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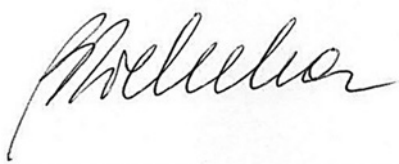
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Words from the Chair of the Governance Board

I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report, a reflection of another year filled with both challenges and remarkable progress. While global tensions and the effects of armed conflict in Ukraine and Israel have persisted, the International HPH Network has continued to adapt, innovate, and uphold its commitment to making hospital and health service settings places that truly support peace and health.

This year marked a significant milestone as we hosted our first in-person conference since 2019 following the Covid-Pandemic. This gathering provided an invaluable opportunity for us to reconnect, share knowledge, and renew our collective commitment to promoting the health and well-being of patients, families, staff, communities, and environments. The energy and engagement at the conference reaffirmed the strength and resilience of our community.



Prof. dr hab.n.med.
Bożena Walewska - Zielecka

I would also like to take this moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the global healthcare community for their unwavering solidarity, exemplifying the unity that has held our network strong over the years and helped us progress toward the goals outlined in the 2021-2025 HPH Global Strategy.

As we look ahead, I offer my best wishes to the incoming Chair, who will take office in November 2023. I have every confidence that their leadership will continue to drive forward our shared vision of a healthier, more equitable world.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support for the HPH movement. Together, we are making a lasting difference in health and well-being worldwide.

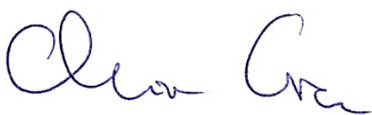


Words from the CEO of the HPH Secretariat

The International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH) has taken important steps towards fostering a culture of closer collaboration and exchange in the past year.

The pandemic has presented a new opportunity for online collaboration. The HPH network has taken advantage of this by initiating its first online Coordinators' meeting, an additional General Assembly meeting each year, and a webinar series. These online initiatives have allowed members to stay connected and continue to advance the goals of the network even during the pandemic.

In line with these activities, one of the most significant developments was the unveiling of the first HPH eCommunity prototype, which will make it easier for members of the network to connect and exchange ideas. The key objective of the eCommunity is to make it easier for HPH members at all levels, national/ regional, health service, and clinical frontline, to access information about HPH strategies and models of good practice in order to accelerate implementation of evidence based HPH strategies.



International HPH Secretariat
Prof. Dr. Oliver Groene PhD

CEO

Besides the opportunities that online collaboration present, physical meetings are still important for in-depth discussions. Particularly in the international and multi-cultural context in which HPH operates, in-person meetings can also help to bring assumptions and tacit knowledge to light. We were therefore very pleased, that we could bring the HPH governance board members together to meet in person in Hamburg and devote two days to in-depth brainstorming about the development and future of the network.

Building on the progress achieved over the last three years, we are looking forward to the year 2023, with opportunities to bring the HPH community together at the International HPH Conference in Vienna.



The International HPH Network

The **vision** of the International HPH Network is that hospitals and health services orient their governance models, structures, processes, and culture to optimize health gains of patients, staff and populations served and to support sustainable societies.

The **mission** of the International HPH Network is to work as a global leader, advocate, innovator, researcher, and trusted partner to accelerate the reorientation of health systems and services towards improving health, wellbeing, and health equity outcomes for patients and those who care for them, staff, and populations served, and to support sustainable societies.

“Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services orient their governance models, structures, processes and culture to optimize health gains of patients, staff and populations served and to support sustainable societies.”

From the Health promotion glossary of terms 2021. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2021.



19 National/Regional HPH Networks

- › Australian HPH Network
- › Austrian HPH Network
- › Catalan HPH Network
- › Czech HPH Network
- › Italy - Emilia Romagna HPH Network
- › Finnish HPH Network
- › Italy - Friuli-Venezia Giulia HPH Network
- › French HPH Network
- › German HPH Network
- › Hong Kong HPH Network
- › HPH Network of Korea
- › Indonesia HPH Network
- › Japan HPH Network
- › Italy - Piemonte HPH Network
- › Polish HPH Network
- › Swedish HPH Network
- › Taiwanese HPH Network
- › Italy - Trentino HPH Network
- › UAE HPH Network



Location of single members

Belgium	1	Latvi	1
Canada	3	Malaysia	1
China	8	Norway	1
Denmark	1	Pakistan	1
Estonia	1	Portugal	1
Hungary	1	Singapore	2
Ireland	1	Slovakia	1
Islamic Republic of Iran	10	Spain	1
Israel	8	Uganda	1
Italy	4	United Kingdom	1
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	1	United States of America	1

HPH Single Members

Organization

2023 HPH Governance Board



Bożena Walewska-Zielecka,
Prof MD PhD (Poland), Chair



Ralph Harlid,
MD PhD (Sweden)



Marianne Hochet,
M.Sc (France)



Margareta Kristenson;
MD PHD (Sweden)



Ming-Nan Lin,
MD PHD (Taiwan)



Zou Yanhui,
Prof PHD, (China)



Ilaria Simonelli,
PHD (Italy)



Nina Peränen,
M.Sc (Finland)

Standing Observers



Christina Dietscher, (Austria) joined
November 2023



Birgit Metzler MA, (Austria)



Peter Nowak, PHD, (Austria) (retired
November 2023)

Treasurer



Sally Fawkes, PhD (Australia)

Retiring Governance Board Members

Zou Yanhui,
Prof PhD
(Hunan, China)

Margareta Kristenson,
MD PHD,
(Sweden)

Peter Nowak,
PHD (Austria),
Standing Observer

Newly Elected Members:

Newly elected GB members (during the 33rd General Assembly, November 2023)

Cristina Aguzzoli



Dr. Cristina Aguzzoli serves as a physician overseeing Health Promotion at the Health Directorate of the Regional Authority for Coordination of Health Trust (ARCS) in Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy. She has effectively co-ordinated the #HPH network of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and assumed leadership of the Italian HPH networks since 2022. Dr. Aguzzoli is a specialist in Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, holding a Master's in Psychoneuro-immunology from La Sapienza University of Rome. Her collaboration extends to the Open Academy of Medicine in Venice and the National Institute of Health. Since 2020, she has spearheaded the „Taking Care of Those Who Care“ project, dedicated to restoring the psycho-physical well-being of healthcare staff.

