Perspectives of collaboration in education and research

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1. The participants of the European meeting in Berlin (2005-july-8/9) agree in founding an

"European Network of Psychosomatic Medicine" (ENPM)

dedicated to the integration of psychological, social and biological factors (sciences) in health care

This network is open for all European and international scientists, and clinicians, as well as psychosomatic, psychiatric and behavioural societies interested and working in this field.

The founding members at this meeting are from the Psychosomatic Societies of Sweden, Poland, Latvia, Hungary, Romania, Portugal and Germany — all other European and international societies are invited to join this ENPM.

2. Continuous communication of scientists should take place about the homepages of the European Psychosomatic societies with should have links to each other:

Prof. Verissimo, Porto, Portugal will be responsible for a European Logo and a website, which will appear in all homepages of the national members of the ENPM

The German College of Psychosomatic Medicine will be the host of an internet discussion forum of all members of the ENPM at the German College of Psychosomatic Medicine homepage (German Psychosomatic Society) and Carl Scheidt will be the first manager of this forum.

- 3. Recognition, discussion and harmonisation of students and postgraduate training in psychosomatic medicine remain one of the important tasks of the ENPM.
- 4. Psychosomatic health care in a European perspective at the level of the General Practitioner and other specialities (dermatology, gynaecology, neurology etc.) is another important task of the net.
- 5. Psychotherapeutic training for medical doctors and psychologists and their integration in the health care system (in private practice and at an inpatient level) could be another topic of interest.
- 6. Actions, that promote the efficiency and the integration of the ENPM:

Proposals for Marie Curie support of the EU, to promote the scientific process of co-working in Europe and the eastern countries

Common studies with EU funding

Combine common interests in national psychosomatic societies

Next meeting in a symposium at the 26th ECPR in Dubrovnik, Croatia

2007 another meeting in Berlin, Germany