Greetings & News

Firstly, welcome all to 2015! We hope this will be a prosperous and exciting new year for all our members. With the new year rolling in also comes a fresh drive in our aims at the SIG: Health Equity group!

If there is anything of interest that you would like us to include in the next Newsletter, feel free to direct your emails to SIGhealthequity@wonca.net.

- NAPCRG Meeting 2014

The North America Primary Care Group (NAPCRG) 2014 meeting held in NY hosted a breakfast table for the Health Disparities / Health Equity Special Interest Group. Attendees from North America, internationally (Australia, the Netherlands, and Israel) discussed successful primary care initiatives achieving inequity reduction and mapped common areas of needed activity.

Amidst the primary areas that were identified are – progress towards the establishment of equity promotion medical curricula and the creation of a repository for successful primary care interventions that have managed to achieve inequity reduction in various populations and health conditions. The discussion also resulted in identification of a need for a North American representative at the WONCA Health Equity SIG to promote the health equity agenda within NAPCRG and to collaborate with the other regional representatives. Those interested in joining the SIG and potentially serving as regional NA reps are encouraged to contact: SIGhealthequity@wonca.net.

- Food for Thought

We all appreciate that health inequities exist through a myriad of determinants, related directly and indirectly to health. “The Political Origins of Health Inequity: Prospects for Change” (Ottersen et al, 2014) highlight key points of each example and their applications towards a better understanding of inequities.

To illustrate the vast reaching effects of political determinants, the paper explores 7 different examples of policy interventions which have fallen short of protecting or promoting health. Such include austerity measures, knowledge and intellectual property rights, food and food security, immigration, and armed violence including contemporary armed conflict. In exploring these examples, Ottersen et al (2014) highlight key points of each example and their applications towards a better global governance which should be accountable, transparent, and representative.

Food for Thought

“Challenging Health Equity: A call to Action!”

6th International in Sickness and in Health Conference

Dates: June, 10-12th, 2015

Location: University of Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca


“Promoting Global Health thought Equitable Access to Health Systems”

Premier forum for The International Conference on Public Health

Dates: May, 13-14th, 2015

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