

Specific objectives

By the end of the conference the participants will be able

- to make out major links between peace and health.
- to recognize the health worker's qualities, tools, opportunities, and also deficits for preventing violence and promoting peace.
- to identify international declarations and codes regulating the role and responsibility of doctors and other health workers in times of peace and violence.
- to apply peace skills, non-violent communication, and creative conflict handling in clinical practice and daily live.
- to create a Sri Lanka specific teaching framework for Medical Peace Work, Human Rights and Ethics.
- to elaborate a comprehensive educational program in Peace Medicine for EUSL.
- to train students and health workers in Medical Peace Work, Human Rights and Ethics.
- to use the gained knowledge for developing own conflict sensitive and peace promoting health programs.
- to formulate relevant research questions and work out further evidence in this field.

Registration

Registration form should be sent to the Conference Secretariat:
Faculty of Health Care Sciences
No. 50, New Road, Batticaloa.

Registration Fee

Participants from SAARC countries US\$ 50, accompanying US\$ 25
Other foreign participants US\$ 100, accompanying US\$ 50
Local participants Rs. 1000
Local students Rs. 250
Payments to be made by a bank draft to the account number 1-67-000503-3 at the Peoples Bank, Chenkalady Branch, Sri Lanka.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged on request.

Tours

Tours of Tsunami hit areas of Batticaloa will be available.

The Conference is organised by the Centre for Applied Peace Studies, Trincomalee Campus, EUSL, the Centre for International Health, University of Tromsø, Norway and the World Health Organization, Sri Lanka.

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International Conference on Peace Capacity Building for Health Professionals

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15th-18th August 2006



Faculty of Health Care Sciences
50, New Road, Batticaloa
Eastern University
Sri Lanka

Eastern University and Faculty of Health Care Sciences

Eastern University was established in 1981 and consists of the Faculties of Science, Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Commerce & Management and Swami Vipulananda Institute of Music & Dance in Batticaloa and Faculty of Communication & Business Studies in the Trincomalee Campus. The Faculty of Health Care Sciences is the newest addition and is located in Batticaloa. Inauguration will be held on 11th August 2006.

International Conference

Violence and war cause enormous human suffering and impose a huge burden on the health sector. Health workers have a professional responsibility not only for treating injuries and diseases, but also for preventing serious public health problems.

It has increasingly been acknowledged, that there is an extraordinary role for health professionals in violence prevention, conflict mitigation and peace building.

Programs like "Health as a Bridge for Peace" (WHO), "Peace through Health" (McMaster University) and "Medical Peace Work" (University of Tromsø) have contributed to teach essential peace-related skills, knowledge and values to doctors and other health workers.

Conference aim

The International Conference wants to create awareness of the health professionals' role in violence prevention, sustainable peace building and human rights protection.

It also aims to contribute to the development of peace-related medical education, and thus to strengthen the peace-capacity of health professionals and students in Sri Lanka.

Target groups

- Medical and health science students from EUSL and other universities
- Scholars and academic staff from the new Faculty of Health Care Sciences and other Medical Schools in Sri Lanka
- Representatives from the health and education authorities, professional associations, and teaching and research institutions
- Health workers in general

Methodology

The International Conference will include formal lectures and plenary discussions, as well as group work and skills training sessions. Participatory Learning and Action methods will be applied.

Plenary Sessions

1. Links between peace and health
2. The role of health workers in violence prevention and peace building
3. Codes of conduct and ethical guidelines for health workers
4. Improving medical peace skills
5. Framework for training health workers in peace medicine

Keynote Speeches

- Interdependency of peace and health
- Violence and war as serious public health problems
- Health and human rights violations
- Guiding principles and ethical codes for clinical research and practice
- What health workers should know about International Humanitarian Law
- History of medical peace engagement
- Mechanisms of medical peace work
- Empathy and non-violent communication
- Constructive conflict handling
- Psycho-social trauma healing and reconciliation
- Breaking the chain of violence
- Designing an educational program for medical peace work, human rights and ethics
- Teaching social harmony
- European experiences in bringing peace issues into the medical curriculum