

# NETWORKING FOR HEALTH PROMOTION



**ISECN – IUHPE Student and Early Career Network**

**Torill Bull, Global Secretary ISECN**



ISECN

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- 'The IUHPE is a leading global network working to promote health worldwide and contribute to the achievement of equity in health between and within countries.'
- 'Members range from government bodies, to universities and institutes, to NGOs and individuals across all continents'



**Autumn**

**2006**



IUHPE

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FOR HEALTH PROMOTION  
AND EDUCATION

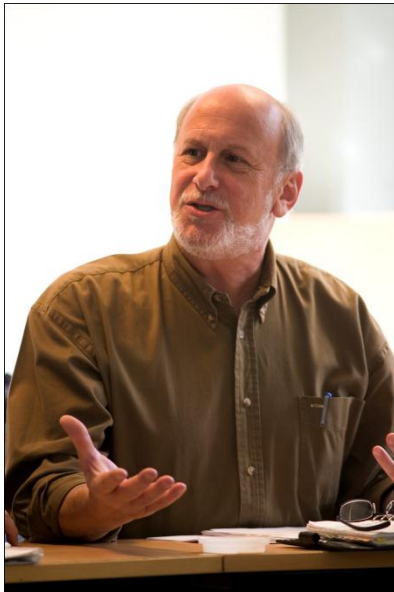
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- ... many seasoned veterans: world capacities, text book writers, conference speakers
- ... students the fastest growing membership category
  - Actually reading those text books, and going to those conferences
  - Awe inspiring



**The door  
seemed  
pretty  
closed...**

# Someone had a bright idea...



Maurice Mittelmark, then  
President of IUHPE,  
Professor at the Hemil  
Research Centre for  
Health Promotion

Would any  
young,  
enthusiastic  
health  
promoters join  
in a working  
group to  
establish a  
network for the  
student  
category?



Hope Corbin, then  
Master's student at the  
Hemil Research Centre  
for Health Promotion

**Providing opportunities**

**Leadership renewal**

**Building capacity**

**Revitalizing**

**Capitalizing on  
resources**



A close-up photograph of a dark reddish-brown wooden door. The door features a horizontal silver metal handle and a circular silver keyhole below it. The door is set against a bright yellow background.

