

## **Invitation for cooperation on City Health Conference**

City Health International (CHI) holds an annual international [conference](#), in a different location each year (previously in [London](#) - [twice](#), [Glasgow](#), [Amsterdam](#), [Barcelona](#), [Basel](#), [Odesa](#), [Liverpool](#)). This year the ninth edition will take place in [Melbourne](#), Australia. In 2020 we would like to return with the 10th edition of the conference to the heart of Europe, and run the event in Poland. To make it possible, we seek support of local partners and a local host interested in the area of public health.

### **About the event**

The conference examines current policy and practice in relation to public health and health behaviours in cities. The conference engages policy makers, professionals, academics and consumers/users of services in discussions and debates on policy and practice, with a firm emphasis on evidence-based contributions, especially multi-agency, multi-disciplinary responses, reflecting a 'whole systems' approach to policy and practice development.

Our speakers and participants come from all over the world. To highlight just a few from previous events, we have heard from [Michel Kazatchkine](#), [Sir Harry Burns](#), [Geoff Gallop](#), [Ingrid van Beek](#), [Manuel Carballo](#), [Harry Shapiro](#), [Ruth Dreifuss](#).

Each City Health conference has a similar structure, with a combination of plenary and parallel sessions. The two distinguishing elements of the event series are the [Paolo Pertica Award](#), and the keynote lecture in memory of [Alison Chesney and Eddie Killoran](#).

The plenary sessions in the conference address high-level issues associated with the theme of the conference, with the parallel sessions being used to discuss more practical issues and to showcase good practice. We aim to strike a balance between research, policy and practice – ideally where these elements are overlap and are informed by one another.

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Some of the parallel sessions at the conference will focus on regional and local issues, although others and all the plenary sessions should address topics that are of a more general interest to encourage and ensure good attendance from people from elsewhere in the world.

The conference programme is typically a mixture of invited speakers and presentations submitted in a peer-reviewed call for abstracts process. The quality of the programme is ensured by an advisory committee consisting of both local and global experts, involved in all stages of the event preparations.

### **About the CHI and KAC Communications**

Founded in 2012 City Health International is a network of individuals and organisations engaged in the study of and response to structural health issues and health behaviours in the urban environment. CHI is managed by KAC Communications - organisation providing a platform for the global public health debate. Public health covers a wide range of critically important issues for global society, from a plethora of medical conditions causing preventable disease and death for millions, through to the impact of climate change, environmental pollution and urbanisation. Such a broad canvas makes it hard for all the many stakeholders to assess different perspectives on matters of vital and common interest. Through its comprehensive events programme, KAC Communications is committed to providing an inclusive platform for public health debate, knowledge exchange and networking, underpinned by the key principle of all the international public health treaties - that nobody should be left behind.

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