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WORKSHOP ON HOUSING HYGIENE IN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

This paper, prepared by WHO/EURO, is the proposal for conveneing a Workshop on Housing Hygiene in Mediterranean Countries. Since the proposed subjects of the workshop are interesting for PAP because they refer to a number of problems dealt with by the Human Settlements priority action, this paper has been added to the documents for the PAP National Focal Points Meeting to consider, discuss and eventually include it in the programme of PAP.

EURO - MEMORANDUM

From EHP

To DEH
Attention

Date 4 October 1982

Our ref. ICP/BSM 002(5)
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Subject WORKSHOP ON HOUSING HYGIENE
IN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
SPLIT (YUGOSLAVIA)
16 to 20 May 1983

Your ref.

This Workshop is planned within the BSM-EHP/MTP 1978-83, with specific reference to problems of Mediterranean countries and Southern Europe.

It will also be a WHO contribution to the UNEP Programme for Human Settlements Improvement around the Mediterranean.

1. Scope and purpose

The scope of this Workshop will be housing hygiene problems and public health aspects of human settlement development in Mediterranean and Balkan countries, their specific aspects being mild climate, importance of historical old city centers, demographic growth of coastal settlements, middle-income level of economic development, and still noticeable morbidity from communicable diseases.

The Seminar will review housing hygiene problems relating to space and density, stability and quality of structure, domestic accidents prevention, sanitary equipment of dwellings, heating, ventilation and insulation, insulation against noise, toxic effects from building materials, vermin control, slum eradication, and old houses rehabilitation.

The meeting will review the present housing situation in the Mediterranean Riparian countries, and will draw attention to the basic principles of housing hygiene, housing quality improvement, and sanitary inspection of dwellings, in relation to the economic conditions prevailing in countries classified as "Middle Income" by the World Bank economists.

The purpose of the Seminar will be to refresh knowledge and up date basic criteria of a "healthful dwelling", and to identify Mediterranean priorities related to housing such as rehabilitation of sub-standard dwellings, restauration of old city historical centers, improvement of the sanitary equipment of dwellings, and control of slums.

2. Provisional Agenda

The Seminar will discuss the following items:

- 2.1 Review of the main diseases connected with poor housing conditions and the present epidemiological situation in Mediterranean countries.

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- 2.2 Housing hygiene requirements for the prevention of all types of domestic accidents: safety in the kitchen, of heating devices, staircases and balconies, furniture, domestic products used at home, and paints, etc.
- 2.3 Housing hygiene requirements for the prevention of enteric diseases - sanitary equipment of dwellings.
- 2.4 Housing hygiene requirements for the prevention of respiratory diseases: indoor climate and indoor air quality, sunshine, ventilation, heating, and natural climatisation.
- 2.5 Housing hygiene requirements in connection with mental stress and other disease prevention: space and density; distribution of space and privacy; noise control; lighting; etc.
- 2.6 The function of dwellings as shelters: stability and quality of outfits; protection against meteorological factors; anti-seismic building principles.
- 2.7 Sanitary inspection of dwellings, control of insects and rodents, the role of the Environmental Health officer. Sanitary licensing of new housing construction, the role of the Health Services.
- 2.8 Control of slums, prevention or improvement of shanty-towns, upgrading and rehabilitation of old housing.

3. Place, date and language

Through his letter dated 13 July 1982, the Director of the Dalmatian Town Planning Institute, has confirmed that the local authorities will be happy to host the Seminar in Split in Spring 1983, subject to the agreement of the Federal Government of Yugoslavia, (copy attached). DPM has approved the location of the Seminar in Split (copy of memo dated 10 September 1982 attached).

Convenient dates will be 16 to 20 May 1983, just before the beginning of the tourist season.

The meeting will be bilingual English/French, with simultaneous interpretation which will be provided by the host Institute.

4. Lecturers, Rapporteur, and Secretaries

It is proposed to recruit the following lecturers as WHO Temporary Advisers, with a daily allowance of \$55, plus a lump sum of \$300 for the preparation of their paper. (This will ofcourse not apply to lecturers who are WHO Staff Members).

Item 2.1 Either Dr B. Velimirovic CD/EURO
or Dr I.S. Luculescu CHP/EURO

Item 2.2 Either Dr J.T. Jones APR/EURO
or Dr R.H. Jackson, from the Public Health Services,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK

- Item 2.3 Either Professor E.W. Mood from Yale University, USA
or Mr B. Montadert, Secretary of the Housing Committee of the French National Council of Hygiene, Paris, France
- Item 2.4 Either Dr Alena Krtilova, Head of the Housing Department of the Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Prague, Czechoslovakia
or Dr K.J. Collins, from the British Medical Research Council, London, UK
or Professor J.A.J. Stolwijk, Director of the John B. Pierce Foundation, USA
- Item 2.5 Either Mr B. Kalogjera, Head of the Dalmation Town Planning Institute, Split, Yugoslavia
or Dr Ilona Kickbush HED/EURO
- Item 2.6 Either Mr F. Gasparovic, Adviser Committee Building, Housing and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Croatia, Zagreb, Yugoslavia
or Mr Blachère from CSTB/Paris, Senior Technical Adviser of the ECE Housing Committee
- Item 2.7 Either Mr R. Ranson, Chief Environmental Health Officer, London, UK
or Dr P. Rudnai, National Institute of Hygiene, Budapest, Hungary
- Item 2.8 Either Dr A. Najib, Director of Town Planning, Rabat, Morocco
or Mr M. Alpsoylu, Director of Housing, Ankara, Turkey

It is proposed that either Professor E. Mood or Mr R. Ranson will be asked to act as rapporteur. After the Seminar, the rapporteur will come to EURO for three days in order to finalize the report on the meeting.

