Both the Global and the European WHO Action Plans for 2013 have been milestones in the affirmation of the right to care and social inclusion for people with mental health problems, in the wider framework of supporting human rights and developing responses to key social determinants of health such as education, income, work, housing and participation.

Universality of access to care and the progressive narrowing of the huge gap existing between supply and demand of care, the multisectoral approach to life cycle, empowerment and recovery, participation and focus on people with experience and their families are the principles enshrined in the broader WHO goals.

However, there is a huge difference between the statements contained in the documents approved by international organizations, starting from the UN Assembly, and the misery and sometimes tragedy of daily violations still occurring everywhere in psychiatry. These are truly “peace crimes” perpetrated in asylums and total institutions that Franco Basaglia condemned for being instruments of political, civil and social exclusion.

With his critical look at institutions, he laid the foundations for a paradigm shift that challenged the reductionist notion of institutionalised illness and embraced the complexity of real life, reflecting a readiness to deal with the contradictions posed by the suffering of people in social environments.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for discussion of existing and planned practices, past and new experiences, research on the change in knowledge and institutions, as well as pathways towards this paradigm shift.

The WHO CC for Research and Training in Mental Health – Mental Health Department / ASS n.1 Trieste has been reconfirmed by WHO for 4 years (2014-2018) with the following terms of reference:

- TOR 1 - Assist WHO in guiding countries in deinstitutionalization and the development of integrated and comprehensive Community Mental Health services.
- TOR 2 - Contribute to WHO work on person-centred care through Whole Systems & Recovery approaches: innovative practices in community Mental Health.
- TOR 3 - Support WHO in strengthening Human Resources for Mental Health.

The purpose of the Meeting is to discuss the activities and present the deliverables included in the new workplan of World Health Organization Collaborating Center for the Research and Training of Trieste, 2014-2018.
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We invited many important partners of the workplan as well as international leaders to contribute to this event that is also a part of the Franca and Franco Basaglia International School.

Beside delivering its programmatic value through working groups and seminars, the meeting also provides a training opportunity to participants from Italy and other countries. The following main topics will be covered:

- Deinstitutionalization & community-based service development
- Empowerment and social inclusion
- Human rights and quality of care

A study visit to M H services and other healthcare agencies in Trieste is also planned.

In collaboration with:

- WHO Geneva and Copenhagen
- Trimbos Instituut, the Netherlands
- International Mental Health Collaborating Network
- COPERSAAM / ConfBasaglia

The Seminar is free but there are a limited number of places. A written request for enrolment must be sent by 25 November 2014.

Languages: English and Italian

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Meeting venue:
Mental Health Dept. / Direzione Dipartimento di Salute Mentale
Parco di San Giovanni, via Weiss, 5
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You can find all the hotel options on the web site: www.retecivica.trieste.it (under “turismo”)

The following organizations have supported the initiative so far:
WHO Geneva, WHO Copenhagen, International mental Health Collaborating Network (IMHCN), AIFO, COPERSAMM / ConfBasaglia, NGO Banyan – Chennai (India), Hospital Permai Johor Bahru (Malesia), Trimbos Instituut (the Netherlands), International Aid Network – IAN (Belgrade), UNESP (Brasil), SBWU Lister, Utrecht (the Netherlands), Altrecht Services, Utrecht (the Netherlands), University of Rotterdam, EPSM Lille (WHOCC), WHOCC Verona, European Mental Health Committee, Gruppo Articolo 32, DSM Udine, DSM Brescia, DSM Bologna.

The following panelists have confirmed their participation:
Michelle Funk, Jan Pfeiffer, Sashi Sashidharan, Vandana Gopikumar, Gabriel Acosta, Abdul Kadir, Sonja van Rooijen, Christien Muusse, Hywel Davies, Martijn Kole, Steven van der Meer, Niels Mulder, John Jenkins, Vladimir Jovic, John Stacey, Paul Baker, Rossana Scabra Sade, Corrado Barbui, Francesco Amaddeo, Renzo Bonn, Franco Rotelli, Ernesto Venturini, Anita Marini, Diana Mauri, Roberto Colapietro, Peppe Dell’Acqua, Daniela Speh, Livia Bicego, Massimo Marsili, Fabio Lucchi, Renata Bracco, Giovanna Del Giudice, Francesca Ortali, Angelo Fioritti