

Plenary Speaker

25-28 OCTOBER 2006, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

1. HEALTH AND ITS DETERMINANTS OF MULTICULTURAL URBAN POPULATIONS-NEWBORNS



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He studied dentistry (with joy), but switched to medicine and philosophy. After finalizing his studies he obtained a degree in Medicine (Free University Amsterdam) with honours. During his study a.o. he, together with medical and pharmacy students founded and ran the 'Medicine Counter', a volunteer information center in a deprived neighbourhood center.

After a short career as teacher for nurses, social services workers and piano pupils, he started as junior staff member of the Dutch National Health Insurance Board (1983), which provided hands-on experience in the dynamics of the national health system, from quality control at the worker's level to package coverage decisions and premium setting at the national level.

He switched to the Public Health Department of Erasmus University Rotterdam (1985) as research fellow, gaining experience in national evaluations on liver and heart transplantations, and in public health modelling. Studies for some years social sciences in particular methods.

Co-founder of the EuroQol-group (1987) which developed the worldwide most widely used generic measurement instrument health (the so-called EuroQol questionnaire). Since 2003 member of Executive Board of this organisation.

In 1991 he obtained his PhD on technology assessment of liver transplantation, a set of theoretical and applied studies. In the same year with Rutten and van Hout, the institute for Medical Technology Assessment was created, which enhanced economic evaluations in the Netherlands, both on the international scientific and political level.

In 1994 Associate Professor Clinical Epidemiology at the AMC, with a focus on economic evaluations, development of QALY/DALY methods and clinical epidemiological work in obstetrics and screening in general.

In 2000 current appointment as professor of Public Health Methods. Start of national studies on Rhesus and non-Rhesus screening and a long term 1-year cohort study of all pregnant in Amsterdam (8500) to study in depth the causes of existing ethnic related disparities in perinatal health.

Last years development of (anonymous) medical record linkage techniques.

Collaboration with WHO-Geneva, a.o. participating in the recent 2 key handbooks on public health methods: 'Summary Measures of Health' and 'Health Systems Performance'.

His main hobby is playing harpsichord or piano, in particular Baroque music (rather than reading ever cumulating email).

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2. EPIDEMIOLOGY AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN MULTICULTURAL URBAN POPULATIONS



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Roel Coutinho did both his MD and his PhD at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. From 1977 until 2005 he joined the Municipal Health Service of Amsterdam. First as the Head Department of Public Health and Environment, responsible for surveillance and control of infectious diseases and environmental health in the city of Amsterdam, later on as the Division Director, responsible for the Division of Public Health and Environment and the Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion. From 2000 to 2005 he was the General Director of the Municipal Health Service. In 2005 he became the Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Control of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in Bilthoven, the Netherlands. This center coordinates and supports infectious disease control in the Netherlands and is doing research.

Most of his research has been on epidemiological studies of sexually transmitted and bloodborne infections, especially HIV/AIDS. The results of this work have been published in > 450 publications in peer-reviewed journals and presented at numerous meetings throughout the world. Between 1995-2005 he coordinated the Amsterdam Cohort Studies on HIV and AIDS, a collaborative research project of the Municipal Health Service, the Academic Medical Center and the Central Laboratory of the Netherlands Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. Furthermore he is co-editor of the journal AIDS, acts as a reviewer for several scientific journals and serves on a number of different (inter)national Boards.

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3. MIGRATION AS DETERMINANT OF THE HEALTH OF URBAN MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS



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Dr Manuel Carballo, is an epidemiologist and Executive Director of the International Centre for Migration and Health (ICMH), and Professor of Clinical Public Health at the Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health in the USA. He previously worked with WHO in a number of countries. In the 1980's he was responsible for leading WHO's international collaborative study on breast feeding and the impact of breast-milk substitutes on infant and maternal health, and then organised the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes. In 1986 he was one of the three-person team chosen to set up the WHO Global Programme on AIDS (GPA) and remained with GPA until 1992 as Chief of Behavioural Research. At GPA he was also responsible for helping over twenty countries in Africa set up their National AIDS Committees. In 1993 he went to Sarajevo as WHO Public Health Advisor and remained there until the end of the war in 1995 with responsibility for public health in Bosnia and Herzegovina. On his return from Bosnia he joined ICMH, a Swiss-based research and training organisation. In 1999 he was responsible for UN missions to Albania and Macedonia to assess the needs of Kosovar refugees and set up relief programs. In 2002 and 2003 he headed reproductive health evaluation missions for UNFPA to the occupied Palestinian territories, and in 2003 in Iraq. In 2004 he headed the UNFPA Tsunami relief and reconstruction mission to the Maldives where ICMH now continues to work on the reconstruction of healthcare services for displaced people. As Executive Director of ICMH Dr Carballo has been responsible for a number of major initiatives on migrant health and social insertion in European cities.

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4. HEALTH CARE: DEMANDS AND NEEDS-PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH



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Dr. Sederer has led the Division of Mental Hygiene of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene since 2002 when he was appointed following a nationwide search. The Mental Hygiene Division encompasses mental health, chemical dependency, and mental retardation and development disabilities. Dr. Sederer's wide-ranging career has spanned clinical work, advocacy, scholarship, and leadership.