Jaekyung Lee



Dr. Jaekyung Lee, a specialist in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, is an alumna of the College of Medicine at Seoul National University. She completed her medical training and earned a PhD from SNUH & SNU. Dr. Lee serves as clinical faculty in gastroenterology, specializing in comprehensive health care, cancer screening, and endoscopic procedures. Her interests extend to health literacy and health-related behavior. Since 2019, she has supported Public Health Services at SNU-SMG Boramae Medical Center. Dr. Lee played a vital role in the COVID-19 rapid response team for the Seoul Metropolitan Government during the pandemic's peak. Since 2020, she has held the position of National Coordinator for the HPH Network of Korea.

Margareta Kristenson (Retired Past chair)

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Margareta Kristenson, who recently concluded her term as the Past Chair. Margareta has been an instrumental figure in the HPH network since its inception, significantly contributing to its development. She served as the project coordinator during the pilot testing of HPH at Linköping University Hospital in Sweden from 1993-1995. Margareta then assumed the role of the national coordinator of the Swedish HPH network in 1995. Her dedication continued with service as a GB member (2017-2018), GB Chair (2019-2020), and as the Past Chair (2021-2023). The HPH network expresses gratitude for her invaluable contributions and eagerly anticipates future collaborations.



International HPH Secretariat



Fatima Haering,
Project Coordination



Lena Jessen BA,
Communication



Christina Berner MA,
Finance



Anja Brendner,
Administration



Philip Lewin,
IT

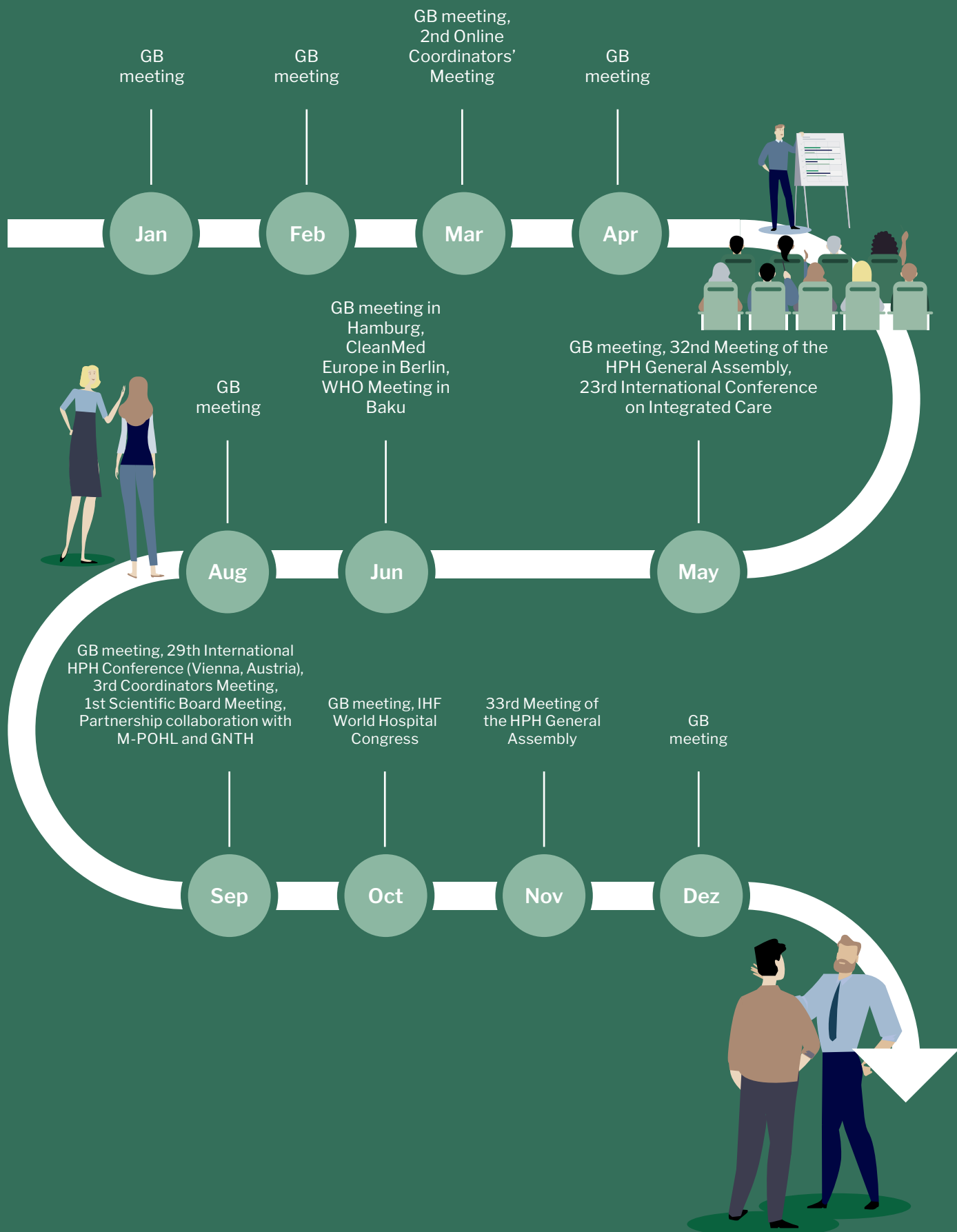


Keriin Katsaros MPH,
Coordinator (January – May)



