



Invitation to WHO Vienna Public Healthcare Conference 'Performance Assessment in Healthcare Delivery PATH II' on 03rd and 04th July 2008

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following on the invitation previously extended to you to attend the PATH Conference in Vienna 3-4 July 2008, we are pleased to provide further information about this event, the themes of which are performance measurement for performance management and accountability and transparency.

The conference will comprise presentations of keynote speakers as well as working sessions to allow for a maximum degree of exchange, networking and knowledge gathering.

The keynote speeches by representatives of the World Health Organization, the OECD, representatives of national health systems in Europe and others will address the questions of governance of the health sector in Europe, taking examples from different countries. The working sessions will deal with practical perspectives of intra-European policies for accountability and transparency and incentives for performance management, best practices in hospitals and questions of data management and result interpretation.

Alongside the conference, the WHO 'Performance Assessment Tool for Hospitals' (PATH) will be introduced, displaying results to date and enabling participants to share their thoughts in a mutually rewarding setting. The conference is a major event in the life of the PATH

network, and also provides an opportunity to learn from the lessons of PATH pilot rounds, highlight major trends in the PATH environment, present strategic (re)orientations for PATH, the future partnership and the creation of an association, and call for participation in the next round. The conference will be closed with the adoption of the Vienna declaration on Performance assessment.

Participation in the conference, which will be held at the University of Vienna, is free of charge. Participants are invited to register by no later than 19 June 2008 via the Karl Landsteiner Institute for Quality Assurance and Patient Safety. Registration can be done electronically via our webpage www.iqms.ac.at, or via Email PATH_conference@iqms.ac.at or by fax to +43 1 513 16 10 55. Kindly note that a number of hotel rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate for conference participants.


We look forward to meeting you in Vienna.

Yours sincerely



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