Climate change and health - which role for the health sector in Poland?

Saturday, 8 December 2018
Rectorate of University of Silesia in Katowice
Bankowa 12 Street, Katowice

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00  Registration and coffee

9:00  Welcome
Anne Stauffer, Health and Environment Alliance [HEAL]

9:10  Video presentation: Climate change and health
Dr. Maria Neira, WHO Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health

9:20  Session 1: Diagnosing the health threats of climate change in Poland
Introduction and chairing by Weronika Michalak, HEAL Poland

Presentations and Q&A
• 2018 Lancet Countdown – Briefing for EU policymakers – Dr. Jacek Kozakiewicz, MD, Vice-President of the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists, member of Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME);
• Climate change consequences in Poland – Prof. Zbigniew Karacun, SGGW Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Polish Climate Coalition;
• Impact of air pollution on the occurrence and exacerbation of allergies and asthma – Dr. Piotr Dąbrowiecki, MD, Military Institute of Medicine, Polish Federation of Asthma Associations, Allergy and COPD;
• Cardiovascular consequences of heatwaves - Prof. Andrzej Lekston, Silesian Center for Heart Diseases in Zabrze;
• Spreading of vector diseases, case study - Lyme disease N.N., National Institute of Public Health - National Institute of Hygiene;
• Combustion of coal and other fossil fuels - impact on climate and health. Risk factors for the physical, social and lifestyle environment – Dr. Tadeusz Jędrejczyk, MD, Medical University of Gdańsk;

11:00  Coffee break

11:15  Session 2: Addressing and responding to climate change – which role for the Polish health sector?
Kick off presentation: Health professionals’ engagement at global level – Dr. Jeni Miller, Executive Director, Global Climate and Health Alliance

Chairing by Weronika Michalak, HEAL Poland

11:30  Panel and audience discussion
Presentations and Q&A
• Health professionals engaged for climate mitigation and healthy buildings in the European region – Vijoleta Gordeljevic, HEAL;
• Health sector coalition building on climate and air – the example of Sofia, Bulgaria – Prof. Alex Simidchev, Air4Health, Bulgaria;
• Involvement of public health experts in the fight for a healthy environment in Poland - Prof. Wojciech Hanke, National Consultant of Environmental Health, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine;
• Challenges related to climate change for the health and healthcare sector in Poland – Prof. Tadeusz M Zielonka, Medical University of Warsaw, Polish Society of Lung Diseases;

12:30  Conclusion – next steps
Anne Stauffer, HEAL

End of the conference and lunch

*simultaneous translation English – Polish will be provided.

Registration link [due to security reasons only registered participants will be allowed to take part in this event]

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