Oliver Groene,
CEO

Timeline of Events



Updates from Task Force & Working Groups

Working Group on HPH and Health Literate Health Care Organizations

Led by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care (WHO-CC) at the Austrian Institute of Public Health in Vienna, Austria, an international working group was established within HPH to create a self-assessment instrument for evaluating organizational health literacy in hospitals and health literate organizations.

It is now accessible as the International Self-Assessment Tool for Organizational Health Literacy (Responsiveness) of Health Care Organizations (Hospitals). It features eight standards, each with sub-standards and operationalized by over 150 indicators.

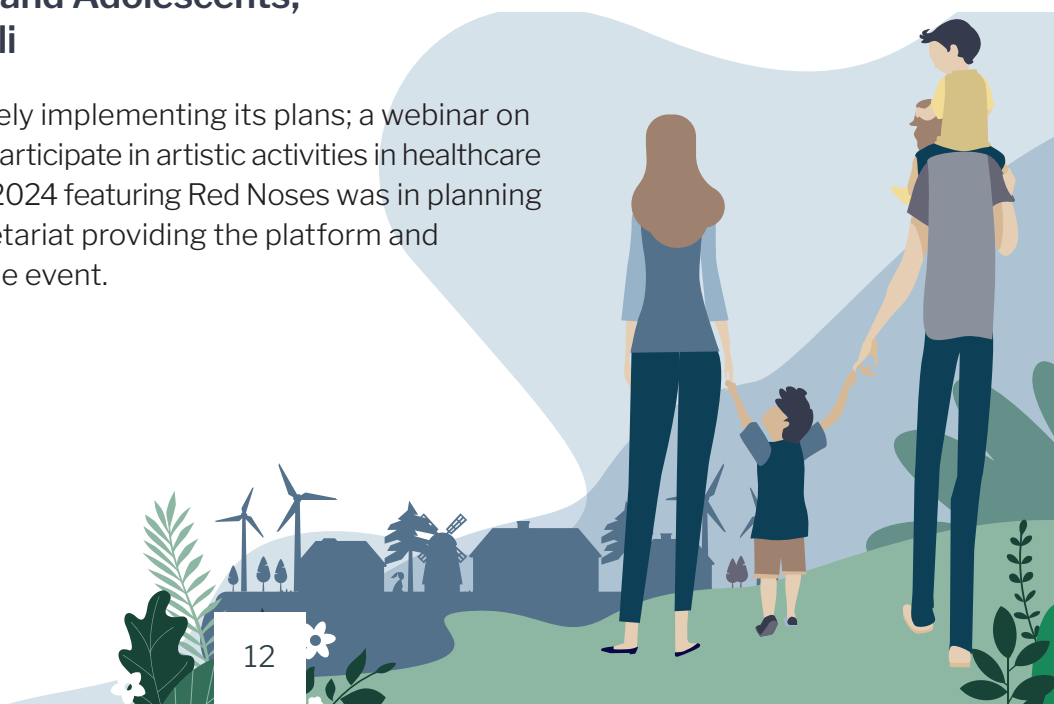
The work of the HPH and Health Literate Health Care Organizations working group has been adopted by the WHO Action Network on Measuring Population and Organizational Health Literacy (M-POHL). Ongoing efforts involve translating, culturally adapting, and piloting the comprehensive OHL-Hos tool in various countries and healthcare contexts. National pilot findings will be analyzed to create an improved international version for benchmarking across regions and healthcare systems.

Task Force on Migration, Equity and Diversity

The Task Force underwent a renewal process during the 33rd of November 2023 General Assembly, where efforts were made to ensure its continued effectiveness and relevance. James Glover from Ireland and Hans Verrept from Belgium were elected to lead the Task Force, bringing fresh perspectives and leadership to the team. Subsequently, they presented a comprehensive plan outlining the strategic direction and objectives for the upcoming years, emphasising their commitment to steering the Task Force toward continued success and accomplishment of its goals.

Task Force on Children and Adolescents, led by Dr. Ilaria Simonelli

The task force has been actively implementing its plans; a webinar on 'Children's rights to play and participate in artistic activities in healthcare settings' scheduled for March 2024 featuring Red Noses was in planning stages in 2023, with the secretariat providing the platform and comprehensive support for the event.



Task Force on HPH and Age-Friendly Health Care, led by Dr. Shu-Ti Chiou

The Taskforce on Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) & Age-Friendly Healthcare orchestrated a highly successful webinar titled “Integrating Age-friendly healthcare towards healthy ageing for all” in collaboration with the International Network of HPH, attracting a substantial audience with 159 registrations.



Taskforce on Health Promoting Built Environment, led by Elke Miedema

The task force pursues the following objectives:

Collect, select, and share knowledge for health promoting built environments (HPBE) through a public knowledge sharing platform and informational events.

Contribute to new partnerships across the design disciplines, expanding HPH’s presence and familiarizing designers with the strategies and standards of HPH.

Assess and enhance HPH Standards to include built environment considerations. Involve more designers in the leadership of HPH and incorporate design education into the construction of HPH.

