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WASHINGTON – As infectious and non-infectious diseases and the proliferation of unhealthy lifestyles transcend global borders, the Society for Public Health Education’s (SOPHE’s) peer-reviewed journal Health Promotion Practice (HPP) expands its focus on global health promotion, starting with its May 2012 issue.

The May 2012 issue launches a Global Health Promotion department as a regular journal feature and includes 13 scientific manuscripts on global health promotion programs from both the developed and developing nations. Among the topics included in this issue are as follows:

- Achievements in global health in the Americas
- Promoting physical activity among children in Canada
- Using health policy to initiate a workplace smoking ban in Ireland
- Using health research to promote community change in South Africa
- School health in New Zealand
- Sexually transmitted infection testing among vocational school students in Netherlands

“Global health promotion necessitates generating collaborative solutions that transcend the concerns of individual nations or countries,” says journal editor-in-chief Leonard Jack Jr., PhD, MSc, CHES, Director, Center for Minority Health, Health Disparities Research and Education, and Chair and Professor, Public Health Sciences Department Xavier University of Louisiana. “We embrace the challenge and responsibility to use HPP as a respected and effective vehicle to help advance the science of health promotion around the world.”

The new HPP Global Health Department is co-edited by health promotion experts with experience in international and global affairs, Robert Simmons, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, Thomas Jefferson University and Jagdish Khubchandani, PhD, MPH, MBBS, Ball State University. The department features case studies, symposia reports, interviews, original research papers, and other forms of inter-professional communication designed to bridge research and practice in global health promotion.

Of the nearly 7,000 HPP subscribers, 4,163 copies are made available to the developing world through the journal’s publisher SAGE Publications. The journal participates in the World Health Organization’s Health Information Research Initiative (HINARI), which allows developing countries free access or access to the content for a nominal fee.

About Health Promotion Practice
Health Promotion Practice (HPP) is a peer-reviewed, bi-monthly journal devoted to the practical application of health promotion and education. HPP focuses on critical and strategic information for professionals engaged in the practice of developing, implementing and evaluating health promotion and disease prevention programs. For more information, visit http://hpp.sagepub.com/.
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