

## *Healthscapes* The Newsletter of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology

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*At a Social Science and Medicine Meeting in Sterling 1983, a small group of scientists involved in socio-medical research initiated the foundation of European Society of Medical Sociology (ESMS). The first real event of ESMS, a meeting on social inequities in health, was held in Copenhagen in December 1984.*

*Since 1986 the society held regular bi-annual conferences, for instance, in Zagreb (1988), Marburg (1990) and Edinburgh (1992). During the early nineties the society's name was changed into "European Society of Health and Medical Sociology" (ESHMS) to indicate a broader frame of analysing the societal dimension of health, a development that was enhanced at the Vienna Conference (1992).*

*The last conference of the ESHMS was held in Ghent (2010) and the next one is planned in Hannover (2012). In between summer schools and workshops were organized and other strategies were explored to bolster the society as an meeting ground for social scientists who are devoted to the study of sociological aspects of health and medicine.*

*Starting from 1988 the ESHMS provided its members with regular newsletters, a tradition that has been lost the past decade. In 2011 the newly elected executive committee decided to revive this tradition and Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Antonio Francesco Maturo were appointed as editors of the ESHMS newsletter version 2.0.*

*Piet Bracke*



Piet Bracke  
ESHMS chair

### **Healthscapes: the first issue**

*Healthscapes aims at providing information to ESHSM members on a regular basis. The name *Healthscapes* expresses the idea that health has many features and cannot be grasped by a static concept. This newsletter will illustrate this diversity by diffusing*

*conferences programmes, call for papers, jobs applications and publications in medical and health sociology three times a year. Send us the information you want to share with ESHMS members: [claudine.jeangros@unige.ch](mailto:claudine.jeangros@unige.ch) [tonio.maturo@gmail.com](mailto:tonio.maturo@gmail.com)*



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## Next ESHMS Conference: Health inequalities over the lifecourse, 30<sup>th</sup> August-1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 in Hannover

Conference website:  
[www.eshms-dgms-2012.de](http://www.eshms-dgms-2012.de)

This conference will address health inequalities in a lifecourse perspective, a topical approach in sociology and epidemiology. The conference is a joint meeting of ESHMS and the German Society for Medical Sociology (DGMS). Keynote speakers will include: Professor David Blane (Imperial College London) and Dr. Alena Buyx (Nuttfeld Council on Bioethics London). A symposium 'Social influences and health' in honor of Johannes Siegrist will take place with a panel of international scholars. Ethical issues related to health inequalities will also be

addressed during the conference.

Topics for sessions and workshops can be submitted until **30<sup>th</sup> November 2011**.

The call for abstracts will be open from **15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 until 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012**.

For more information, visit the website of the conference.



Hannover City Council



Hannover medical school

## The 13<sup>th</sup> conference at Ghent University, Belgium, August 2010



The 13<sup>th</sup> biennial ESHMS Conference '**Health and Well-Being in Radically Changing Societies**' took place at Ghent University – Belgium – from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010.



For more photos visit:

<http://www.eshms.eu/conferences/13th-biennial-congress-of-the-eshms>

## Social Theory and Health, the 2010 conference special issue is available

ESHMS is affiliated with the journal Social Theory and Health. This journal aims to develop the theoretical underpinnings of health research and service delivery. The theorization of health issues is crucial for both understanding and as a guide for action.

The current issue (volume 9, issue 4) gathers contributions from the 2010 ESHSM conference in Ghent.

For more information, see:

<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/sth/index.html>

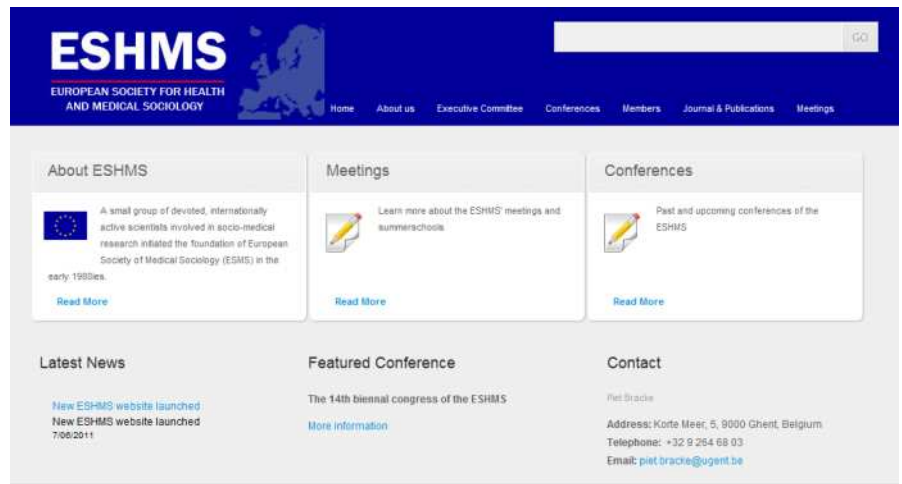


## The new ESHMS website

Please visit the new ESHMS website

<http://www.eshms.eu/>

You will find information on the society and its executive committee. Other rubrics include: conferences, membership, journal and publications, meetings.



## ESHMS membership

Most of the current members of the ESHMS work within the parallel fields of sociology, health promotion, social medicine, epidemiology and public health. If you are a researcher or a student concerned with health and medical sociology, you are hereby warmly invited to become a member of the ESHMS.

Becoming a member (or renewing your membership) of the ESHMS is very easy.

1. Complete the electronic form on [www.eshms.eu/members](http://www.eshms.eu/members).
2. Pay by bank transfer the proper fee on the following bank account (remember to indicate clearly your name and address):

**Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat Luxembourg**  
**European Society for Health Medical Sociology**  
**IBAN: LU58 0019 2655 6767 3000**  
**BIC: BCEELULL**

Note: Starting from now, the ESHMS membership is paid bi-annually to coincide with our Congress cycle. The current payment is thus for 2011-2012

If you have any question concerning your membership, please contact the treasurer :  
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