

## M-POHL NEWSLETTER #8

### EDITORIAL

Dear friends in M-POHL, dear HLS<sub>19</sub> partners,

Greetings from a very hot Vienna with enjoyable summertime atmosphere!

We are pleased to provide you with M-POHL news from June, which was a busy month with an inspiring 8<sup>th</sup> M-POHL Meeting, where an important step forward towards developing recommendations on policy, practice and research was accomplished. The efforts on developing recommendations will continue over the summertime and we hope to meet many of you at the 9<sup>th</sup> M-POHL Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August which will be organized as the second workshop in developing recommendations. We are already now announcing the August meeting as the next newsletter will be sent out by the end of August after a summer holiday break.

Therefore, we would like to use this opportunity to wish you a pleasant summertime and hope you will get a chance to have some nice and enjoyable time off.

Kind regards,

Christina Dietscher, Jürgen Pelikan and the ICC team

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### NEXT MEETINGS

- **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**, 13:00-17:00 CET:  
9<sup>th</sup> M-POHL Meeting on Recommendation Development for Research and Policy – Part II
- **29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**: 10<sup>th</sup> M-POHL meeting in Vienna, online
- **8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**: **GOING PUBLIC**  
online event – **Save the date!**

## HLS<sub>19</sub>

### LOOKING BACK 8<sup>TH</sup> M-POHL MEETING

On 14<sup>th</sup> June the 8<sup>th</sup> M-POHL Meeting was attended by 43 participants from 16 countries, representing research and policy perspectives. In addition, Katrine Habersaat and Anastasia Koylyu were participating on behalf of WHO-Europe, and an Asian observer was attending the meeting too. The main results of the HLS<sub>19</sub> survey from 17 countries and, based on the results, first suggestions for recommendations on policy and partly on research were presented. These policy suggestions were discussed and further developed in small groups. Additionally, a suggestion on taking population HL surveys further towards regular and periodical HL measurement was presented by the ICC. A draft of the Minutes was sent out on 21<sup>st</sup> June for feedback.

### INVITATION TO THE 9<sup>TH</sup> M-POHL MEETING ON 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2021

We are pleased to invite you to the 9<sup>th</sup> M-POHL Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 13:00 to 17:00 CET. This meeting will be organised in form of a workshop and will follow up on the work on developing recommendations for policy, practice and research on improving health literacy on the population level that was started at the 8<sup>th</sup> M-POHL meeting. Again, the meeting will be held online via Zoom.

A detailed suggestion for an agenda will be sent out a week before the meeting including all relevant meeting details. The main aim of the meeting will be to continue developing the recommendations by consenting on the draft recommendations chapter in the International Report that will be developed in July and August and shared with the consortium before the meeting.

### PROGRESS IN HLS<sub>19</sub> DATA COLLECTION AND DATA ANALYSES

Data analyses including the Bulgarian and the Italian data, which were delivered in May 2021, were completed by the ICC, and all analyses can be found in DORY.

### HLS<sub>19</sub> INTERNATIONAL REPORTING

Tremendous work on the optional packages has been done by the optional packages chapter leads and their co-author groups, so chapters are already very advanced. The ICC has started involving co-authors on some chapters and sending out first chapters for data check and completing to the principal investigators and their research teams. This process will be ongoing all summer but with some interruptions due to the holiday season. The texting of the chapter on recommendation for policy, practice and research will also happen during the next couple of months.

### HLS<sub>19</sub> NATIONAL REPORTING

The second Norwegian national HLS<sub>19</sub> Report on health literacy among five immigrant populations is now available at the M-POHL homepage. A separate English summary of the report can also be found at the homepage: <https://m-pohl.net/>



## HLS<sub>19</sub> DISSEMINATION

Looking back at the 11<sup>th</sup> IUHPE European Conference on Health Promotion which took place online on 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, <http://www.iuhpeconferences21.com/> where the following presentations were held:

- “Health Promotion in times of COVID-19: Health Literacy, Infodemic and Behaviour” (pre-conference-workshop) by our German colleagues.
- Symposium “A new instrument and selected results on measuring comprehensive general health literacy of general populations in 17 countries of the European Region of the World Health Organisation” by the ICC, the Norwegian and the German team.
- “A population-based health literacy survey in the Russian Federation: first results” by the Russian team.
- “Navigation health literacy in general populations – first results of the health literacy population survey 2019-2021” by the German team.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Salutogenesis, 17-18 June 2021, Girona, Spain, <http://www.iuhpeconferences21.com/>  
3 abstracts on HLS<sub>19</sub> and HLO were submitted and accepted:
  - The Health Literacy Survey 2019: a new instrument for measuring general health literacy in adult populations, re-sults and policy recommendations
  - A family of instruments for measuring specific health literacies: digital, communication, navigation, and vaccination health literacy for general adult populations
  - Measuring organizational health literacy – a comprehensive model and self-assessment tool for hospitals
- Global Health Literacy Summit, 3-5 October, 2021, online, <http://www.ihlasummit2020.org/>
- The 28<sup>th</sup> International HPH Conference, 12 October 2021, **deadline** for abstract submission **extended: July 4, 2021**, an abstract was already submitted by the ICC on OHL. <https://www.hphconferences.org/paris2021/>
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Literacy in Action conference, October 14-15, 2021, online, <https://hlactionconf.com/>
- HARC/HLiA Conference 1-2 November 2021, online, <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/healthliteracyconference/>
- 14<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference 2021, 10-12 November 2021, online, <https://ephconference.eu/>, an abstract was submitted on behalf of the HLS<sub>19</sub> consortium.