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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health Syracuse, Italy, 10–14 July 2017

I have the honour to inform you that the WHO Regional Office for Europe, with the support of the Ministry of Health of Italy and the regional health authorities in Sicily and in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, the Health Initiative of the Americas at the University of California, Berkeley, and the European Public Health Association, is organizing a five-day international Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health, to be held in Syracuse, Sicily, Italy, on 10–14 July 2017.

The objective of the Summer School is to improve participants' understanding of public health and migration by providing a space to share knowledge, experience and good practices on the ground, and to foster debate and critical thinking. The Summer School will comprise a combination of plenary presentations, workshops, interactive discussions and panels. The course will include a field trip to a location in Sicily that receives regular arrivals of refugees and migrants. This will provide participants with an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the public health implications of managing large-scale migration.

A copy of the provisional programme is enclosed.

I have pleasure in inviting you to nominate one or two participants from the Ministry of Health who are involved in the area of migration and health. To foster intersectoral collaboration on this issue, kindly note that it may also be possible to nominate the second participant from a different ministry. The main target audience is high-level technical government officials; a number of places will also be reserved for researchers with sound experience in the area of migration and health.

The working language of the Summer School will be English.

I look forward to receiving your nomination, indicating the name, functional title, address and email of the proposed participant(s) at your earliest convenience but **no later than Monday, 5 June 2017**.

Dr Santino Severoni, Coordinator, Migration and Health, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, is responsible for the organization of the Summer School. It would therefore be appreciated if you would address your reply to him (email: euphame@who.int).

The team will be pleased to provide the nominee(s) with all necessary documentation and administrative information once they receive your response.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Piroska Östlin
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