

General Information

25-28 OCTOBER 2006, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Conference Overview

About 500 leading researchers, practitioners, health promoters and others from around the world will convene in Amsterdam from October 25 through October 28, 2006 for the 5th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH). The ICUH provides ample opportunity for researchers, practitioners, community members, and policy makers to present leading-edge research and reviews relating to urban health and to discuss how to translate research into practice and policy.

Theme and subject areas

The theme for the 5th ICUH is:

“Population mobility and its effect on urban health”, with special interest in the consequences of migration on health and health care in an urban setting.

The subjects that will be highlighted are:

Health and its determinants of multicultural urban populations, Health care, demand and need of multicultural populations, Health promotion in the city: science and politics, Health promotion and the community, The urban physical environment and health, The urban social environment and health, Urban disasters, Urban politics and health.

Sessions

Notable features in this year's meeting programme include:

- Keynote Lecture
- 1 Parallel Conference
- 8 Side-visits
- 7 Plenary Lectures and 1 Debate
- 25 Oral Sessions: abstract driven and workshops
- Reporting Sessions
- 2 Poster Sessions with each about 100 poster presentations

How abstracts were selected

In total the international and local scientific committee of the ICUH and a panel of reviewers scored more than 250 abstract submissions. Each abstract was scored by 2 reviewers. When a reviewer had a real or perceived conflict of interest (e.g., co-authorship or any other issue that could have effected objectivity of scoring), he/she abstained from scoring the abstract and ad hoc reviewers were substituted. After the scoring process the scientific committee held a marathon meeting to review abstract rankings and make a selection of abstracts for the oral sessions. Final dispositions for each abstract were determined by the end of the meeting.

Abstract distribution and embargo policy

The Programme and Abstracts book will be distributed to meeting attendees on-site when registration opens on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 in the Vrije Universiteit. The on-line version of the abstracts will be posted publicly at the conclusion of the 5th ICUH. In case of the ICUH, as well as most scientific/medical meetings, all research is embargoed until the date and time of the actual presentation, at which time the full results are presented and subject to peer review at the conference.

Intellectual properties

Copying or reproducing any portion of a presenter's slide or poster is prohibited without the presenter's advance written permission. Because of intellectual property considerations, photography is not allowed in session rooms or the poster hall. Audio recordings of the conference, whether made by the conference or a participant on hand-held equipment, are protected by copyright and not for duplication or rebroadcast without advance written approval of the conference and the speaker(s).

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Continuing medical education (CME) credits

To be eligible for CME credit, registrants must complete the Evaluation Form of the 5th ICUH (distributed on-site in the conference bags). Place completed CME Evaluation Forms at the Registration Desk or mail them no later than November 15, 2006 to paog@umc.nl

Internet possibilities

There will be an internet room, which is located in room 1A-10, next to the speakers room on the first floor. In the VU floor plan in this programme book you can find the exact location, or follow the signs, which will lead you there.

Programme

Consult the full Programme and Programme at-a-glance on the back cover for specific locations and times.

Speaker Services Room VU

The Speakers Room will be fully equipped in order for speakers to review their presentations. The speakers Services Room is located in room 1A-08, next to the internet room on the first floor. In the VU floor plan in this programme book you can find the exact location, or follow the signs, which will lead you there.

To ensure that the presentations are well prepared, we strongly advise you to bring your presentation to the Speaker Service Room on CD-Rom, DVD or USB memory stick and check the presentation with the preview technical staff at least 3 hours before your presentation is scheduled. You may also bring your own laptop, but just for copying your presentation onto the network. Presentations will be uploaded on the projection computer in the session room. Technical staff will be available to assist speakers with any technical issues. The Speaker Services Room will be open during Registration hours.

Cell phone usage and conference courtesies

In consideration of all meeting attendees:

- Make sure cell phones and pagers are silent (in the off position or on vibrate) in session rooms
- Step out of the room prior to answering or initiating a cell phone call.

Registration

The Registration Desk is situated in the Main entrance of the VU University. Hours of operation:

Wednesday, October 25	13.00 pm – 18.00 pm
Thursday, October 26	7.30 am – 18.00 pm
Friday, October 27	7.30 am – 18.00 pm
Saturday, October 28	7.30 am – 15.00 pm

Badges

All registered participants will be issued a badge when they pick up their registration materials onsite and will be required to wear their badges for access to all conference facilities. No individual should attempt to gain entry to the conference with a badge that belongs to another individual. In the case of a lost badge, please contact the Registration Desk.

Message Board

There is a Message Board located next to the ICUH Registration Desk. Please check the board daily for important messages.

Lost & Found

Contact the ICUH Registration Desk

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First Aid

A first aid facility will be staffed by trained medical personnel at all times during the conference and is located at the central reception desk of the VU.

Disability & Insurance

The VU University is well accessible for disabled persons. Special services are available if requested in advance. Should you require assistance on site, please contact the registration desk. The ICUH is unable to accept any responsibility for injury or damage to persons or property during the Congress.

Smoking policy

VU University is a smoke-free facility, with a smoking policy. Participants may smoke at the café, coffee-corners on the 2nd, 4th, 8th and 12th floor and outside of the building.

Safety Precautions

As in many large cities worldwide, one should exercise caution, care, and awareness for physical safety as you participate in activities.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards will be accepted in most hotels, stores, restaurants, etc.

Child care

Due to the professional nature of this meeting, children are not allowed in sessions, poster halls, or the Welcome Reception, so please plan accordingly. Child care arrangements may be made through your hotel concierge.

Coat check and baggage storage

Coat check and baggage storage service will be open during the hours of registration.

Dress Attire

For the most part, Amsterdam attire is casual. Meeting attire is business casual as well as the Friday's evening's diner party will be.

Information on Amsterdam and The Netherlands

For information on Amsterdam and local attractions, visit the Keytours Holland counter located near the registration desk. The information specialist there can also help you make reservations for any kind of event, trip and restaurants.

Multatuli Travel

The Multatuli Travel Counter will be located in the Registration area on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Keytours Holland

In case of questions concerning accommodation, please visit Keytours Holland at the Registration desk on Wednesday from 13.00 – 17.00 pm, and on other days during registration hours.