Inform healthcare organizations of the key connection between the built environment and health and support them in decisions to develop HPBEs LinkedIn page integrated with the HPH main page.



We took several steps this year towards realizing the goals outlined in the Global HPH Strategy 2021 – 2025:

Influencing governance, policy, and partnerships so that health systems and health services can reorient towards health, wellbeing, and health equity outcomes.

2020 Standards for Health Promoting Hospitals & Health Services

Further translations of the 2020 Standards for Health Promoting Hospitals & Health Services were completed in the following languages, creating broader accessibility and global applicability:

- › Hungarian
- › Czech
- › Chinese
- › Polish
- › Albanian

All standards translations are available on our homepage.

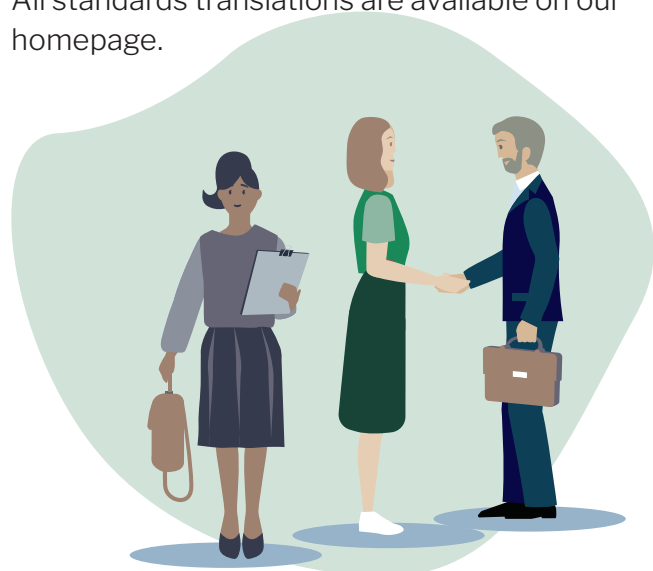
New Members:

HPH experienced significant growth with the inclusion of new members from diverse regions. The expansion extended to Uganda, Latvia, and Panama, and a novel network was established in the United Arab Emirates.

Anticipating continued development, new Panama and the Campagna Region networks will become integral parts of HPH in the upcoming year.

The HPH eCommunity

In a strategic move towards enhanced collaboration and communication, the HPH eCommunity was officially launched during the 2nd Coordinators' meeting in March 2023. Coordinators were provided with access and detailed information on optimizing the platform, and initial feedback was collected. Looking ahead, HPH is committed to the continuous development of the eCommunity, with plans to enhance its user-friendliness in the coming months.



Research Publications – Policy Briefs

As an integral component of the strategic plan for the period 2021-2025, the Secretariat is actively engaged in the development of a series of policy briefs addressing significant topics. These briefs are slated for publication early next year. This initiative marks an exciting collaborative opportunity, as the Secretariat works in conjunction with the WHO Collaborating Centre and WHO EURO to contribute valuable insights to the discourse on pertinent issues.

Topics of planned policy briefs:

- › Workers health and health promotion
- › Health care systems and climate impact
- › Cost-effectiveness of health promotion
- › Health promotion in low and middle income countries

Collaboration Agreements



May – IHF Renewed collaboration agreement, solidified partnership

June- GNTH Joint Declaration on electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDS) and heated tobacco products (HTPs).

September- Official Declaration signing ceremony with M-POHL and GNTH, during the 29th International HPH Conference, Vienna



Advocacy

Throughout the year, the International Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) Secretariat actively participated in various conferences and seminars, showcasing its commitment to advancing health promotion initiatives.

Italian HPH Networks Standards Workshop

The Italian HPH networks hosted a national training webinar on April 20th, titled „Self-assessment tools of health promotion in the healthcare setting: Basic principles, standards, and indicators.“ Attended by 141 participants, the event featured an international session with contributions from esteemed speakers including Prof. Dr. Oliver Groene (International HPH Secretariat), Dr. Cristina Iniesta Blasco and Dr. Manel Santiñà Vila (Catalonia, Spain), Dr. Ilaria Simonelli (Leader of the HPH Task Force on Children & Adolescents), and Dr. Cristina Aguzzoli (Coordinator of the Italian HPH Networks). These experts provided valuable insights into the development and implementation of the 2020 HPH Standards.



French Symposium on Environment and Health Promotion

The French HPH Network, under the management of RESPADD (Réseau de prévention des addictions), actively supports its members and fosters an exchange platform through an annual symposium. This event, open to French HPH members and other health promotion professionals, received funding from the French Public Health National Agency and was moderated by Marianne Hochet, the Coordinator of the French HPH Network. Held in Lyon, this year's symposium focused on environmental health topics.

The event featured theoretical and practical plenary sessions, workshops, and an international session with presentations from distinguished figures such as Prof. Dr. Oliver Groene of the International HPH Secretariat, Elke Miedema PhD (Leader of the HPH Task Force on Built Environment), and Dr. Ming-Nan Lin (Leader of the HPH Task Force on Environment). These sessions inspired participants and facilitated engaging discussions on supporting the environment.



International Conference on Integrated Care, Antwerp, Belgium

At this year's 23rd International Conference on Integrated Care, Keriin Katsaros delivered a presentation in a parallel session focused on achieving improved health outcomes for all. The presentation, titled „Using the settings approach to health promotion in hospital and health services to support collaboration, engagement, and partnership in integrated care systems,“ underscored the alignment of mutual values found in both the 2020 Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) Standards and the nine pillars of integrated care. Katsaros illustrated how hospitals and health services can effectively implement HPH standards to foster a shared vision, facilitate multisectoral action, and encourage community participation in the pursuit of integrated care systems.



