

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Task Force on HPH and Environment

Date and Time: 13:30-15:00, April 25th, 2014

Venue: Hotel Fira Palace, Barcelona, Spain

Chair: Dr. Chin-Lon Lin

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Minutes taken and summarized by Ning-Huei Sie

Welcome remarks by the Chair

I. Meeting Conclusions

1. Invite different countries or regions from each continent (North America, South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia) to participate in the Task Force. Proposed strategy: Health Care Without Harm could invite their member hospitals from Brazil, North America and other countries to join the Task Force. Hospitals could share their experiences on how to successfully implement environmental-friendly policies.
2. Build an energy benchmarking system for hospitals in different regions. The benchmarks would be adjusted based on the scale of the hospital, number of wards and number of patients. Defined benchmarks would be used to analyze hospitals' efforts and compare their results.
3. During the 2015 HPH Conference in Oslo, Norway, the Task Force hope to recommend a plenary speech focusing on the environmental issue. Details will be consulted with Prof. Jürgen Pelikan. The TF will prepare advocating campaigns to spread this information, such as a 5-minute promotional video that includes a touching story and pamphlets for people to pass on...etc.

4. To raise awareness of the importance of food with low carbon foot print, TF proposed provision of plant-based menu choices during future HPH conference or other events.
5. For the long term goal, the International Hospital Federation (IHF) will be hosted by Taiwan in 2017. It's a huge conference with many participants from different countries expected, and would be a good place to promote the work of the Task Force. The TF will apply for a session at the conference to discuss about the environmental issue.