
INVITATION

Breastfeeding

Conference 4-5 May 2001, Stockholm



Surveillance

Conference on Breastfeeding Surveillance - urgent need for action!

Breastfeeding has been highlighted by at least three different major European public health initiatives during the past year:

- *EURODIET* has concluded that efficient surveillance systems, comparable across Europe and using common definitions and methodology, need to be developed. These should include determinants of breastfeeding.
- *The French Initiative*, initiated during the French EU Presidency (Autumn 2000), has suggested urgent action on breastfeeding, which includes harmonising of the definitions, assessment of the actual situation, and the preparation of recommendations which can be used by Member States.
- *The European Commission's Health Monitoring Programme*, which currently is under development, has asked for indicators, especially regarding breastfeeding, in order to measure health status, its determinants and the trends herein throughout the Community.

A European Conference is to be held in Stockholm, May 4-5, 2001, to discuss these issues and how to proceed. It is being held as an extension of the Eurodiet project, during the Swedish EU Presidency (Spring 2001), and also as part of the development of the EU Health Monitoring Programme. The Conference is addressed to epidemiologists and professionals in health care and public health.

A number of Working Groups will discuss different aspects of breast-feeding surveillance beforehand and report to the Conference.

A *poster session* during the Conference will highlight ongoing breastfeeding research and developmental work. The major presentations, the abstracts and the conclusions reached at the Conference are to be published.

Abstracts for the posters must be submitted by April 10 latest to Elisabeth Kylberg.



The Conference is arranged by the Unit for Preventive Nutrition at Novum, Karolinska Institutet in collaboration with Stockholm County Council, the National Institute of Public Health, the National Board of Health and Welfare, Child Health Care, County of Stockholm, Municipality of Nynäshamn and the European Commission.

PROGRAMME

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Thursday, May 3

- 15.00-17.00 Registration.
17.00 Dinner.
19.30-20.30 “Suck me baby – a play about breastfeeding”,
Teater DaCapo

Friday, May 4

- 08.00-09.00 Registration.
09.00-09.30 Welcome.
09.30-11.00 Breastfeeding – a health perspective.
11.00-11.30 Coffee.
11.30-12.00 Breastfeeding situation in Europe.
12.00-13.00 Breastfeeding surveillance – a summary from the
Working Groups.
13.00-14.00 Lunch.
14.00-17.00 Breastfeeding surveillance – discussion in groups.
Coffee.

Saturday, May 5

- 09.00-11.00 The European network on breastfeeding surveillance
and promotion – common strategy.
Coffee.
11.00-12.00 Poster Session.
12.00-13.00 Lunch.
13.00-13.30 Breastfeeding in Sweden, Baby Friendly Hospital
Initiative (BFHI) and Baby Friendly Chain of Care.
13.30-14.30 Breastfeeding in future – plan of action.
Discussion and coffee.
14.30-15.00 Closing ceremony.

REGISTRATION



I/we would like to attend the conference:

Dinner, May 3: Yes Number: _____ No

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Town: _____

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Information/registration

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Place

Utsikten Hotell & Konferens, Nynäshamn (45 minutes south of Stockholm).

Price

SEK 1800:- if registered before April 12 and thereafter SEK 2000:- (excl.VAT). The registration will be accepted as a formal order. An administration cost of SEK 200:- will be charged at cancellations before April 12. After this date the total registration fee will be charged. The booked place can be transferred to another person. Coffee, lunch and documentation are included in the price. Participants arriving in the evening, May 3, are welcome to attend the theatre performance "Suck me baby – a play about breastfeeding" at 19.30-20.30 at the Hotel.

Conditions of payment

20 days, but by 10 days at the latest before the start of the conference.

Hotel

Preferential rates have been arranged at the Utsikten Hotell & Konferens, Utsiktsvägen 10, 149 23 Nynäshamn, phone: 08-520 690 00, fax: 08-520 191 28, e-mail: utsikten@partena.se. Please state the name of the conference when booking. Single room SEK 1330:-/person and day and double room SEK 970:-/person and day. Breakfast, dinner and VAT are included in the room price.

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