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HEALTH SYSTEMS through CRISIS & RECOVERY

INTENSIVE COURSE

SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA - PISA - ITALY - 11th EDITION

BACKGROUND

Millions of people do not have access to health care, because in many contexts it is either non-existent or dramatically failing. Most of them live in areas chronically affected by violent conflict or slowly re-emerging from it. Other stressors, such as epidemics, political crises or economic downturns, also affect vulnerable societies.

The volatility and complexity of severely disrupted contexts pose daunting challenges to health workers – both national and international – who are called to rehabilitate derelict health structures.

Lack of properly prepared professionals in this field has often resulted in reconstruction efforts characterized by weak analysis, little understanding, inadequate planning and poor implementation. This training programme intends to alleviate this gap.

NATURE OF THE COURSE

The Course, held for the first time in 2005, has evolved substantially since then. It is actively kept in progress, by constantly updating its contents, introducing new study topics and materials, and inviting new experienced lecturers. The Course programme maintains a degree of flexibility to discuss in detail topics of particular interest to participants.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The Course aims to:

- Introduce participants to troubled contexts;
- Identify and discuss the stressors at play, and the responses usually deployed by health services;
- Analyse and reflect upon the challenges faced by health actors in countries affected by or recovering from severe stress;
- Introduce participants to recovery processes, to the dangers they pose and to the opportunities they provide for correcting long-standing distortions and creating more efficient and fair health systems;
- Familiarize participants with the literature existing in this field and stimulate their interest in conducting further research.

MAIN TOPICS

The Course content is updated and modified every year. These are some of the main topics regularly discussed:

- The conflict environment; international and humanitarian law; development, the aid system and its politics; aid management;
- Systems thinking applied to management practice, including information analysis, evaluation, sustainability and resilience;
- Occurrence and control of communicable diseases in distressed healthcare arenas;
- Health policy analysis, planning and financing in troubled health settings, which have responded to stress in multiple, mostly informal ways.
- Health-related resources: personnel, medicines, facilities, and their management;
- How to best contribute to the recovery of disrupted healthcare arenas, through analysis, research, negotiation, appraisal of options, forecasting and implementation.

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METHODOLOGY

The Course is taught in English. It is intensive in nature and demands from participants a pro-active attitude. Interaction with the trainers is encouraged through the use of case studies and practical exercises. Ample space is devoted to testimonies and reflections drawn from the personal experience of trainers and trainees.

Participants will conduct an in-depth analysis of a distressed healthcare arena through the study of selected documents and group work. The study materials revolve around a variety of troubled situations, which include conflict-ridden countries and regions, as well as other crises. An exploration of the existing literature will complement each training session. Participants will receive a rich portfolio of selected documents.

Participants are required to prepare themselves by familiarizing with selected reading materials, which will be made available on-line in advance of the Course. This preparatory work requires at least 20 hours, and has to be regarded as precondition to the full fruition of the course.

COURSE FEE

The total cost for the Course is: **1,500** euros for participants sponsored by any organization or by their employer; **1,200** euros for self-sponsored participants. An early bird discount is reserved for participants applying before January 18, 2021 (costs will be reduced to 1,100 euros and 800 euros respectively).

The cost includes tuition fee, reference material and lunch on class days. Participants are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation, travel and visa (a list of possible accommodations will be made available). Please consider that the costs for a two-week stay in Pisa amount to roughly 1,100 euros.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Course is open to a maximum of 30 participants. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Accepted applicants will be informed within two weeks from the moment of the submission of their application.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of the information provided in their CVs and in the on-line application form, which is available at: www.santannapisa.it/HSCR2021/application/. Upon submitting the application form, please remember to attach your CV. In case of problems with the on-line procedure please contact hscrasssup.it. Applications must be received no later than **March 01, 2021**.

Successful applicants who are citizens of non-EU member states and who reside outside Italy, are strongly advised to immediately contact the Italian Embassy or consular authorities in their country of residence in order to apply for a visa (for more info please see: https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/servizi/stranieri/ingressosoggiornoinitalia/visto_ingresso/).

WHO CAN APPLY

The Course focuses on health issues, but it is open to professionals from other disciplines.

Applicants must have a university degree or the equivalent of 3 years of relevant working experience. **They must have a sound working knowledge of English.**

CERTIFICATION AND CREDITS

A maximum of 4 academic credits (in accordance with the European Credits Transfer and Accumulation System - ECTS) will be awarded to candidates successfully completing the Course. Participants who have attended at least 80% of the classes will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

DIRECTION COMMITTEE & TEACHING STAFF

The Course is designed and coordinated by **Enrico Pavignani MD**, assisted by Dr. **Emanuele Sommarzo**.

THE ITPCM & THE SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA

The International Training Programme for Conflict Management (ITPCM) is a post graduate programme of the **Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna**, a public university which promotes education and research through under and post-graduate studies.

The ITPCM was established in 1995 with the aim of creating a structure able to respond to the training needs of personnel involved in international field operations. It has since expanded its activities to include research and consultancy in the areas of human rights, humanitarian assistance, election monitoring, DDR, project design, monitoring and evaluation.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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