GREETINGS & NEWS

Welcome to this August’s edition of the WONCA Special Interest Group on Health Equity. In this edition we would like to share with you our excitement towards the upcoming WONCA Europe conference where we have been invited to host a Health Equity workshop. In addition to this, our convener shares with you some interesting and related experiences this summer.

SAVE THE DATE: Health Equity Workshop

In the upcoming WONCA Europe Conference in Istanbul, due to take place on the 22 and 30 of October, 2015, we will be conducting a Health Equity workshop. Here, we will also use the use of Primary care as a strategy to tackle health inequities in Europe.

This workshop will enable the participants to:
- Understand trends in health inequity across Europe and European primary care settings;
- Reflect on the role of primary care in reducing health inequity;
- Consider specific actions that can be taken to improve health equity, based on experience in different countries.

We will be sending out details later regarding schedules and location. Keep a look out through our mailing list and blog. We look forward to seeing you and hearing about all the different experiences and ideas.

As always we welcome contributions from anyone who shares the same interest in us in the strike for health equity. If you have any interesting experience, or materials you would like to share, or you are interested in subscribing to our mailing list, feel free to direct your emails to: SIGhealthequity@wonca.org

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- **Discrimination and Health Equity**

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**Upcoming Events, Conference & Calls for Abstracts**

**30th WONCA Europe Conference**

**Dates:** 22-30 October, 2015

**Location:** Loyola University, 6000 North Shore Blvd, Skokie, IL 60077, USA

**Link:** http://woca2015.org

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**Arizona Health Equity Conference 2017**

**Building Bridges: Connecting Communities in Research, Practice, and Policy**

**Dates:** Thursday, October 26, 2017

**Location:** Decker Willow Conference Center, 6450 E. Cotton Belt Boulevard, Suite 10, Phoenix, AZ 85016

**Link:** http://www.apha.org/heaconference/2017conference/

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**American Public Health Association**

2015 Annual Meeting Call for Late-Breaker Abstracts—End of August

**Dates of conference:** October 31 - November 4, 2015

**Location:** McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago IL

**Link:** http://www.apha.org/APHA/

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**Quintessence Congress of the American Dental Association**

**Call for Abstracts**—Sept 7 -Nov 2, 2015

**Dates of conference:** June 21-24, 2016

**Location:** Miami Beach, Miami, FL 400 South East Second Avenue, Miami, Florida

**Link:** http://qcongress.com

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