The Academic Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam, the Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney, and the Worldwide Universities Network will hold a third international Health Literacy Network Collaborative Workshop.

The International Health Literacy Network is a multidisciplinary research network which aims to develop research partnerships to improve the management of chronic disease in developed and low and middle income countries for people with lower literacy. It seeks to develop sustainable interventions for use in complex health, education and social systems to mitigate the impact of poor health literacy on health outcomes. [http://healthliteracy.net.au/](http://healthliteracy.net.au/)

The previous Health Literacy Network meetings in Southampton (2012) and Sydney (2013) generated ideas about collaborative projects across the network and resulted in working research groups, centred on the following themes:

1. Health literacy conceptual and priority issues
2. Health literacy in an age of digital communication
3. Health literacy and health inequalities
4. Health literacy intervention development
   a. Integrating health literacy into health professional training
   b. Intervention development for consumers
5. Participatory approaches to health literacy research

The aim of the current Health Literacy Network meeting is to further develop international multidisciplinary collaboration in each of these themes with a specific focus on the relatively unexplored themes 2 and 5.
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

9.30-10.00 Welcome (G4-123)
- Aims of the meeting and structure
- Short introduction of participants

10.00-12.00 Key presentations and discussion (G4-123)

Associate Professor Kirsten McCaffery, University of Sydney (Academic lead of CPC/CPC/WUN HL network)
Priority issues and key action points for the 5 health literacy themes.

Professor Elizabeth Murray, University College London
Health literacy and the Digital Divide: Defining and exploring the issue.

Professor Marie-Louise Essink-Bot, Academic Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam
Participatory approaches to health literacy research: Exclusion of low HL subjects by complexity of research tasks –can we meet the challenge?

12.00-12.30 Short presentations (G4-123)
Previously established CPC/WUN HL project groups present their aims, progress and future plans

12.30-13.30 Lunch (J2-226)
13.30-15.30 Collaboration workshop in parallel sessions (J2-226/ J2-228)

Participants will choose a project or priority area to discuss as a group, with the aim of generating new ideas, research plans, projects or papers. Each group will develop a work plan and nominate a group leader.

15.30-16.00 Break (J2-226)

16.00-17.00 Plenary presentation of project groups (G4-123)

The project groups will present their work plan for discussion and critical feedback.

17.00-17.30 Discussion of next steps (G4-123)

Plenary discussion on next steps for the Health Literacy Network, plans for a group position paper, future meetings and funding.

18.00- 22.00 Dinner in Amsterdam (optional)
REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration

To register please fill in the attached registration form and send it to Dr. Mirjam Fransen, Academic Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam m.p.fransen@amc.uva.nl

Fee

The fee for participation in this collaborative workshop is 40 euro. The fee for participation in the workshop including dinner is 80 euro. Invoices will be send after registration.

Location and how to get there

Academic Medical Centre, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ, Amsterdam. The AMC is at walking distance from railway and metro station Amsterdam Holendrecht. For more information see https://www.amc.nl/web/Het-AMC/Address-and-route.htm?tab=229044

Signs in the AMC will guide you to G4-123 and J2-226/228.

Hotels in Amsterdam

For accommodation we refer to the website of the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare (ICCH) that will take place in Amsterdam from 28 September till 1 October 2014.

http://www.each-conference.com/accomodation/

How to become a member of the CPC/WUN Health Literacy Network?

If you would like to become a member please see http://healthliteracy.net.au/.