 February 1998, Melbourne, Australia. Organized by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth), this course is designed to cater for health professionals working in clinical, community-based, education and academic settings as well as senior health administrators involved in programme policy, planning, management and evaluation. The course will include lectures, workshops and practical programme design sessions, plus on site field trips. Contact: Susan Ball. Fax: (+61) 3 9345 3222; e-mail: sball@vichealth.vic.au

Drinking Patterns and their Consequences, Marcus Grant and Jorge Litvak (eds), Taylor & Francis. ISBN 1 56032 718 9. October 1997. From the International Center for Alcohol Policies series on 'Alcohol in Society', this new book proposes a comprehensive theoretical framework to tackle a wide range of health and social problems associated with alcohol abuse. It focuses on drinking patterns and their role as predictors of risks or benefits associated with drinking, and challenges the assumption that problems are directly correlated with average daily per capita consumption. The authors explore the implications for the shaping of research, prevention and national alcohol policies. From: Taylor & Francis, Book Orders, 1900 Frost Road, Suite 101, Bristol, PA 19007-1598, USA. Fax: (+1) 215 785-5515.

The New Public Health—a collection of video conversations with people who shape our thinking about health and healthcare. This series was launched at the Fourth International Conference on Health Promotion in Jakarta in July 1997. The 1997 series of six video conversations are designed to stimulate the reading of scientific literature and

promote the circulation of ideas across continents. They are further aimed to support continuing education, professional development and university teaching. The first six tapes are conversations with Ilona Kickbusch (*The Future of Public Health*), Michael Marmot (*The Whitehall Studies*), Jean-Pierre Deschamps (*Poverty & Health*), Jean Rochon (*Going from Words to Action*), Spencer Haggard (*Revisiting the Ottawa Charter*) and Irving Rootman (*Evaluation & Health Promotion*). Details from Web site: www.nsp-health.com. (This independent project is being supported by the Government of Quebec, Government of Canada, *et al.*)

Second Annual Health Promoting School Summer School, 6–10 January 1998, Faculty of Education, Deakin University, Victoria, Australia. Facilitated by Dr Derek Colquhoun and Associate Professor Jjarne Bruun Jensen, the Danish National Co-ordinator for Health Promoting Schools, the summer school will focus on the following areas: a sharing of experiences with the concept of the Health Promoting School; a detailed description of different models of the Health Promoting School (models, examples and case studies; national and international initiatives; support and resources available; integrating the concept into the curricula; reconciling education and health ambitions; using the Internet). All workshops are participatory and interactive. Further information from: Derek Colquhoun (e-mail: dcolq@deakin.edu.au) or Carol Burton (e-mail: carolb@deakin.edu.au). Fax: (+61) 3 52272014.

Third Asian Conference on Food Safety and Nutrition, 14–17 September 1998, Beijing, China. This three and a half day meeting is the third in a series sponsored by the International Life Sciences Institute and its Asian-based branches. In China contact: Ms Guan Yucong, ILSI Focal Point in China, Room 4-19, 27 Nan Wei Road, Xuan Wu District, Beijing 100050, PRC. Fax: (+86) 10 6302 2960. ROW contact: Ms Lili C. Merritt, International Life Sciences Institute, 1126 Six-

teenth Street, NW, Washington DC 20036-4810, USA. Fax: (+1) 202 659-3859.

International Health Promotion Conference, 23–25 September 1998, Cardiff, UK. Under the title Working Together for Better Health: New Partners and New Approaches for a New Millenium this is an initiative by Health promotion Wales and the WHO. It will provide the first official opportunity to develop further the themes explored at the 1997 Jakarta Conference. Further details from: Amanda Price, Health Promotion Wales, Ffynnon-las, Llanishen, Ty Glas Avenue, Cardiff, UK. Fax: (+44) 1222 756000.