CleanMed Europe, Berlin, Germany

Health Care Without Harm's annual conference, CleanMed, unfolded this year in Berlin, Germany, on June 7th. Prof Dr Oliver Groene played a significant role as a judge representing the Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) initiative in the evaluation of the European Sustainable Healthcare Project of the Year award.

This accolade acknowledged hospitals and healthcare providers throughout Europe who demonstrated outstanding efforts in implementing projects aimed at reducing the environmental footprint of their organizations. Oliver Groene's participation underscored the commitment of HPH to contribute to and recognize advancements in sustainable healthcare practices.

WHO Meeting in Baku

Oliver Groene was invited by WHO to attend a high-level meeting on hospital reform in the WHO European Region. In his presentation entitled „The role of health promotion to improve quality and sustainability of health care“ he gave an overview on how health promotion can contribute to ongoing hospital reforms.



2nd Online coordinators Meeting, March 2023

In March, Coordinators, Task Force Leaders, and the International and Conference Secretariat convened for a strategic meeting to delineate actions for implementing the outstanding goals outlined in the Global Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) Strategy for 2021–2025. Participants from 11 countries provided

valuable insights, sharing perspectives from their respective regions and reporting on the progress of HPH implementation within their areas. Additionally, during the meeting, the International HPH Secretariat unveiled the final prototype of the HPH eCommunity.



Pictured from top, L-R: Ralph Harlid (Sweden); Keriin Katsaros and Oliver Groene (International HPH Secretariat, Germany); Elke Miedema (Netherlands); Margareta Kristenson (Sweden); Marianne Hochet (France); Cristina Aguzzoli (Italy); Jaekyung Lee (South Korea); Zou Yanhui (Hunan, China); Nina Peränen (Finland); Cristina Iniesta Blasco (Catalonia, Spain); Ming-Nan Lin (Taiwan); Peter Nowak (International Conference Secretariat, Austria)

Webinar: Children without Borders, March 1st, 2023

The HPH Task Force on Children and Adolescents hosted the first HPH inter-task force webinar, “Children without borders: Promoting children’s health in all settings” on March 1st. Task Force leaders Ilaria Simonelli (Task Force on Children and Adolescents), Elke Miedema (Task Force on Health Promoting Built Environment), Ming-Nan Lin (Task Force on Environment), and Shu-Tu Chiou (Task Force on Age-Friendly Health Care) presented through the lens of their respective task forces to show how it’s possible to include children’s health in all policies by re-orienting professionals’ actions towards supporting children’s health.



The webinar recording and presenter slides are available here: <https://www.hphnet.org/tf-ca-webinar/>



Pictured from top, L-R from top: Oliver Groene (Germany), Keriin Katsaros (Germany), Bożena Walewska-Zielecka (Poland), Birgit Metzler (Austria), Fritz Teutsch (Austria), Mitsuhiro Funakoshi (Japan), Marianne Hochet (France), Ming-Nan Lin (Taiwan), Ralph Harlid (Sweden), Jaekyung Lee (South Korea), Fatima Hearing (Germany), Cristina Aguzzoli (Italy), Elke Miedema (Netherlands), Diane Levin- Zamir (Israel), Gladys Wong (Singapore), Mubatsi Johnson (Uganda), Gabriella Szörényiné Ványi (Hungary), Giulio Fornero (Italy), Ilaria Simonelli (Italy), Veronika Stejskalová (Czech Republic), Peter Nowak (Austria), Monica Fernandez (Spain), not pictured: Diana Paz

32nd General Assembly Meeting, 5th May 2023

The 32nd meeting of the Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) General Assembly took place virtually on May 5th. Attendees included HPH Coordinators, Task Force Leaders, individual members, the International HPH Secretariat, and the Conference Secretariat, converging to deliberate on many exciting topics.

Key discussions revolved around the plans for the 29th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services scheduled in Vienna, Austria, and the subsequent year’s conference, to be hosted by the Japan HPH Network in Hiroshima, Japan.

During the meeting, the Task Force on HPH & Environment, led by Ming-Nan Lin, and the Working Group on Health Literate Health Care Organizations, now under the leadership of Peter Nowak, presented their respective groups’ ongoing work. Furthermore, Coordinators Marianne Hochet (French HPH Network) and Cristina Aguzzoli (Coordinator of the Italian HPH Networks) provided reports on recent national meetings in France and Italy, offering valuable insights into the progress of HPH implementation within their respective countries.

Representatives from 16 countries actively participated in the meeting, each contributing a unique perspective and valuable contributions to the collective efforts to integrate health promotion into the hospital and health service settings.



Group Photo, 12 June 2023, L-R: Fatima Haering, Marianne Hochet, Ralph Harlid, Bożena Walewska-Zielecka, Ming-Nan Lin, Oliver Groene, Birgit Metzler

Governance Board Meeting in Hamburg, June 12-13, 2023

The International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) annually convenes the Governance Board for a two-day meeting, and the latest session took place in Hamburg on the 12th and 13th of June 2023. The meeting encompassed discussions on several crucial topics, including the outcomes of the Coordinator's survey conducted in May. This survey, focusing on implementing HPH standards, not only shed light on areas for improvement but also formed the basis for deliberations on the Annual Fee structure.

The discussion considered global inflation and the escalating costs associated with sustaining the services of the Secretariat.

Furthermore, the meeting served as a platform to gather initial feedback and the initial responses of the Governance Board to the recently launched eCommunity platform. This interactive session facilitated valuable insights and perspectives on the ongoing initiatives and collaborative efforts within the HPH network.