It is expected that the host Government will provide, at its own expense, the secretaries, and the interpreters needed.

5. Attendance, participants and observers

The host Government will be invited to nominate up to 12 participants, plus many observers, the number of which will be limited only by the size of the meeting room.

The following EURO countries will be invited to send up till 3 participants at the expense of their Governments or at the expense of WHO projects when indicated: Albania (1 out of 3 participants at the expense of ICP/BSM 002), Algeria (up to 3 participants at the expense of ALG/BSM 003), Bulgaria (1 out of 3 participants at the expense of ICP/BSM 002), France, Greece (1 out of 3 participants at the expense of ICP/BSM 002), Italy (1 out of 3 participants at the expense of ICP/BSM 002), Malta, Morocco (up to 3 participants at the expense of MOR/BSM 003), Portugal (up to 2 participants at the expense of RB funds for Housing Activities in Portugal), Romania (1 out of 3 participants at the expense of ICP/BSM 002), San Marino, Spain (1 out of 3 participants at the expense of ICP/BSM 002), and Turkey (up to 2 participants at the expense of TUR/BSM 004). The national participants paid by WHO would receive staff member per diem.

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The following countries from EMRO will be invited, either through the EMRO Office or through HQ: Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Lybia, Syria and Tunisia. *cannot be financed by Euro*

HQ and EMRO will be invited to send an observer each at their own expense. Dr L.J. Saliba, MED/EURO, will also attend as observer at the expense of his unit's travel funds.

UNEP/HABITAT, UNDP, UNICEF, the International Union of Architects, and the ECE/Housing Committee will be invited to send one observer each at their own expense. The same will apply to the future EURO Collaborating Institution for Indoor Air, the John B. Pierce Foundation, USA.

6. Documentation and Report

Each of the eight lecturers will be asked to prepare, (in English or in French), a paper of at least 4 and of a maximum of 6 pages, (i.e., 3000 to 4500 words), to cover his subject item. These papers will be translated into the other language of the Seminar in EURO.

The rapporteur, MED and EHP/EURO will draft, in both languages, a 2 page (1500 words) introduction to explain the Scope and Purpose of the Seminar, as well as 4 pages (3000 words) of Conclusions and Recommendations. The collection of the eight lectures, plus the Introduction, and Conclusions and Recommendations will form the Seminar proceedings, to be published in an English and a French green cover report in the Mediterranean project green cover series.

7. Provisional programme

Monday Morning	Registration and Opening Speeches Lecture on item 2.1
Monday Afternoon	Discussions on item 2.1 Lecture and discussions on item 2.2.
Tuesday Morning	Lecture and discussions on item 2.3 Lecture on item 2.4
Tuesday Afternoon	Discussion on item 2.4 Lecture and discussions on item 2.5
Wednesday Morning	Lecture and discussions on item 2.6 Lecture on item 2.7
Wednesday Afternoon	Discussion on item 2.7 Lecture and discussions on item 2.8
Thursday Morning	Communication from the participants on the housing hygiene situation in their countries.

Thursday Afternoon

Field visit to a housing project for the participants, during which time the rapporteur and secretariat will prepare the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Seminar.

Friday Morning

Discussions of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Seminar.

Friday Afternoon

Closure of the meeting.

8. Costing and Financing

EHP's costing, to be checked and completed by BFO, is as follows:

BFO had costed the recruitment of the lecturers at \$ 10 200 (see attached copy of costing related to previous proposal).

There is a saving of \$ 850 on the travel of EHP's secretary who will no longer be needed since the host Institution would be providing the Seminar secretaries.

There is an extra cost for a three day visit to EURO by the rapporteur.

There is also an extra cost for the six participants from Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Romania, and Spain, who would be travelling at the expense of project ICP/BSM 002.

EHP's revised costing is as follows:

BFO's previous costing	+	\$ 11 500
Saving (EHP secretary travel cost)	-	\$ (850)
Extra cost for the visit of the rapporteur to EURO (Extra fare 200 + 3 x 55)	+	\$ 365
Participant from Albania (200 + 6 x 38)	+	\$ 428
Participant from Bulgaria (200 + 6 x 38)	+	\$ 428
Participant from Greece (400 + 6 x 38)	+	\$ 628
Participant from Italy (300 + 6 x 38)	+	\$ 528
Participant from Romania (200 + 6 x 38)	+	\$ 628
Participant from Spain (700 + 6 x 38)	+	\$ 928
Total		\$ 14 583 or \$ 14 600 850 ~ \$ 15 400

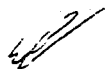
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Subject to more accurate revised costing by BFO, it is proposed that this amount be covered by \$ 9 000 from the available balance of project ICP/BSM 002 1982/83 Regular Budget funds, and by \$ 5-600 to be transferred from project ICP/EHP 005 1982/83 Regular Budget funds. \$6400

In addition, funds will be earmarked in relevant country project funds to cover the travel cost of participants from Algeria, Morocco, Portugal, and Turkey.

N.B. The team of English/French interpreters will be provided by the host Institution.

Following your in principle approval of my previous planning memo dated 25 August 1982, your final approval of this revised planning memo is requested.


E. Giroult

To be re-titled workshop : as seminar with EHP.

Approved.



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