NETWORKING FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

ISECN – IUHPE Student and Early Career Network
Torill Bull, Global Secretary ISECN
• ‘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
• ... 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…

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

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

Hope Corbin, then Master’s student at the Hemil Research Centre for Health Promotion
Capitalizing on resources

Providing opportunities

Leadership renewal

Building capacity

Revitalizing

Capitalizing on resources
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

- 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
• 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
  – Good value for money – GHP subscription, graded fees by nation

• Visit www.isecn.org to join the mailing list
• Check out ISECN on Facebook!