

Switzerland

HOPE - Report 2010

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as soon as possible. At least before 1e of Septembre , 2010

A.

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Complete only if you need to change the information shown on HOPE website,
or

Everything is the same and the information on the

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If you are a Contact person now would you like to become a Committee Member and take on the tasks of a C.M. (art. 8 of the Internal Regulations) yes/no (please put a circle around your answer)

As far as I know, I am already the committee member of Switzerland.

B.

Hospital schools and hospital teachers

How many hospitals caring for children are there without a school?

- A. 0 > 10
- B. 10 > 20
- C. 20 > 30
- D. Other

Hospital teachers

There are voluntary teachers in my country.

No, there are not.

Organisation of Hospital Education

Which authority pays your salaries?

- A. the national/state government
- B. the municipality
- C. the national government and the municipality
- D. the hospital
- E. a regular “partner-school”

F. Other:

In Switzerland there are schools that are paid by the hospital itself, by the municipality, by the ministry of health or education of the Kanton (county, district, prefecture, Bundesland... however it is called in other countries) and private schools which have to send bills to the schools / municipalities where the students come from.

Population in your school

- A. Children/ adolescents with somatic illnesses
- B. (psycho-)somatic
- C. Psychiatric
- D. Somatic and psychiatric illnesses

However, there are of course also psychiatric clinics for children in Switzerland and there are hospital schools as well. As this question asks for my school in particular, I just marked A and B.

Is the right to education when ill or handicapped laid down in a legal document?

In some Kantone it is in others it is not.

Is it a legal right for every pupil to receive an Individual Study plan in your country?

It depends on the needs of the pupils. If necessary there are individual study plans if not needed there are not.

Is it a legal right to have 1 or more classrooms in your hospital school in your country?

No, it is not.

Are the teachers of sick children full members of the multidisciplinary caring team in your country.

It depends on the hospital setting. In most of the hospitals in Switzerland they are, especially in the university children's hospitals.

Are there new developments in your country concerning the educational care of sick children and adolescents? If yes, which is the current development?

Because of a change in the national legislation, since 1 January 2008 the Kantone are responsible for the education of children and adolescents with chronic conditions, illnesses or special needs (because of their handicap) and not the country (Bund) anymore. This is called NFA (Neuer Finanzausgleich). This leads to difficult financial situations for some hospital schools. For example the University Children's Hospital in Zurich is a foundation and therefore a "private hospital". So its hospital school is a "private school" and has to function as a private school. For the pupils from Zurich the Kanton and the municipality pays but for some pupils from other Kantone nobody pays (they say that they did not give an order to teach their pupil or they do not have a law or legislation which would allow them to pay the costs...), so that there is a deficit and that is a major problem as the hospital cannot come up for this deficit and the Kanton Zurich is not willing to pay longer for education for children from other Kantone. That is why I became politically active in order to improve this situation but it is very difficult.

In other Kantone the Kantone, the hospitals, the ministries of health or education or the municipality pay for their hospital schools.

When your students return to their original school they often need special conditions (at least for some time) to be able to keep up with schoolwork:

Are there *legal regulations* in your country for children with long-term, chronic illnesses or psychiatric syndromes which permit to adapt requirements (e.g. longer exam times, not having to submit to oral tests, etc) for sick children in their *regular* school

As all the laws and regulations in the 26 Kantone of Switzerland has changed since 2008 (introduction of the new paying system because of NFA, neuer Finanzausgleich) or are going to be changed, I cannot answer this question right now for all Kantone. Before there were only a few Kantone (such as for example Zurich) with such laws and regulations but the teachers and the local principals and school boards have always been quite understanding, caring and helpful in finding good solutions for the re-integration.

If you answered **Yes** send the pertinent textpassage to mschmidt@casa.s.shuttle.de (the purpose of this question is to compile an overview of the European situation for the Munich congress in novembre)

C.

Subscription of HOPE members

I centralise the subscription for HOPE

Yes, I do.

I send the total amount of the subscription to the treasurer and transmit the member's list to the treasurer and the secretary by 1 September.

