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Symposium on International Drug Politics and Public Health and the Visit of the Minister of Health of Tanzania

A symposium on International Drug Politics and Public Health was held in Istanbul on 29 September-1 October 2014.

Many international organizations and institutions like World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Office of Drug and Crime (UNODC), and European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) attended to the meeting which was held by the Green Crescent Society and the Ministry of Health in order to draw attention to drug addiction which has been raising recently and to contribute to international solution offers.

Dr. Seif Seleman Rashidi, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Tanzania and a committee also attended to this symposium.



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The Minister of Health of Turkey and The Minister of Health of Tanzania had a meeting in Istanbul on 29 September 2014.

The host committee came to Ankara on 30 September 2014 and they were given a presentation about health system of Turkey in the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.



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Eyüp Gümüş, the Undersecretary, heading a committee consisting of Şuayip Birinci, Deputy Undersecretary, Ahmet Burak Yaşar, General Director of Health Investments and Lawyer Dr. Ramazan Arıtürk had a visit to England on 1-3 September 2014.

The visit was done within the scope of public-private partnership in order to see England's experiences at the place and to have a meeting with the authorities of firms which had won tenders in Turkey.



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Meeting for the Ministers of Health of Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

Meeting for the Ministers of Health of Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization was held on 29 September 2014 in Athens. On behalf of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, Prof. Dr. İrfan Şencan participated in the Meeting together with authorities from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs. During the meeting, the importance of the cooperation between KEİ and our Ministry was addressed which was followed by a statement summarizing collaborative activities.



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Opening Ceremony of Lamorde National Hospital Eye Center of Niger

The General Directorate attended to the opening ceremony of Lamorde National Hospital Eye Center of Niger which was built under the leadership of IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation in Niamey, Niger on 10 – 12 September 2014.

Hasan Ulusoy, Niamey Ambassador; Vural Kavuncu Kütahya Deputy and the Member of Health, Family, Work and Social Relations Commission; İsmail Güneş, Uşak Deputy; TİKA Authorities; IHH; Turkish non-governmental organizations in Niger; Turkish Airlines; and authorities of non-governmental organizations attended to the opening ceremony on behalf of Turkey. As the Minister of Public Health was in Paris then, the Minister of Commerce of Niger, the Chair of Commerce of Trade Hidi Musa and local authorities attended to the opening ceremony on behalf of Niger.

The committee from the General Directorate had a meeting with Idrissa Maiga Mahamadu, the Undersecretary of the Minister of Public Health, Niger.



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Having been referred to the Agreement on Cooperation in the fields of Health and Medical Sciences between the Government of Republic of Turkey and Government of Republic of Niger which was signed and entered into force on 08 January 2013, such issues as treatment of 50 patients free of charge and cooperation-related topics and the fact that visit of a health team in Niger and execution of training surgeries there would be helpful were mentioned during the meeting. The delegation deemed it favorable to organize the Health Week in Niger.

Afterwards, a visit was paid to Lamorde National Hospital.



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64th Session of World Health Organization Regional Committee for Europe

The 64th Session of WHO Regional Committee for Europe was held on 15-18 September 2014 in Copenhagen/Denmark. A delegation of the Ministry of Health which was constituted from the representatives of General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and THSK attended this meeting.

The following issues were dealt with during the meeting: WHO Reform, Health Systems for Health and Well-being under Health 2020: 2008 Tallinn Condition, Alma-Ata Declaration on the Primary Healthcare Services, European Vaccine Action Plan 2015-2020, European Child and Adolescent Health Strategy 2015-2020 and European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015-2020.



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Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Joint Working Group Meeting

The first meeting of the “Joint Working Group” established following the Agreement signed on 3 June 2014 between Turkey and Kyrgyzstan was held on 22-26 September 2014 in Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Rifat Köse, General Director of Health Researches, participated in the meeting together with the representatives from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

Within the context of the program, discussions were made regarding the Joint Health Week which was suggested by the Kyrgyzstan side to be held next year. Researches and examinations were also carried out in the hospitals and health centres within the Kyrgyzstan Health System.



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ECDC Pre-Assessment Seminar

The ECDC Pre-Assessment Seminar was held in Stockholm, Sweden on 10-12 September 2014. General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and THSK (Public Health Agency of Turkey) attended this seminar.

During the seminar, a pre-assessment was made concerning execution of the closure criteria on contagious disease prevention and control capacity of Turkey within the framework of the Consumer and Health Protection chapter.

Meeting by ECDC Advisory Forum

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs provided participants to 39th Advisory Forum held by ECDC on 24-25 September 2014 in Stockholm, Sweden. The Advisory Forum is intended to carry out scientific advisory activities for the works of ECDC on communicable diseases.



