ASPHER Bulletin

Editorial

This is the long anticipated rentree of the ASPHER Newsletter, to be called ASPHER Bulletin in the future. We have chosen 'Bulletin' as this is a word that seems to have a similar meaning in many languages. Of course, we have great ambitions with the Bulletin. Its circulation will be wider than that of the Newsletter. Apart from sending the Bulletin to all ASPHER members, the publication will also be sent to others interested in European public health training. Most notably, ministries of education as well as ministries of health throughout Europe will be receiving the Bulletin in the future.

We aim to develop the publication into an efficient vehicle for information exchange among all those parties. The next issue, for instance, will feature sections on publications, on staff mobility between European Schools of Public Health, on other exchange possibilities, and on educational offerings open to international participation.

Unfortunately, the Bulletin in its current format can only contain a maximum of around 4000 words. In this first issue, much of that space is eaten up by introductions of the members of the ASPHER Executive Board. That should not prohibit you from sending us any information you would find worth sharing with

your colleagues in Europe and beyond. With your help the Bulletin may well expand into an ASPHER Magazine!

Evelyne de Leeuw *Editor*

Centerfold Feature

On 6 September 1995, dr. Halfdan Mahler accepted the Andrija Stampar Award for Excellence in Public Health Train-



ing with an inspiring speech. Mahler did what he is famous for: stir up emotions, and warn public health academics and professionals not to fall into complacency. The full text is featured in this Bulletin's centrefold.

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