

Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

"Protecting children's health in a changing environment"

Parma, Italy, 10-12 March 2010

Symposium organized by "WHO Regions for Health Network (RHN)"

"European Regional Perspectives on Environment and Health" on

Thursday, 11 March, 18:00- 19:30 in the Mascagni Meeting Room- ground floor Congress Centre

The purpose of this symposium is to show the important work carried out by regional actors in Europe in the area of Environment and Health. This session will focus on the regions in Europe that are members of the WHO Regions for Health Network (a network of 29 regions from 18 European countries). Presentations in this session will focus on challenges and opportunities for regions in Europe by examining a plethora of work in relation to environment and health at regional level in Europe.

Chair/Opening and Welcome: Erio Ziglio, Head, European Office for Investment for Health and Development, and Shouka Pelaseyed, Technical Officer, Partnerships and Communication, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- "Environment and Health in Sicily" by Dr Pina Frazzica (10 minutes)
- "The Environment and Health Foundation Project" of Emilia-Romagna by Stefano Tibaldi, Director General, Regional Environmental Agency of Emilia-Romagna and Pierluigi Macini, Head of Regional Public Health Service of Emilia-Romagna (10 minutes)
- "Environmental impact on Health of Children in Northern Czech Republic" by Dr Josef Richter, Director, Public Health Institute, Usti Region, Czech Republic (10 minutes)
- "Environment and Health and Roma Children" by Dr Marianna Penzes, Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg, Hungary (10 minutes)
- "Community based participatory environmental health policy" by Dr Koen Wynants, Flanders, Belgium (10 minutes)
- "Striving for Health and Healthy Environments in the regions" by Dr Rainer Fehr, Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Regional Health Policy and Public Health at LIGA, North Rhine Westphalia (10 minutes)

GENERAL DISCUSSION - PANEL WITH ALL THE SPEAKERS (10 minutes)

CONCLUDING/CLOSURE REMARKS