**An entrance  
into active  
participation**



**Spring 2007 – Autumn 2010**



**ISECN**

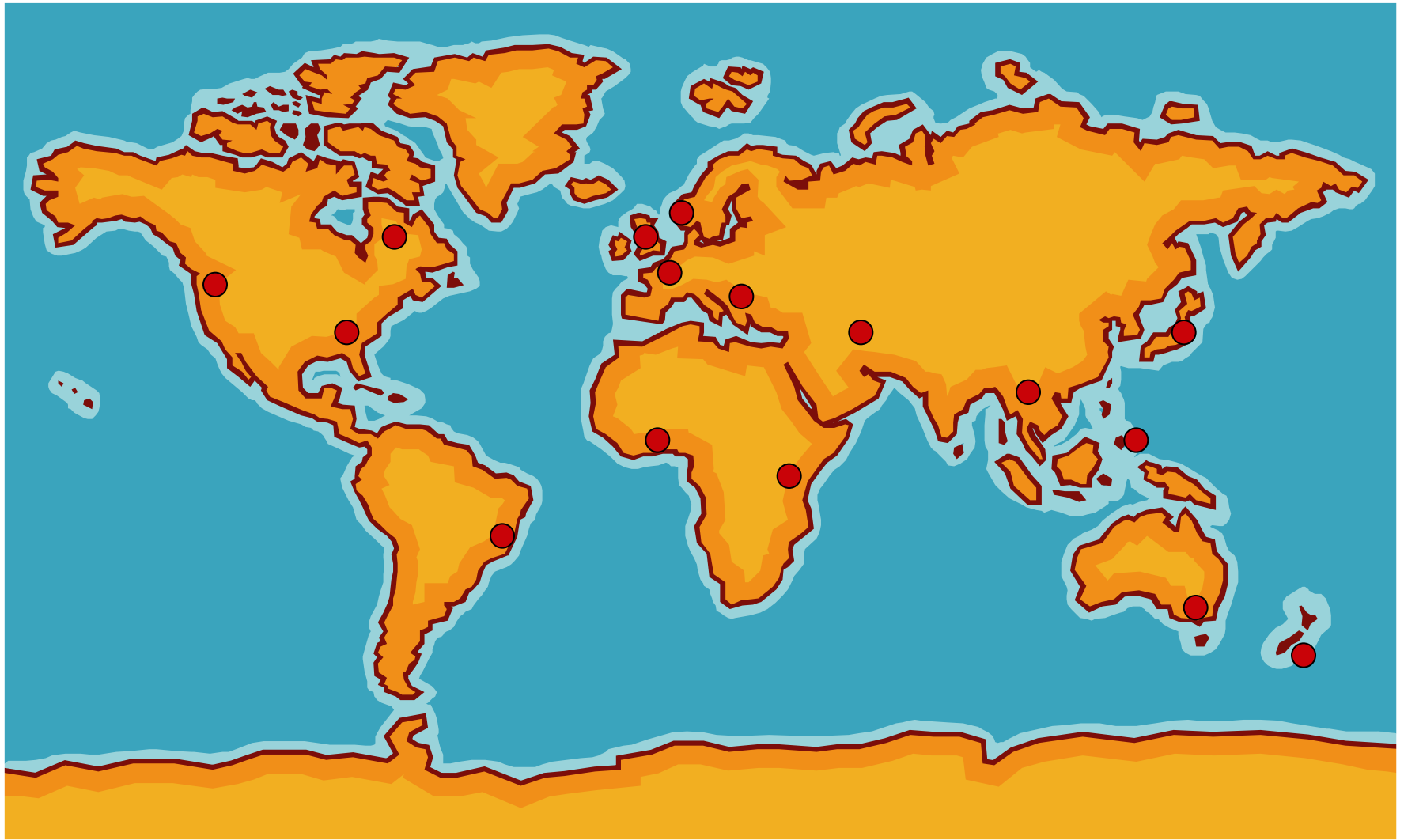
**was born in June  
2007**

**at the 19th IUHPE  
world  
conference  
in Vancouver**

# ISECN

- **I** IUHPE
  - **S** Student and
  - **E** Early
  - **C** Career
  - **N** Network
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- Not about age, but about being fresh in the game
  - It includes practitioners as well as academics
  - 'I second', meaning 'I support'

**We came away from Vancouver with a global network...**



**The ISECN baby was really active on the internet...**



**Website, Blogs, Skype conferences, Online discussion forums...**





**... and we really started moving...**



2010



- The network has been introduced at conferences in Canada, Japan, Europe, Australia...
- We have had publications in printed and web-based journals about the network
- We have 186 members on mailing list today
- We have quarterly Skype conferences with participation from most continents
- We have three active working groups
- We are getting jobs to do for IUHPE (VHPO, membership building, conferences)
- Members are gaining experience in international collaboration and organizational work
- 2 plenary presentations at the IUHPE European Conference in Turin, Italy, by invitation from IUHPE
- Representation on the Scientific committee for the world conference in Geneva July 2010
- A lot of scientific activities at the world conference in Geneva
- Leading the work for a global Code of Ethics for health promotion
- Have two of our members on the Board of Trustees of IUHPE















# Views of Health Promotion Online

- [www.vhpo.net](http://www.vhpo.net)
- Engage in discussion!

# We'll be there...

- Meaningful
- We actually contribute
- Fun and friendship
- Building capacity and careers
- Strengthening participation



# How to join

- Students or early stage of career
- Young, but not necessarily of age
- Become member of IUHPE [www.iuhpe.org](http://www.iuhpe.org)
  - Good value for money – GHP subscription, graded fees by nation
- Visit [www.isecn.org](http://www.isecn.org) to join the mailing list
- Check out ISECN on Facebook!