



Distinguished Lecture Series

Two Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) were organized in October 2013 by Dr Regina Lee, Deputy Director of PolyU WHO Collaborating Centres for Community Health Services (WHO CC) & Executive Member of the Global Network for Nursing and Midwifery Development WHO Collaborating Centres. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Alex Molasiotis, Director of the PolyU WHO CC. He gave a presentation entitled "Advanced Nursing Practice: the Mistakes and the Opportunities" on 9 October 2013. The second lecture was given by Prof. Kim Usher, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Education and Research Capacity Building, James Cook University. The lecture topic was 'The Characteristics and Origins of the Physical Health Care Issues for Persons with Mental Health Problems'.

Conducted through the Elluminate online platform, the annual DLS aims to provide a stage for sharing and exchanging updated knowledge on international nursing priority issues from different perspectives.

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By implementing the WHO's mandate, the Centre has played a proactive role in strengthening evidence-based community health services and improving the health outcomes of local, regional and global populations since the designation in 2007. In December 2011, the School of Nursing of PolyU was re-designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services with the following terms of reference:

- To provide educational opportunities and programmes, as well as professional consultation for nurses to strengthen evidence-based service provision in community care;
- To develop and sustain an electronic data base to serve as a resources for training, research and collaboration in community health services development;
- To develop and test models of care in community health service provision, through collaboration with national and regional colleagues, research and evidence-based practice;
- To support the WHO and its member states' policies and programmes in matters relating to health service provision.

Forthcoming Activities

March 2014	Happy Bear Hospital 2014
	Short Course on Adolescent Health by Prof. Patricia Jackson Allen, Professor of Nursing and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coordinator of the School of Nursing of Yale University, the USA
24-25 April 2014	Mental Health First Aid Course (conducted in Cantonese)
21-22 July 2014	Meeting of the Global Network for WHO CCs Nursing and Midwifery in Coimbra, Portugal
23-25 July 2014	10 th Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery, Coimbra, Portugal
25- 26 October 2014	2nd Biennial Regional School Health Congress 2014, Macao

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Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development

In addition to the DLS in October 2013, we organized and participated in the regular online meetings of WHO CCs Global Network for Nursing and Midwifery Development WPRO Regional Meeting in October 2013. The objectives of these online meetings are to report recent activities and enhance communication among the Centres in order to facilitate collaboration.

Furthermore, three Executive meetings were held in May, September & November 2013 to facilitate the nomination and transition of the new secretariat role for the Global Network for Nursing and Midwifery Development in 2014. The upcoming Global Network WHO CC Meeting and Conference will be held from 21-25 July 2014 in Portugal. All the WHO CCs will come together and discuss the strategic plan with the handover ceremony to the new Global Network Secretariat for the new Secretariat, Prof. John Daly from the WHO CC at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. Updated activities of all the WHO CCs will be published in the Journal of the Global Network, 'Nursing & Midwifery Links'.

Asia Pacific Emergency & Disaster Nursing and Partners Network (APEDNN)

In the 7th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Emergency & Disaster Nursing and Partners Network (APEDNN) which was held between 18 and 20 September 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand, Dr Regina Lee had distributed a booklet during the meeting. This booklet describes the case studies conducted by our Centre and covering topics such as the APEDNN framework and assessment tools in building community resilience for emergencies and disasters in the region.

Collaboration with local, national and international health care professionals

In the past months, WHO CC has worked with local, mainland, and overseas collaborators for a number of projects.

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care for Health Care Professionals in China

Prof. Alex Molasiotis, Director of WHO CC, and Mr Edmond Tong from PolyU School of Nursing (SN) were invited to attend the informal consultation entitled "WHO 2013 Consolidated Guidelines on the Use of Antiretroviral Treatment and Prevention of HIV: Technical Support Network in Asia and the Pacific" which was organised by the WHO and Beijing Ditan Hospital from 16 to 18 September 2013 in Beijing, China.

As one of the 20 core members of the WHO Network for HIV and Health in the Western Pacific Region, WHO CC actively provided suggestions and comments on the development of a business plan, the establishment of communication guidelines and strategies, and promotional activities for the WHO Network for HIV and Health in the Western Pacific region.

In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the WHO Collaborating Centre for Comprehensive Management of HIV Treatment and Care, Ditan Hospital to organise forthcoming activities. The WPRO IV advisor has also indicated their support for future events.

Furthermore, a seminar was organised to commemorate World AIDS Day on 29 November, 2013 at the PolyU Campus, with support from the Red Ribbon Centre. A consultant of the Special Prevention Programme of Department of Health, HKSAR, Dr Wong Ka Hing, and HIV Paediatric expert from South Africa Dr Tammy Meyers also provided an overview of the local HIV situation and a briefing on the latest WHO HIV treatment guidelines. The seminar attracted an audience of over 100, mostly students from the healthcare professions.

"Mental Health Nursing" Summer Programme in Beijing

A summer programme on "Mental Health Nursing" was organized from 24 July to 2 August 2013 in collaboration with the School of Nursing, Capital Medical University, Beijing, China. This was to fill the gaps in education and clinical skills and to ensure that nurses are prepared with effective skills and knowledge in the delivery of mental health promotion, prevention, education and psychiatric intervention programmes.

In this programme, Mr Frederick Yeung from PolyU SN led the School's mental health team to conduct a 6-day clinical workshop on psychiatric nursing skills for Mainland teachers and nursing professionals. A 6-day student programme was offered, which included lectures, problem-based learning, visits and web-based supplementary tutorials. Twenty SN students participated in the student programme. The programme served as a platform for building nursing network and friendship.

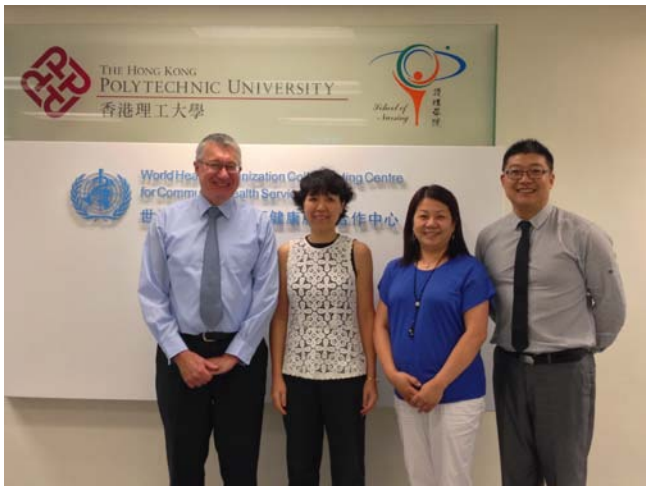
Mentorship Programme for Training Health Ambassadors in the School Communities

WHO CC has launched a mentorship programme to train primary school students to become Health Ambassadors. Thirty-three SN students delivered a full-day training to 75 primary school students on 30 December 2013. The mentorship programme was one of the community service learning projects of WHOCC, aiming to cultivate the social responsibility of nursing students. Primary school students who completed the training are expected to take up the role as health ambassadors to promote healthy behaviours to their peers.

Recent Activities



Dr Regina Lee attended the 7th Meeting of Asia Pacific Emergency & Disaster Nursing and Partners Network (APEDNN) in Bangkok, Thailand (September 2013)



Visit by Prof. Allan Cripps – Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) and Mr Stephen Fan from Griffith University (August 2013)



Mental Health First Aid Courses (December 2013)



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