

## ***Facing Reality and Dreams***

*from the perspective of a sick child and adolescent and from the perspective of home,  
school and hospital*

6<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Hospital Education  
in association with HOPE  
**Tampere Finland**  
**4-7 June 2008**

### **Call for Abstracts**

The *Facing reality and dreams* congress team in association with HOPE and Suomen sairaalaopetus-Finlands sjukhusundervisning ry, are pleased to invite abstracts for papers and presentations relating to researching and teaching sick children and adolescents.

**Who should submit?** The call is open to any organisation or individual currently researching or teaching sick children and adolescents. Participants who wish to have a paper considered for an oral presentation or as a workshop are invited to submit an abstract (maximum 250 words) and a short Curriculum Vitae to: [tampere@hospitalteachers.eu](mailto:tampere@hospitalteachers.eu)

Abstracts can be sent in English, French or German. The proposals for an exhibition are also asked for. Presentations in the congress are to be held in English.

### **Thematic areas**

Ensuring the unbroken school path for every child with special health care needs  
Psychological and social issues in education of sick children  
Impact of chronic illness on children, family and school  
Coping skills of children with chronic illness or crisis  
Future world of medicine and technology – challenges and possibilities for a child's recovery and learning  
Art in hospital education supporting the healing process of a child - The use of alternative methods in art (visual arts, music, dance, literature)  
Therapeutic methods in addressing challenging behaviour

### **Research themes**

Education of sick children  
Affect of illness on children, families and schools  
Behavioural impacts and attitudes of illness  
Healing art

Abstracts related to the theme of sharing knowledge to improve teacher's action are particularly welcome.

Exhibition works related to good practices at hospital schools in different countries and a pupil's point of view from his experiences at hospital school and the works of art from the art projects are particularly welcome.

**The deadline for submission is** January 25, 2008.

Participants will be informed whether their paper has been accepted for a paper, oral presentation or a workshop before end of January 2008.  
Accepted proposals for the exhibition are also informed.