European Health Education Award—for the first time a European Health Education Award is announced with the financial support of the European Commission, the Conseil General du Rhone, the French Committee for Health Education and the Pasteur Merieux MSD laboratories. Organized by the Association Departementale d'Education pour la Sante du Rhone (ADES), the award will support seven innovative and relevant actions in the field of health education carried out in the 15 member states on a local, regional or national scale. The award will be 30 000 ECUs and will be presented in Lyons, France in April 1998. Applications must be submitted by 31 December 1997. The aim is to encourage health workers to assess their work in regard to health education and to disseminate it; to encourage continuation of good working practices and share experiences between member states, and develop a European data-bank. Application forms (in 11 languages) from: ADES du Rhone, 71 quai Jules Courmont, 69002 Lyons, France. Fax: (+33) 4 78 42 87 38.

Open Care '98 Conference Health Promotion—A Link between Hospital and Open Care, 23–25 September 1998, Oulu, Finland. The sessions at this conference will include the entire field of links between hospitals and open care activities, and how health care can be organized to minimize the need for institutional care. Included among the preliminary themes of the conference are Health

Promotion—Hospitals and Primary Health Care; Economic Aspects of Health Promotion; and Health Promotion in the European Union. Details from: Conference Manager Seppo Heikkila, Oulu Deaconess Institute, Albertinkatu 18 B, 90100 Oulu, Finland. Fax: (+358) 8 8811 901.

Health in Cuba—a study tour in association with the Institute of Health Services Management, 14–21 March 1998. This tour offers an in-depth examination of health care provision in Cuba. For further details contact: Master Travel, FREEPOST (SE 7045), London SE24 9BR, UK.

Health Promotion: an Anthology, published by the Pan American Health Organization. More than 50 public health experts from four continents contributed to this recent set of papers which illustrates the growth and development of health promotion as a world-wide strategy. Copies from: PAHO Sales and Distribution Centre, PO Box 27, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0027, USA. Fax: (+1) 301 206-9789.

Mental Health Promotion in High Risk Groups—Effective Health Care. This bulletin has been issued by the NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, UK. Further details from: NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, York YO1 5DD, UK. Fax: (+44) 1904 433661; e-mail: revdis@york.ac.uk

Poverty and Health, Marie Therese Feuerstein. This book looks at the way poverty affects health and focuses on new facts and fresh scientific evidence that have been emerging on the effect of poverty on health. Available from: TALC (Teaching-aids at Low Cost), PO Box 49, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TX, UK. Fax: (+44) 1727 853869.

Health Conditions in the Caribbean, published by the Pan American Health Organization. This new publication offers for the first time easy access to accurate information on the health situation in the Caribbean. Further details and copies from: PAHO

Sales and Distribution Center, PO Box 27, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0027, USA. Fax: (+1) 301 206-9789.

Making Sex Work Safe: A Practical Guide Handbook for Field Workers, Programme Managers and Policy Makers. This handbook has been launched by the Network of Safe Sex Projects (NSWP) to support the development of effective STD/HIV prevention programmes, primary health care and support services for women, men and transgender sex workers. Published in collaboration with AHRTAG (Appropriate Health Resources and Technologies Action Group) the manual builds on work initiated by the Global Programme on AIDS at WHO and highlights experiences and knowledge gained by STD/HIV prevention projects worldwide. Contact: AHRTAG, Farringdon Point, 29–35 Farringdon Road, London EC1M 3JB, UK.

Sexualities, this new quarterly journal, which will have its first issue in February 1998, will publish articles, reviews and scholarly comment on the shifting nature of human sexualities. Adopting a broad interdisciplinary perspective, including the whole of the social sciences, cultural history, cultural anthropology and social geography, as well as feminism, gender studies, cultural studies, and lesbian and gay studies, the journal will publish work of an analytic and ethnographic nature. Copies from: Sage Publications, 6 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PU, UK. Fax: (+44) 171 374 8741.

New Pan American Journal of Public Health, the public health journal most cited and consulted by experts in Latin America, is now available monthly to English-speaking colleagues. For further details contact: Vivian E. Sanchez, Publications Programme, Pan American Health Organization, 525 Twenty-third Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037-2895, USA. Fax: (+1) 202 338-0869; e-mail: sanchez@paho.org

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