

Speech by Prof. Hikmet Pekcan, President of the Turkish Public Health Association at the Closing Ceremony of the 12th World Congress on Public Health (Istanbul, May 01, 2009)

President buss, Honorable participants, after five days of intense work we can look back on an impressive away of results, at the same time, we can look forward to implementing the ideas we have developed during on work.

The public health workers must learn to listen to their publics and respect their pre-knowledge. They should be able to give more importance to each nations health needs and encourage the other public health workers in their countries. This may power the public health researches and education could be transformed into public health practice using the Istanbul declaration principles.

We have learned that all nations need a functioning health care system on that leads from the public to the professionals of public health and public health preventers. This is primary health care.

In today's world there can be no social, cultural or economical development without health and there can be no well-being without health. WFPHA globally must be the pioneer for public health issues.

WFPHA must understand by all countries it is the best way to promote and introduce the public health services.

Health services must go first to the healthy person that is almost 95 percent of the populations for public health associations health services means to them is prevention. To prevent is easy, cheap and effective as you will see in Istanbul declaration to be made aware of to preventive health will encourage people to keep their health at the same time, It can create a stimulating health environment.

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We are here, to gather with all the guests 132 nations 2380 participants outside of Turkey. 260 are from Brazil.

As a learned and host association and I believe that we leave this congress with knowledge and new experiences.

You are leaving now Istanbul Turkey not only the promise of ongoing works of global public health with education, researches and practices but also of pioneering activating the developing collaboration of public health.

Thank you and good bye....