

ENIEC Newsletter



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News from the board and organisational matters

Intercultural elderly care meets more interest, at least here in the Netherlands, but I think also in other parts of Europe. You can see it from the number of conferences and symposia, think about the large conference in Germany a while ago. Also among directors and board members of care organizations there is more attention to the subject. For me it's one of the signs of a change the last three years because a long time they were the ones who were not very present. It's important because they can make the link with the vision, mission and strategy of the

organization and realize better conditions for those who are working on implementation. Intercultural care deserves leadership!

Also exists more awareness that interculturalisation asks for a cultural change in organizations, because it has a connection with all the aspects of the company like; communication, beverages and food, different expectations about good care, family care, decision making, architecture and design, religions, leadership and managing, dementia, etc. A lot of those items and subjects you can find in the started working groups. It will be interesting to see how the different subjects will influence each other. I'm looking forward to the first reports in the ENIEC newsletter.

Jan Booij



News from the editors

In front of you the second newsletter from the dutch redaction of ENIEC. As you can see the lay-out has changed a little bit.

That's because of Cobie Schippers, working as a management-assistant for the elderly department in GGZ inGeest. GGZ inGeest is an organisation for psychiatric healthcare in Amsterdam and Haarlem in the Netherlands.



Cobie Schippers

Cobie has a lot of experience in producing newsletters and articles in her organisation and she will support Marja, Nicolette and me in the coming year. We're really happy with that.

Everybody who wants to deliver any input for our newsletter can send it to her, she will compose the right lay-out and will send the letter to all our members. Her email address is c.schippers@ggzingeest.nl

As we introduced in our first newsletter we have the ambition to have more discussion with our members about certain themes. One of them was the involvement in ENIEC of other organisations for elderly care, more specific organisations for psychiatric healthcare.

When you look at our members, you can see that most of them are working in nursing homes or organisations closely related to them.

I think I am the only member who is working in a psychiatric institute. There's a good reason for me to be involved. In the first place more and more elderly migrants are in need for psychiatric healthcare. (depression, dementia, schizophrenia etc.) In the second place more and more

people in nursing homes are suffering psychiatric diseases (behaviour problems in dementia and depression). In the third place there is, in my opinion, a higher risk for migrants to become mentally disordered.

All together there's a very big reason for a broader scope for ENIEC and a need to find new members in these organisations.

We are very curious about the opinion of our members on this subject and that's why we will invite you to share your opinion with us. If you send your ideas to Cobie before the 20th of may we can work on our ambition of interactivity in the next newsletter.

Jan Willem Pijpers

Working groups and ENIEC Newsletters

We want to give the working groups a role in the ENIEC Newsletters by giving you the opportunity of exchanging information over your specific subject(s). For that we have made a scheme of the ENIEC Newsletters till April 2010 and with that from which specific group we expect articles and other contributions. You don't have to fill the entire number but we expect certain contributions from that working group.

April

this is a general number

May

will have as theme Psychogeriatric care (Jan Willem)

June

will have as theme Interculturalisation in health care (Nicolet)

July/August

will have as theme Ethnic Diversification of Employees (Marja)

September

will have as theme Empowerment of elderly migrants (working group 3)

October

will have as theme Innovation in Housing (working group 4)

November

will have as theme Cultural specific/intercultural day/home care projects (working group 2)

December

will have as theme Research/ Inventory/ Exchanges of good practices (working group 6)

January

will have as theme Finland. To inspire and make you come to the annual meeting of ENIEC in Finland. (The Finnish Members)

February

will have as theme Expertise improvement/education (working group 5).

March

will have as theme Policy/ Organization management of diversity (working group 1)

If a group wants a change of number, maybe that is possible.

Let it know to Marja:

vanberkel&partners@xs4all.nl

She will see if there is a possibility to change numbers with another group.

Marja will also be the one you can send your questions and contributions for the ENIEC-Newsletter to. If there are questions from our site or you are late with your contribution, she will contact you.

We want to work with themes, but you can always send your ideas, announcements off meetings, interesting websites, etc. at any time, and generally we will give it a place in the first coming ENIEC Newsletter.