The role of Health Promotion in Well-being-oriented Healthcare

in memoriam Jürgen Pelikan

Vienna, Austria, hybrid event | September 20-22, 2023

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Agenda
Health Promotion

29th HPH Global Conference in Vienna, Austria

The 29th International Conference held in Vienna marked as the inaugural hybrid conference, following a year without a conference. Extending over three and a half days, the conference encompassed a rich program and facilitated extensive networking opportunities. Additionally, registered participants were granted on-demand access for post-viewing for at least two additional months.

The program featured five plenary sessions that brought together 19 distinguished international speakers and panellists from various parts of the world. Notably, the fifth plenary session, chaired by Prof. Dr Oliver

Gröne, CEO of Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH), included Ilona Kickbusch among the four panellists.

An impressive response was received, with over 670 abstracts submitted and reviewed, originating from 27 countries (Asia 89%, Europe 10%, 2 from the US, and 1 from Africa). Out of these, 405 abstracts (60%) were accepted for presentation, contributing to 23 Oral sessions and 11 mini-Oral sessions, as well as forming a virtual poster gallery, showcasing a diverse range of contributions from the global health-care community.

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner, accompanied by live music from Solidtunes was organized by the Conference Secretariat and held at the Rittersaal of the Rathskeller, Vienna; served as a distinctive social event, offering participants a unique opportunity to network and partake in a memorable evening in the picturesque city of Vienna.



HPH Coordinators Meeting

The Coordinators Meeting convened on September 20, 2023, brought together coordinators, representing 14 national and regional Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) networks.

The primary focus of the meeting was collaborative engagement and discussions surrounding the various activities undertaken within their respective networks.

Dr. Yuuki, representing Nishi-Yodo Hospital in Japan, delivered a presentation highlighting their innovative health promotion initiatives, providing valuable insights and fostering knowledge exchange among the coordinators.



An interactive exercise was introduced during the meeting to enhance collaboration within the network. Coordinators actively participated in identifying three strengths (‘haves’) and three areas for improvement or value addition (‘wants’) within their country’s HPH network. This exercise aimed at promoting constructive dialogue and facilitating a collective effort to strengthen further and refine the capabilities of the HPH networks.

GB Meeting, 20th September 2023

Taking advantage of the opportunity presented by their presence in Vienna, the Coordinator’s meeting was succeeded by a concise Governance Board Meeting. During this session, several crucial topics were deliberated upon, including the prospective renewal of the Task Force on Migration, Equity, and Diversity. Additionally, discussions were initiated on establishing a new task force centred around the Relationship between Culture and Health. The formal approval for these initiatives is slated to occur during the 34th General Assembly meeting in 2024.

Furthermore, the meeting addressed the election process, with board members actively engaging in the identification of suitable nominations for the two vacant seats on the Governance Board. The formal elections for these positions were scheduled to transpire later during the 33rd General Assembly meeting.



Meeting of the Scientific Committee of the 29th International HPH Conference

The primary responsibilities of the Scientific Committee include guiding the general structure, scope, purpose, title, topics, and selection of plenary speakers for the conference. Furthermore, it supports the abstract review and selection process for parallel oral and poster sessions.

As outlined in the HPH constitution, the Scientific Committee serves as a representative body comprising all members of the Governance Board, representatives of the local host of the conference, volunteers sourced from National/Regional HPH Networks, HPH Task Forces, and Working Groups, as well as individual HPH members. It also includes conference co-organiser representatives and external scientific and clinical experts.

The chair of the Scientific Committee represents the International Conference Secretariat, and the co-chair is a nominee from the local host.

A broader Scientific Committee is formed to ensure comprehensive feedback on the conference program and assist in abstract screening and promotion. This committee contributes to refining the conference agenda and enhancing its overall quality.

A smaller group known as the Scientific Executive Board convenes for final discussions and decisions. This board meets three times

during the development of the conference program each year, contributing to the meticulous planning and successful execution of the International HPH Conference.

Declaration Signing Ceremonies and Partnership collaborations Global Network for Tobacco free Healthcare Services (GNTH)

On September 20th, a momentous joint declaration was formalized between Health Promotion Hospitals (HPH) and the Global Network for Tobacco-Free Healthcare Services (GNTH). The declaration was officially signed by Bożena Walewska-Zielecka, Chair of HPH, and Susann Koalick, Chair of GNTH.

The GNTH/HPH Declaration specifically addresses electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDS), Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs), and nonmedical nicotine products. This significant agreement represents a major step towards a nicotine-free future within global healthcare settings, underlining the crucial need to protect patients, staff, and visitors from the detrimental effects of nicotine in various forms.

This initiative plays a pivotal role in cultivating a healthier environment within healthcare facilities and society.



Declaration signed by: Bożena Walewska-Zielecka (Chair HPH) and, signed by Susann Koalick (Chair GNTH)

WHO Action Network on Measuring Population and Organizational Health Literacy (M-POHL)

Furthermore, the alliance between HPH and the WHO Action Network on Measuring Population and Organizational Health Literacy (M-POHL) holds immense potential. M-POHL, as a WHO Action Network, specializes in measuring and enhancing health literacy at both individual and organizational levels. Through international surveys and data collection on organizational health literacy, M-POHL provides invaluable insights into the healthcare landscape. Their work aligns seamlessly with WHO's policy frameworks, contributing to evidence-based decision-making

and shedding light on health literacy on a global scale.

