

MSc: "Environment and Health. Capacity building for decision making"
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WORKSHOP: "Climate Changes, Extreme Weather Events, Impact on Health: The role of education"

Tuesday 13/11/2012, 17.00-21.00 Kostis Palamas Building, Academias 48 and Sina

Global climate change is a complicated natural phenomenon which is the final result of many factors, but mainly believed to be related to the green house effect. Apart from the impact on health, it is related also with the loss of biodiversity, immigration of people, evacuation of countries, poverty and socio-economic inequalities. The increased incidence of cardiovascular, respiratory, mental and infectious diseases is related to climate change. Diseases of the past such as malaria are reoccurring because of climate change's existence. Malnutrition is also an emerging issue. The impact on health of climate changes and extreme weather events has become a perplex issue with many challenges. Vulnerable groups, elderly and children, are the most sensitive parts of population suffering from climate change and its results. Environmental health education and capacity building in decision making may be a way leading to sustainable solutions through awareness raising of the public, the scientists, the non-expert advisors and the decision makers to eliminate the carbon footprint.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

| 17.00-17.30 | Registration |
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| 17.30-17.45 | Welcome by Assoc. Prof. P. Nicolopoulou-Stamati "The Problem and our concerns: how to tackle it" |
| 17.45-18.00 | Dr. Konstantinos Kalachanis : "Human Activity and the Natural Environment: a Philosophical Approach" |
| 18.00-18.20 | Dr. Michael Petrakis : "Climate Changes, Extreme Weather Events. Are they related to green house effect?" |
| 18.20-18.55 | Prof. Luc Hens : "Awareness raising on impacts of climate changes on environment, human health and eco-justice" |
| 18.55-19.10 | Assoc. Prof. Polyxeni Nicolopoulou-Stamati: "Environmental health in the context of Rio+20" |
| 19.10-19.30 | Miss Panagiota Gkogkosi MSc "Awareness raising: the role of education, steps towards reducing carbon footprint" |
| 19.30-20.00 | Discussion Closing of the workshop |
| 20.00-21.00 | Welcome of new comers in the Master Course "Environment and Health. Capacity building for decision making" |