Prior to joining NYC government, Dr. Sederer served as Director of Clinical Services at the American Psychiatric Association in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, he was Medical Director and Executive Vice President of McLean Hospital in Boston, a non-profit psychiatric hospital of the Harvard Medical School. At McLean, he oversaw all clinical services and developed and implemented a model for clinical quality measurement that has been adopted nationally and internationally.

Dr. Sederer is the author of 135 articles, chapters and reviews and many influential books on mental health and chemical dependency diagnosis and treatment and on quality assessment and improvement.

A native New Yorker, Dr. Sederer attended the Bronx High School of Science and City College. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a past recipient of the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

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5. IMPROVING HEALTH OF URBAN MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS



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David Vlahov, Ph.D., co-founder of the International Society for Urban Health and an officer on the Executive Board, is Director for the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies at The New York Academy of Medicine, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and Adjunct Professor in Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He is also Adjunct Professor in Psychiatry at New York University Medical School, Adjunct Professor at Cornell Weill Medical School and Visiting Professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University. Dr. Vlahov completed his B.S.N. and M.S. in Nursing at the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Dr. Vlahov has a distinguished career in the design, conduct and analysis of longitudinal data. From these investigations, he has over 500 publications in peer-reviewed journals. His research work has included infectious diseases, mental health and substance abuse, community based participatory research, social epidemiology and urban health. He was recognized for excellence in research with a MERIT Award at the National Institutes of Health. He has served on numerous panels at the Institute of Medicine and has served on the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Urban Health.

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6. URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH



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John D. Spengler, Ph.D., is the Akira Yamaguchi Professor of Environmental Health and Human Habitation, in the Exposure, Epidemiology and Risk Program, Department of Environmental Health, at Harvard University's School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts. Prof. Spengler has conducted research in the areas of personal monitoring, air pollution health effects, aerosol characterization, indoor air pollution and air pollution meteorology. More recently, he has been involved in research that includes the integration of knowledge about indoor and outdoor air pollution as well as other risk factors into the design of housing, buildings and communities. Several new efforts are underway to investigate housing design and its effects on ventilation rates, building materials' selection, energy consumption, and total environmental quality in homes. The tools of life-cycle analysis and risk assessment and activity-based costing are being used as indicators to measure the sustainable attributes of alternative designs, practices and community development. In addition, to his academic and research activities, Professor Spengler has been active in professional education workshops and short courses on topics that include pollution prevention and indoor environmental quality management for schools, offices and hospitals, and distance learning courses (<http://courses.dce.harvard.edu/~environment/>). He is co-editor of three books: *Indoor Air Quality Handbook* (McGraw-Hill, 2001); *Particles in Our Air: Concentrations and Health Effects* (distributed by Harvard University Press, 1996); and *Indoor Air Pollution: A Health Perspective* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1991). He is on the editorial board of the journal *Indoor Air*, and he is the President (2002-2005) of the International Academy of Indoor Air Sciences.

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7. URBAN HEALTH POLICIES AND POLITICS IN EUROPE



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Agis Tsouros was born in Athens. He has a degree in medicine from the University of Athens and a Masters and Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of Nottingham (UK) and he is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health (UK).

Since he joined the European Office of WHO in 1988 he has had responsibility for the following technical areas: urban health policies and healthy cities; health promoting hospitals; public health functions and infrastructures and health policies at national and sub-national levels. He has been responsible for the strategic development and implementation of the healthy cities programme from its outset to date. At present he heads the WHO Centre for Urban Health and he is Regional Adviser for Healthy Cities and Urban Governance and focal point in the European Office for Ageing and Health. He is also honorary professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, at the University College London (UCL). During 2004 he was seconded to the Greek Ministry of Health in the position of Chairman of the National Board of Public Health to work on the national public health reform and the public health preparedness for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Agis Tsouros is fluent in English, Italian, French and Greek and is particularly interested in health policy development at all levels, partnerships for health across sectors, urban governance, healthy aging, sustainable development and action addressing physical activity, healthy urban planning and the social determinants of health.

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Niek Klazinga was born in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands in 1957. He finished his medical studies at Groningen State University in 1984. Between 1984 and 1999 he has been working as (chief) scientific officer at CBO, the Dutch Institute for Quality Improvement in Health Care being in charge of the support of quality improvement initiatives in hospitals and national guideline development. In 1996 he obtained his PhD at the Erasmus University Rotterdam with a thesis on quality management of medical specialist care. From 1994-1999 he was also a part time associate professor at the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Erasmus University. Between 1999 and 2005 Niek Klazinga was professor of Social Medicine at the University of Amsterdam and chair of the department of Social Medicine at the AMC (Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam). Since May 2005 Niek Klazinga is attached to the 'GGD Amsterdam' (Health Service Amsterdam) as senior consultant research. He remains attached to the department of Social Medicine at the AMC.

He has been actively involved in health policy issues in The Netherlands. He has been a board member of the Royal Dutch Medical Association and chairman of its committees on Medical Education, Health Manpower Planning and Quality of Care. He has been and still is member of numerous advisory committees of the Dutch government (i.e. Health Council, National Council on Public Health).