2019 activity report UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education

This report covers the period January – December 2019

UNESCO Chair description

On 10 October 2018 a consortium of 60 universities lead by Osaka University and University of Clermont Auvergne launched the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education. Our vision is to create the conditions for children and young people to take charge of their lives and develop as individuals, as members of their community and as global citizens for all matters related to health.

Health and education are inalienable rights for children. Improving their health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities are a joint responsibility. Education has a key role, since people’s health depends for 80% on environmental factors and lifestyle. Now is the time to create new synergies in order to improve children and young people’s health. The UNESCO Chair and WHO Collaborating Centre “Global Health & Education” aim to promote intersectoral policies and practices.

The Chair encourages a strategy of social change by introducing an innovative way of practicing health promotion, prevention and health education. It combines the knowledge of health determinants with social-cultural practices. This leads to a balanced approach between environmental changes and capacity building.

The UNESCO Chair operates as an open community. Organizations and people from different backgrounds, countries, cultures with a common interest in health & education, are actively involved in different activities at a global level. Community members range from individuals (academics, students, administrators, practitioners, consultants and others) to universities and organisations (cities, regions, NGO’s, unions, public and private companies and networks).

This report describes the main activities of the UNESCO Chair located at University Clermont Auvergne for 2019.

Scientific activities

Projects

- In May 2019 the WHO project on developing two reviews to inform global standards for HPS and an implementation guidance was finalized, with the presentation of the two draft reviews. WHO Headquarters will finalize the project, with the support of the UNESCO Chair. One of the outcomes is the creation of a global group of more than 200 experts on HPS. It is an important step in creating the global UNESCO Chair community.
- The programme "Réussir, être bien, être ensemble" ("Succeed, be well, be together") was launched in New Caledonia: a two years co-design process including a professional development program, involving 40 schools from 3 provinces.
Organizing scientific events

- 8-12 April 2019: at the IUPHE world conference in New Zealand 1 symposium, 1 presentation and 2 workshops were organized and held together with IUHPE in collaboration with key partners of the Chair.
- 15 May 2019: a seminar ‘Future of Health Promotion and Health Promotion Research’ was organized by Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen, UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education and the European Forum for Health Promotion Research in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 5-6 June 2019: an international seminar ‘Towards Prevention 2.0!’ in Clermont Ferrand, France was organized by the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research in Education and Health.
- 20 November 2019: Preconference of the UNESCO Chair and partners at EUPHA conference: ‘Intersectorality ‘next generation’: a real way to tackle health inequalities?’ in Marseille, France.

Participating at international events

- 11-12 March 2019: participation WHO Collaborating Centre meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland (UK).
- 11-13 June 2019: participation WHO Euro high-level Conference on Health Equity in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 19-20 June 2019: participation SHE research group meeting, Reykjavik, Iceland.

Governance of the UNESCO Chair community

UNESCO Chair Secretariat

The UNESCO Chair receives core funding from MGEN and Groupe VYV. The UNESCO Chair Secretariat (Chair manager, Chair holder, project officers) together with the operational team located at University Clermont Auvergne (academics involved in the chair management), is realizing the four year workplan (2018-2022). MGEN Foundation is hosting the UNESCO Chair Secretariat and is providing office space in Paris which is also available for UNESCO Chair partners. By the end of 2019 the Secretariat team consisted of 5 staff members: Didier Jourdan (Chair holder), Goof Buijs (Chair manager), Valerie Ivassenko and Silvia de Ruiter (project officers), Stephanie Buire (project assistant).

Meetings

8-11 January 2019 Meeting UNESCO Chair secretariat and meeting operational team at University Clermont Auvergne, France.

15 May 2019 Meeting of Scientific & Ethical Committee, Copenhagen, Denmark.
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26-28 August 2019  Meeting UNESCO Chair secretariat, Broek in Waterland, the Netherlands.
11 September 2019  Meeting operational team at University Clermont Auvergne, France
10 October 2019    Meeting Steering Committee, Paris, France.
4-6 November 2019  Meeting UNESCO Chair secretariat and meeting operational team at University Clermont Auvergne, France

Regular meetings with the staff of the MGEN Foundation took place about administrative and financial issues.

Development and update of key documents and procedures

- Workplan 2019 of the Chair + update
- Charter UNESCO Chair, formerly called ‘Strategic Framework’, available on website.
- Rules of procedures for the Chair secretariat, the Scientific & Ethical Committee, the Steering Committee, national and project representatives.
- Flyer updated version
- Text “an open community”, describing the Chair community.
- Registration form for membership UNESCO Chair community available on website.
- Ethical Charter

Community building

National developments

- Country partnerships and workplan development with:
  - Cameroon (Université Yaoundé II-IFORD)
  - Haiti (Université de la Renaissance, Port-au-Prince)
  - Ivory Coast (Université Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan + working visits of their national representatives in Clermont-Ferrand in April and June)
  - Lebanon (Université Saint Joseph, Beyrouth).
- National representative of Algeria was funded to participate in Besançon summer school

Partnership agreements

Partnership agreements were signed with:

- Moscow University, UNESCO Chair on healthy lives for sustainable development (Russian Federation);
- UNESCO Chair on Sexual health and human rights (France);
- International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH);
- l’Union Régionale des Professionnels de Santé Auvergne Rhône-Alpes (URPS);
- Le Comité Régional d’Education pour la Santé (CRES) PACA, France;
- l’Observatoire National de l’Activité Physique et de la Sédentarité (ONAPS), France;
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➢ The city of Moulins (France).

Activities

➢ 4-8 November 2019: Chair Academy, University Clermont Auvergne, France. The first Chair Academy was held at INSPE (National Higher Institute of Teaching and Education) Clermont Auvergne. The Chair Academy is intended for young researchers (master’s or doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and young doctors). The first academy was organised with Eric Breton from the EHESP School of Public Health in Rennes, holder of the Santé publique France chair in health promotion.

➢ 6 November 2019: Webinar (Le renforcement de la capacité locale d’action sur les déterminants de la santé des populations) by Professor Eric Breton.

Communication

➢ Regular updates on the website of the UNESCO Chair and social media:
  o French website: https://chaireunesco-es.org/
  o English website: https://unescochair-ghe.org/
  o Linkedin group: UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12137866/
  o Twitter account: UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education @chaireUNESCOGHE

➢ Publication of two newsletters.

➢ 17 October 2019: Webinar presenting the UNESCO Chair GHE and IAAH by Goof Buijs and Nicola Gray.

➢ 22 November 2019: lunch meeting presenting the Chair during the 12th European Public Health conference in Marseille, France.

Publications


➢ Écoles Promotrices de Santé: recommandations actuelles et guides de mise en œuvre. Une revue de la littérature publiée et de la littérature grise. (2019)