This collaboration between HPH and M-POHL is poised to significantly strengthen health literacy, elevate healthcare quality, prioritize patient-centered approaches, and foster overall well-being. The agreement was formally sealed through the signatures of Prof. Dr. Oliver Groene, PhD (CEO, International HPH Secretariat), Bożena Walewska-Zielecka (Chair, International HPH Network), Christina Dietscher, and Diane Levin-Zamir (M-POHL Co-chairs). The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Christa Straßmayr (Coordinator of the ICC of M-POHL) alongside Birgit Metzler, Peter Nowak, Giulio Fornero, and Shu Ti Chiou.

Pictured from L-R: Christa Straßmayr (Coordinator of the ICC of M-POHL), Prof. Dr. Oliver Groene, PhD (CEO, International HPH Secretariat), Christina Dietscher, (M-POHL Co-chairs) and Bożena Walewska-Zielecka (Chair, International HPH Network)



33rd meeting GA, November 22nd 2023

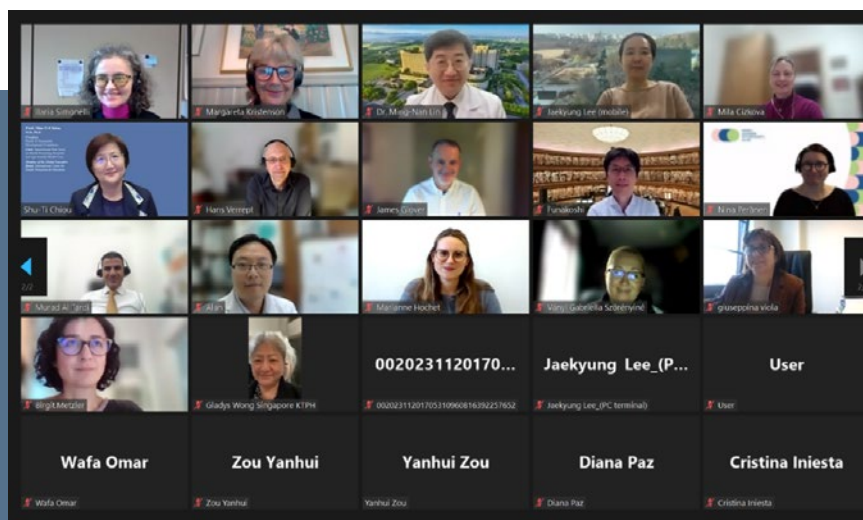
The 33rd General Assembly Meeting, held on November 22nd, 2023, featured significant updates and key activities. The session commenced with a comprehensive report on the Governance Board's activities throughout 2023, providing insights into the network's strategic initiatives. Additionally, the meeting included a presentation by the external auditor and the HPH Treasurer's Report, detailing the income and expenditures of the network for the year 2022. An essential agenda item involved the Governance Board Elections, shaping the leadership for the upcoming term.

Task Forces within the HPH Network were a focal point, with Shu-Ti Chiou presenting and renewing the Task Force on Health Promoting Hospitals (TF-HPH) and Age-Friendly Healthcare, while James Glover and Hans Verrept ad-

ressed the renewal of the Task Force on Migration, Equity, and Diversity. Giulio Fornero presented the newly formed Task Force on the Relationship between Culture and Health, reflecting the network's commitment to diverse and inclusive healthcare approaches.

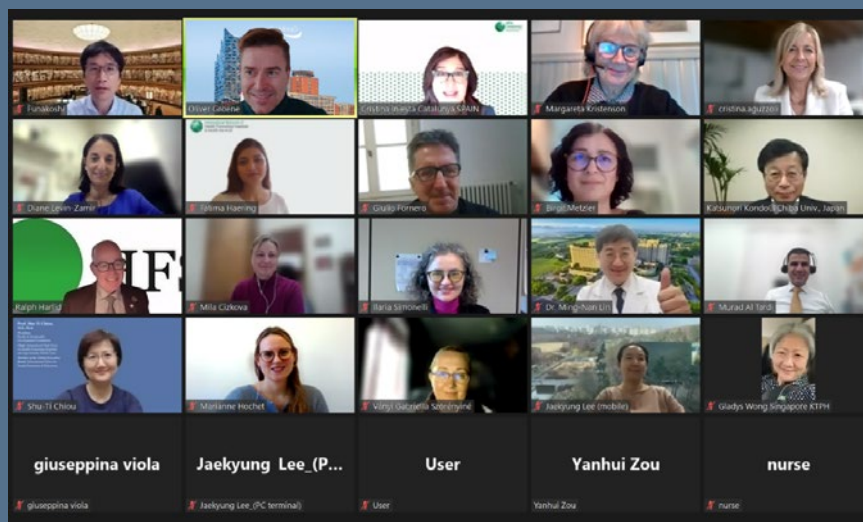
The General Assembly also heard insightful presentations from distinguished representatives, including Szörényiné Ványi of Moritz Kaposi General Hospital in Hungary, Mitsuhiro Funakoshi of the Japan HPH Network, and Murad Al Badar Tardi and Taif Al Sarraj of the UAE HPH Network.

A significant decision was reached during the meeting, with members approving a 10% increment in the annual HPH membership fee from 2024 onwards. This measure aims to ensure the sustainability of the network's activities and continued advancement in promoting health across diverse healthcare settings.



Pictured from top, L-R from top: Ilaria Simonelli (Italy), Margareta Kristenson (Sweden), Ming-Nan Lin (Taiwan), Jaekyung Lee (South Korea), Mila Cizkova (Czech), Shu-Ti Chiou (Taiwan), Hans Verrept (Belgium), James Glover (Ireland), Mitsuhiro Funakoshi (Japan), Nina Peränen (Finland), Murad al Tardi (UAE), Alan Siu (Hong Kong), Marianne Hochet (France), Gabriella Szörényiné Ványi (Hungary), Giuseppina Viola (Italy), Birgit Metzler (Austria), Gladys Wong (Singapore), Jaekyung Lee (South Korea), Wafa Omar (UAE), Zou Yanhui (China), Diana Paz, Cristina Iniesta Blasco (Spain.)