Yes, Anita Dutler and I do, normally before 1 June.

The membership fee (15 Euro per person) is regarded as too high

No, as we do not have a national organisation where they have to pay as well, it is not regarded as too high.

Other remarks

Because of active advertisement and good services, the number of Swiss members has gradually increased:

2002:	4 single and 3 collective members	Total: 7 members
2003:	6 single and 4 collective members	Total: 10 members
2004:	8 single and 5 collective members	Total: 13 members
2005:	5 single and 7 collective members	Total: 12 members
2006:	8 single, 9 collective and 1 associated members	Total: 18 members
2007:	10 single, 9 collective and 2 associated members	Total: 21 members
2008:	13 single, 10 collective and 2 associated members	Total: 25 members
2009:	15 single, 9 collective and 2 associated members	Total: 26 members
2010:	17 single, 11 collective and 3 associated members	Total: 31 members

Looking for new HOPE members

It is difficult to find new HOPE members

Yes, it needs good services for the members and the members need to be convinced that it is crucial to be member of this network.

Some members are working in the network/ workshops of HOPE

No, as far as I know not.

It is **difficult** for members in my country to find money to attend seminars, the European Days or Congresses.

It is not easy but possible. Some hospitals are generous and take over parts of the costs. Fortunately, our salaries are high enough so that it would be possible to take part even if the teachers have to cover the expenses themselves.

Have you entered the Knowledge bank (www.hospitalteachers.eu) to find the European bureaus in your country to ask for financial support to attend HOPE-events?

Yes, but up to now, it did not work. Switzerland is not member of the European Union so there are sometimes different approaches towards the same event although we have an office which should treat us like teachers from countries which are members of the European Union.

Other remarks:

None

Dissemination of information

I spread (inter-) national information by mail to my country-members

Yes, I do as often as I can so that the members see that it is worth to be member of HOPE. Within the German speaking countries there is an active exchange of information which is excellent. Thank you Maria Schmidt for your efforts! I work hard on building up a similar network for my members from the French (and if necessary Italian) part of Switzerland.

I spread newsletters digitally to my country-members

Yes, I do. There is only one member who has not internet access and whom I have to send the information printed.

I spread information during meetings of the national organisation(s)

Yes, I do.

I, or members of HOPE in my country, have sent articles and/or information to the editor of the Newsletter of HOPE during the last two years.

Yes, there were a few articles written by Swiss members.

I have difficulties contacting HOPE members in my country

No, I have not.

I spread information about HOPE, the flyer, and the homepage of HOPE

Yes, I do. In order to save money, I send as much as possible by e-mail.

The Newsletter of HOPE has interested HOPE members in my country.

YES, it has! As I was not sure, I asked the members by e-mail and the answers were numerous and absolutely positive! So this is a great compliment to all the authors and editors!!!

Other remarks:

None

D.

National Organisation 1

Present chairperson	
Name of organisation	
Address	
Zip code and city	
Country	
Tel	
Fax	
E-mail	
website	

We have no national organisation (not yet?)

Contacts with the above mentioned national organisations

As we do not have any national organisation for hospital teachers in Switzerland, it does not make sense to answer the first three questions below.

I am a member of one or more of the above mentioned national organisation(s) Yes /No I have good contacts with these organisations Yes / No I am elected as a Committee Member by the national organisation Yes /No I am elected as a Committee Member by the Hope Members in my country. Yes, I am. Other remarks None

On-going Comenius or other projects in my country are:

There are no Comenius or other international projects which are connected to hospital education going on in Switzerland.

E.

Do you think it is useful / Are you interested in having a special seminar for some days for Committee members and Contact persons .

It would be difficult for me to attend as we have only 5 weeks of holidays and I cannot be out of work very often.

If you answered **Yes** what theme(s) are you interested in :

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Suggest candidate(s) for the Board of HOPE (you may also suggest yourself!)

Name(s) : Unfortunately, my candidate refused after having been interested for a while and having attended two board meetings as a guest...

Other remarks or themes you like to discuss during the Committee Meeting in Munich, November 2010

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Thank you very much for your cooperation

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