The European Midwives Association invites you to a two-day conference

Midwifery Education - a European Perspective

Friday 16th April – Saturday 17th April 2004
in Stockholm, Sweden

The purpose of this conference is to create an arena for discussion and to exchange experiences concerning the Bologna-process and other educational options in order to improve the quality in the different national programmes of midwifery education.

This conference will be of interest to midwifery educationalists at operational and strategic level, to those in professional organisations, and to midwifery practitioners. We hope that the variety of debate and discussion will provide an exciting opportunity for increasing awareness of educational issues, and developing closer links between different countries and organisations.

The conference will be held at a lovely site, Radisson SAS Royal Park Hotel, Stockholm – www.radissonssas.com. The hotel is located in the Royal Park Haga, 15 minutes from inner Stockholm City and 25 minutes from the international airport of Arlanda, bus stop Frösundavik.

The cost will be 300 Euro, including all food and one night at the hotel. Travelling costs might be reduced if you stay an extra night and leave Stockholm on Sunday. Contact the hotel tel +468 624 5500 and book room, if needed, for one extra night.

Registration
Yes – I am able to attend
Send your registration before March 15th 2004 by e-mail to ema-konferens@vardforbundet.se or by fax +46 8 204096, att: Marie-Louise Hassani

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Profession (midwife/teacher/governmental officer)______________________________

For further information, please contact Anna Nordfjell anna.nordfjell@barnmorskeforbundet.se or kerstin.belfrage@vardforbundet.se (More practical information will be sent out after registration.)

The conference fee is 300 Euro and will be paid to
Vårdförbundet, (note EMA)
IBAN, SE30 3000 0000 0, Account number: 321 4770 3095
Nordea Bank, Sweden, swift code NDEASESS

OBS! Swedish participants will pay to Vårdförbundet (note EMA), postal giro 409 32 95-6

Co-hosts The Swedish Association of Midwives and The Swedish Association of Health Professionals
Programme:

16th April 2004

11.00 Welcome and Registration

12.00 Lunch and networking

13.00 Opening statement
   Agneta Bladh, State Secretary, the Swedish ministry for Education and Science

13.15 Women’s health and Midwifery Challenges – new demands on Midwifery Education
   Kyllike Christensson, Midwife, Professor at Mälardalens University

14.00 Questions

14.15 Coffee/Tea

14.45 The Bologna Process – options for a better education
   Ulf Öhlund, the National Agency for Higher Education

15.15 Experiences and opportunities – ‘developing questions’: action group work

16.30 Panel discussion and Plenary

17.00 Closing comments

19.00 Conference Dinner
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09.00  Midwifery Curriculum ~ a global perspective
       Della Sheratt, Midwife, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, Making Pregnancy Safer, World Health Organisation, Geneva

09.45  Coffee/Tea

10.00  ‘Comparisons, similarities and linkages’
       Focus on experiences from six different countries with six different systems. Highlighting of constraints, community needs, and their impact on the development, strengths and successes in midwifery education – Denmark, Spain, Latvia, The Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom

11.00  Midwifery curriculum and evidence-based practice, The United Kingdom Experiences

11.40  Panel discussion
       Della Sheratt, Denmark, Spain, Latvia, Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom

12.30  Lunch

13.30  Moving on with the Bologna process

13.45  Strategies to improve midwifery education – a ‘question time’ with plenary discussion

14.30  The future - Closing of the Conference.
       Dorthe Taxbøl, president of EMA