Wednesday, October, 30th, 2013

8:45 Registration
9:00 Welcome

SESSION 1: RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT ON HUMAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING?
Chair: Kjell Nilsson, Nordregio, Stockholm, Sweden

9:15 Green Space and Health
Elisabeth Richardson, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh

9:45 Green Space and Restoration/Stress/Psychological Aspects
Terry Hartig, Institute for Housing and Urban Research, Uppsala University, Sweden

10:15 Debate
Discussant: Sjerp de Vries, Alterra, Green World Research, Netherlands

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Assessment of Green Space. What do we Mean by Green Space and How to Assess, Including New Methods (Smartphones, Satellite)
Michael Jerrett, University of California, Berkeley, USA

11:45 Urban Greenspaces as Catalysers of Health Promotion
Simon Bell, OPENSpace Research Centre, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

12:15 Open Debate
Discussant: Christopher Gidlow, Staffordshire University, United Kingdom

12:45 Lunch

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SESSION 2: GOOD PRACTICE: HOW TO TRANSLATE THE KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION?
Chair: Roderick Lawrence, University of Geneve, Switzerland

14:00 Evidence to Inform Action and Shape Policy: Demonstrating the Value of Urban Green Space
Helen Beck, UKCES – UK Commission for Employment and Skills, United Kingdom

14:30 Urban Blue and Green Spaces Management: the Case of Barcelona
Montse Rivero, Environment and Urban Services, Barcelona Council, Spain

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Examples of Good Practice in European Urban Parks
Ingrid Walda, Municipal Health Services Rotterdam, Netherlands

16:00 New Trends in Guidelines and Policy Briefs Productino –Scottish Experience on Grading Recommendatinos in Evidence Based Guidelines-
George Morris, Environmental Public Health Advisor, Scotland, United Kingdom

17:00 Open Debate
Discussant: Marcus Grant, University of the West of England, United Kingdom

18:00 Public lecture: “Global Health challenges in an Urbanizing World”
María Neira, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland

19:15 Cocktail at Cosmocaixa

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SESSION 3: URBAN INDICATORS AND MONITORING
Chair: George Morris, Environmental Health, NHS Health Scotland, United Kingdom

9:00 Urban Health inequality and Indicators
Arpana Verma, Manchester Urban Collaboration on Health, University of Manchester, UK

9:30 Inequalities (in-dept)
Hanneke Kruize, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Netherlands

10:00 Open Debate
Discussant: Núria Blanes, Research Group on Coastal Resources, Territories and Landscapes, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Ecosystem Services and Co-Benefits for Urban Planning – the URBES Project
Erik Gómez-Begethun, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

11:30 Case studies
Katherine Irvine, James Hutton Institute, Scotland – Sheffield Study (Behavior, Motivation)
Francesc Magrinyà, Polytechnic University of Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain – Recreant Cruilles (Participatory Approach)
Catherine Ward Thompson, University of Edinburg, UK – OPENspace Research Centre

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SESSION 4: SYNTHESIS AND CONSENSUS BUILDING
Chair: Mark Nieuwenhuijzen, CREAL, Barcelona, Spain

14:00 URBAN-NEXUS
Núria Blanes, Research Group on Coastal Resources, Territories and Landscapes, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

14:30 Framework, Key Variables and Indicators
Roderick Lawrence, University of Geneva, Switzerland

15:00 Open Debate
Validations of a set of core indicators to assess the capacity of public green space to promote social interaction and physical activity, advantages and disadvantages of these indicators, new indicators.

16:00 Conclusions and closing remarks