Pictured from Top L-R: Mitsuhiro Funakoshi (Japan), Oliver Groene (Germany), Cristina Iniesta Blasco (Spain), Margareta Kristenson (Sweden), Cristina Aguzzoli (Italy), Diane Levin- Zamir (Israel), Fatima Hearing (Germany), Giulio Fornero (Italy), Birgit Metzler (Austria, Katsunori Kondo (Japan), Ralph Harlid (Sweden), Mila Cizkova (Czech Republic), Ilaria Simonelli (Italy), Ming-nan Lin (Taiwan), Murad Al Tardi (UAE), Shu-Ti Chiou (Taiwan), Marianne Hochet (France), Gabriella Szörényiné Ványi (Hungary), Jaekyung Lee (South Korea), Mila Cizkova (Czech), Shu-Ti Chiou (Taiwan), Gladys Wong (Singapore), Giuseppina Viola (Italy), Zou Yanhui (China)



Joint Webinar: ‘Integrating Age-friendly healthcare towards healthy ageing for all’

The Task Force on Health Promoting Hospitals (HPH) & Age-Friendly Healthcare recently orchestrated a highly successful webinar in collaboration with the Inter-national Network of HPH, attracting 159 registrations.

The webinar featured four expert speakers, each offering valuable insights from their respective areas of expertise. The central theme of the webinar underscored the pivotal role age-friendly hospitals play in promoting healthy ageing within communities. The discussions delved into strategies for fostering the continuity and integration of care for

individuals requiring long-term care. Addressing the social needs of the elderly, the webinar explored experiences in social prescribing, emphasizing its significance in enhancing the overall well-being of older individuals. Additionally, the webinar introduced the World Health Organization’s (WHO) framework designed to guide countries in achieving an integrated long-term care continuum. This collaborative initiative by the Task Force and the International Network of HPH exemplifies a commitment to advancing healthcare practices that prioritize the well-being and health promotion of ageing populations.

Free Webinar- Integrating age-friendly health care towards healthy ageing for all

Date & Time: Nov 23, Thursday, CET 14:00-15:20 (Taipei time 20:00-21:20), 2023

Organized by: Task Force on HPH & Age-friendly Health Care, International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

Purpose & Design:

To support the actions of the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030, with a special focus on promoting older people-centred integrated care, this webinar will showcase examples on how age-friendly hospitals can promote healthy ageing in the communities, promote continuity and integration of care for people needing long-term care, and address social needs among older persons seeking healthcare.

With healthy ageing for all as the shared goal, this webinar will examine not only innovative design of care processes, but also experiences in management policy, teamworking, application of technology, development of age-friendly environments, and collaboration with community partners, to facilitate more consistent and universal implementation of integrated care.

Program: (CET Time)

14:00-14:05 Opening remarks

By: **Oliver Grone**, CEO of International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services

14:05-14:20 Developing a community for successful ageing in place by and in an age-friendly hospital

By: **Liang-Kung Chen**, Center for Healthy Longevity and Aging Sciences, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University; Superintendent, Taipei Municipal Gan-Dau Hospital, Taiwan

14:20-14:35 Promoting continuity and integration of care for people needing long-term care

By: **Cheng-Chie Weng**, Director of Integrated Long-Term Care Center, Ditmanson Medical Foundation, Chiayi Christian Hospital, Taiwan

14:35-14:50 Addressing social needs in caring for older patients- experiences in social prescribing

By: **Bogdan Chiva Giurca**, Global Lead and Clinical Lead, National Academy for Social Prescribing, UK

14:50-15:05 Introducing WHO’s framework for countries to achieve an integrated continuum of long-term care

By: **Vania de la Fuente-Nunez**, Independent senior consultant in healthy ageing; former WHO technical officer, Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing Unit.

15:05-15:20 Wrap up, Q & A

By: **Shu-Ti Chiou**, Chair, Task Force on HPH & Age-friendly Health Care; Member of Global Executive Board, International Union for Health Promotion and Education.

Register:
<https://reurl.cc/2EN2kv>



Moderator:



Professor Shu-Ti Chiou,
Chair, Task Force on HPH & Age-friendly Health Care; Former Chair of Governance Board, International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services; Member of Global Executive Board, International Union for Health Promotion and Education

Speakers:



Professor Oliver Grone,
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Financials

Prof Dr Oliver Groene presented, on behalf of HPH treasurer Dr. Sally Fawkes, an overview of accounts at the November meeting of the 33rd HPH General Assembly.

Income

Total income for the year 2022 was 137.863€.

The primary source of this income comes from HPH membership fees from National and Regional HPH networks and single members.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year 2022 was 143.633€.

The Secretariat costs totaled 133.272€ in 2022. The remaining direct and indirect costs were 4.198€ for platform hosting/media design, 3.612€ for travel, 703€ for incidental expenses, and 1.849€ for tax certificates and legal fees.



Looking ahead

The 30th International Conference, Hiroshima, Japan

Hosted by the Japan HPH Network, the conference will take place in Hiroshima, Japan. We warmly welcome all participants and encourage them to stay informed about the event by visiting the conference website to access the latest updates and information. We look forward to your active participation and engagement in this significant gathering focused on advancing health promotion within hospital and healthcare settings.

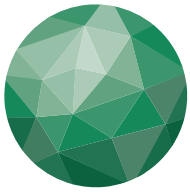
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