So it will be with articles from a specific working group, but there will also be place for others subjects.

So please keep sending us your news!



Nicolet
Jan Willem
Marja

Announcement Fourth European Nursing Congress Older persons: the future of care

4-7 October 2010
in Rotterdam, the Netherlands
www.rotterdam2010.eu

Introduction

All European countries are facing a growing population of older persons.

Demographic studies indicate that by 2050, Europe will have 173 million people of age 65 and above; this amounts to 27.6% of the total population.

Most older persons are in good health and have a high level of well-being.

Health problems frequently occur in people of age 75 and above. The incidence of chronic diseases increases with the years and the prevalence of functional deficits increases substantially.

Our current health care system is not prepared for the growing population of older persons. Older persons are often marginalized and kept on the sidelines.

Even today, many nurses, with the exception of those that work in nursing homes, do not believe that the ageing of the population will affect them. This is not the case, however, as in the future, nurses in all fields of care will encounter a growing number of older patients. The specific demands of older persons create a challenge for nurses.

In the fourth European Nursing Congress, the central theme is older persons as the future of care. In this congress, nurses from all fields of health care, including homecare workers, general hospital staff, mental health professionals and carers for the mentally disabled, are invited to share their methods and their research findings with regard to care for older persons. The motivation and training of students to train in caring for older persons is another key component. To ensure quality of care for older persons both now and in the future, issues regarding the labour market and labour saving must be brought into focus. How can we create greater efficiency of care by means of, for example,

technological support? Innovation, new ideas and creativity in organizing care will be highlighted during the Congress.

How to share information on the internet

MIGHEALTH.NET

On the first lovely spring day this year, I visited a conference on mighealth.net. The conference was held in Utrecht, one of nine university cities in the Netherlands. Two other ENIEC members and I got the suggestion from Kristel Logghe. Thanks.



Utrecht by night

Professor David Ingleby (University of Utrecht) is the scientific coordinator. I'll give you some main issues of his presentation.

Aim mighealth.net

http://www.mighealth.net/index.php/Main_Page

The mighealth.net project aims to stimulate the exchange of knowledge on migrant and minority health through the development of interactive data bases in each of the participating countries.

Participants

Sixteen countries contribute to mighealth.net: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the UK.

Topics on mighealthnet

The main topics are

1. Migrant populations, immigration policies; the social, historical and political context
2. Migrants' state of health and its determinants
3. Health system and the entitlement of migrants to health care
4. Accessibility of health care
5. Quality of care: matching of service provisions to the needs of migrants
6. Achieving change

And relevant to ENIEC-members: all countries have 'wiki's' (an interactive website) in the local language.

Use Google translate

By using 'Google translate' you can translate wiki's in other languages to your language.

As David Ingleby stated: 'The translation will not always be accurate, but it should suffice for many purposes.'

On mighealth.net you can read how to do it.

Conclusions in short

Dear ENIEC-friends: we know where to look for new members!!!

In my opinion mighealth.net can use input e.g. on the topics of welfare and housing. Perhaps the working group 'best practices' can connect to mighealth.net.

As a Google fan I can report of my own experience that Google translate is an important tool to overcome language borders.

Thanks to Google translate a Norwegian ENIEC-member was able to 'read' parts of our (Dutch) website. (Posted on the Linked In ENIEC group.)

If you want to find out how it works, please visit www.caboamsterdam.nl via Google translate.

Of course Google translate needs improving (e.g. translations in Arabic) but according to a Dutch saying: 'the bottle is half full or half empty'.

Wendela Gronthoud,
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Various information

MIKADO

An ENIEC article is placed on the website of MIKADO, an interculturalisation site for health care in the Netherlands. Jan Booij wrote the article and mentioned Helsinki already!