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Visit of the delegation under the presidency of Dr. Asadi Lari, General Director of International Relations – Ministry of Health of Iran

On 18-19 September 2014, a delegation under the presidency of Dr. Asadi Lari, General Director of International Relations – Ministry of Health of Iran paid a visit to Turkey.

On 18 September 2014 General Directorate of Health Information Systems, SAKOM and Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency were visited and various presentations were delivered at the related units. On 19 September 2014 Family Health Center and Atatürk Training and Research Hospital were visited. “Family Practice Information System” and “Hospital Automation System” were introduced respectively at the Family Health Center and Atatürk Hospital.

31st GBOK (Customs Union Joint Committee) Meeting

The 31st GBOK Meeting was held on 11 September 2014 at the Ministry of Economy with the participation of the representatives of the EU Commission. Representatives from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs, TITCK (Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency) and THSK attended this meeting.

The Customs Union Joint Committee which lays down and seeks solutions for the problems arising from execution of the Customs Union which was established in 1995 between EU and Turkey based on the Association Council Decision no 1/95 convenes twice a year. The meeting held on 11 September 2014 is the second meeting of 2014. During this meeting, “release analysis” regarding the human medical products which fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and “GMP and slot applications” and – concerning the biocidal products - the “implementation of biocidal regulation” under the technical legislation came to the fore.



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Revision of Turkey-EFTA Free Trade Agreement

General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs provided participants to the Technical Meetings on the Revision of Turkey-EFTA Free Trade Agreement which was held on 15-17 September 2014 by the Ministry of Economy.

A draft agreement revised following the negotiations towards extending the scope of the Free Trade Agreement discussed on 19 June 2014 in the XI. Turkey-EFTA Joint Committee Meeting was discussed again on 16-17 September 2014. Within the framework of the meeting agenda, measures on health and plant security and intellectual property rights were among the issues concerning the Ministry of Health.

Sectoral Monitoring Sub-Committee Meeting on Social Development

During the meeting held on 26 September 2014 in the Ministry of EU, issues involving the latest state of the chapters regarding social development sector, steps to be taken, contribution of financial cooperation in the improvement of sector, points open to progress and development, experiences gained from the present project implementations, troubles faced as well as solution offers were addressed. "Project on Strengthening the System of Epidemiological Surveillance and Control of Communicable Diseases in Turkey", "Project on Strengthening Blood Supply System", "Project on Compatibility in Organ Donation" and "Project on Compatibility in Tissue and Cell" of which the Ministry of Health is beneficiary were among the projects evaluated by Central Finance and Contract Unit (CFCU). General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs provided participants to the meeting.



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Meeting on Strengthening of Health System Based on , Non-Communicable Diseases

Non-communicable diseases have been a global threat against the sustainability of health systems following high mortality rates and increase in health expenditures. In this scope, a meeting was held on 30 September 2014 where a report prepared to determine the capacity of our health system in struggling against non-communicable diseases as well as systematic troubles was presented. Prof. Dr. Seçil Özkan, Head of Turkish Public Health Agency, Dr. Hans Kluge, Senior Officer of WHO European Region and senior representatives from the Ministry of Health contributed to the meeting with presentations alongside the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs.

Evaluation Meeting on Public NGO Group Project

Within the scope of two projects headed “Establishment of a Public-NGO Dialogue Group for the Romany” and “Local Modelling of the Project on Public-NGO Dialogue Group for the Romany”, an evaluation meeting was held on 18 September 2014 to assess the outcomes of the field researches carried out in this scope and authorities from the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs participated in the meeting.



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Trainings

Trainings provided as of 30 September 2014 by the General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs are as follows:

283 Foreign Health Personnel (211 MD, 72 allied health personnel) have completed their training
32 Foreign Health Personnel (19 MD, 13 allied health personnel) are continuing their training
53 Foreign Health Personnel (11 MD, 42 allied health personnel) have been planned for training
Total: 368 Foreign Health Personnel (241 MD, 127 allied health personnel)



Ongoing trainings;

Date	Country	Number	Subject of Training	Venue
3 September-1 October 2014 20 September-18 October 2014	Azerbaijan	2	CVS	Ankara <u>Zekai Tahir Burak</u> Maternity TRH
14 September-1 October 2014	Gambia	12	<u>Paediatrics.</u> <u>Gynaecology.</u> <u>Neonatology</u>	Ankara <u>Zekai Tahir Burak</u> Maternity TRH
15 September – 11 October 2014	Kosovo	10	Cardiology Radiology <u>Gynaecology</u>	Ankara Atatürk- <u>Numune TRA</u> – Ankara <u>Etlik Zübeyde Hanım</u> Maternity TRH – Ankara <u>Yüksek İhtisas</u> TRH
22 September – 20 October 2014	Azerbaijan	8	Neonatology	Dr. Sami <u>Uluş Child</u> Health and Diseases TRH - Ankara <u>Etlik</u> <u>Zübeyde Hanım</u> Maternity TRH

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