Sorry, only in Dutch. (We didn't translate, because there is nothing new for ENIEC members).

www.mikadonet.nl

Global Aging Report 2009

This report portrays the realities of populations around the world and calls for an intergenerational and lifespan perspective. It covers countries including the USA, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, the Dominican Republic, India, South Africa, Argentina, the Netherlands and Israel. This report analyzes the profound consequences of population aging and advancing longevity

www.globalaging.org/elderrights/world/2009/globalaging.pdf

Symposium Chicago

June 8-10, 2009

Diversity and Aging in the 21st Century
Chicago, United States

www.aarpinternational.org/events

New Member

This month we welcome one Dutch member:

Nel Klaasse-Bos: She is an organiser of meeting places and courses for intercultural elderly



Dutch tulips

Presentation of an ENIEC member



Yvonne Witter

Born: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Home: Weesp, the Netherlands

Profession:

When I studied sociology and social gerontology, I started to do a lot of work as a volunteer in nursing homes (in the Netherlands, but also in Spain, Chili and Thailand). Since then, I lost my heart completely to older persons worldwide. I worked 9 years for a national senior citizens organisation (Unie KBO). That was a great job! Working with and for older people!

A couple of years ago I changed jobs and started to work for the Aedes-Actiz Kenniscentrum Wonen-Zorg, the knowledge centre for housing and care <http://www.kcwz.nl/english> Kenniscentrum Wonen-Zorg supports care organisations and housing corporations in the development of new concepts combining housing and care through its website, newsletter, theme meetings, networking, research, excursions and member services. My topics are: client/citizens initiatives, older migrants, living groups, informal care, services for vulnerable

groups, neighbourhood activities...I really like this work, because you see innovations and can stimulate organisations to start innovative projects!

Relation to ENIEC:

Jan Booij and Leonie Vogels (who worked a few years for ActiZ) invited me to join ENIEC and I immediately was enthusiastic!

Thoughts about ENIEC:

It is important, useful and very, very nice to share knowledge, information and thoughts about intercultural care. During our last meeting we made a lot of progress in developing Eniec. Working groups, more active members... it will all contribute to a lively ENIEC. Jan and Grete did (and still do!) a lot and most of the work (with a lot of passion) and it is good to share the work a bit. All members are great professionals, so it is a pleasure to be at the meetings! It is a hard job getting and keeping intercultural care at the agenda of organisations in every country. But I am convinced it is worth working on that. All people deserve tailor-made services, so everyone can participate and can be a full member of society!

Something about your personal situation:

I am 36 years old and have a wonderful husband, Eric , I have two lovely daughters (4 and 6 years old), a great sister and fantastic parents. Eric and I both work part-time and my parents and mother in law take care of the children when we are working. I have had a very special relationship with my grandparents and I am happy that my children also have a close relationship to their grandparents. Next to my job and family, I am very active at the school of my children (organizing activities), at WorldGranny (as a boardmember), this organisation supports grandparents in Third World countries and enables them to offer their grandchildren a better future.

www.worldgranny.nl

And I am also writing my final thesis (for The European Masters of gerontology, www.eumag.org) about return migration...you will hear more about it

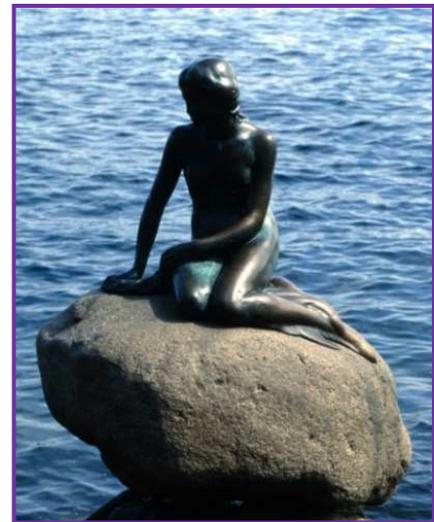
when it is finished. But it will take at least a year to finalize it...as you probably understand. Because I also like to dance, to drink wine with friends, going to the theatre (flamenco!), to travel, to write....and time flies!!!

Where will you be in March 2010?

At least a couple of days in Helsinki!!

Invitation :

I would like to pass on the word as next month's profile to the ENIEC member: Lis Vidkjaer, Denmark, because we always have such a good conversations during the meetings (about older people worldwide) and I am impressed by her work.



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