

# The Barcelona Course in Health Financing

Special Theme: Universal Coverage



10-14 March, 2014 Barcelona, Spain



## C o u r s e   a n n o u n c e m e n t

We are pleased to announce the second Barcelona Course in Health Financing to be held from March 10 to 14, 2014. This week-long intensive training program is offered by the Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Division of Health Systems and Public Health. We invite you and your colleagues to participate in this exclusive training event.

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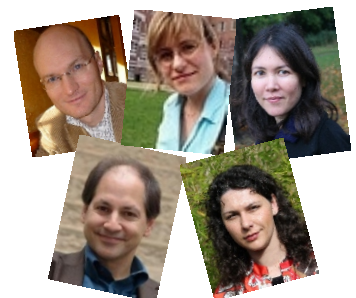
The course reviews effective policy instruments to improve health system performance through better health financing policy. The special theme of the course is moving towards and sustaining universal coverage with a highlight on how to counter the impact of economic downturns. The course is built around the following modules:

- Coordinating reform - aligning policy instruments with policy objectives
- Raising revenues - thinking outside the box
- Pooling health revenues - the cost of fragmentation
- Purchasing - getting more health for the money
- Designing a benefit package - equity, affordability and transparency

## T r a i n e r s   &   f a c i l i t a t o r s

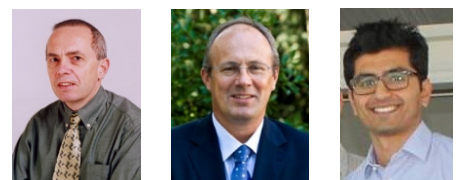
### Core training team

- Tamás Evetovits, Senior Health Financing Specialist, WHO
- Melitta Jakab, Senior Health Financing Policy Analyst, WHO
- Sarah Thomson, Senior Health Financing Specialist, WHO
- Joseph Kutzin, Head of Health Financing Policy Team, WHO HQ
- Nora Markova, Health Expenditure and Financing Analyst, WHO



## K e y n o t e   s p e a k e r s

- Peter Smith, Professor of Health Policy, Imperial College London
- Miklós Szócska, Minister of State for Health, Ministry of National Resources, Hungary
- Ankit Kumar, Economist, OECD



## T a r g e t   g r o u p s



The course is designed for policy makers in the health sector, policy makers in government in charge of social policy, senior managers of service provider organizations, and experts involved in health system reform. This course is an advanced course and candidates are expected to have participated in generic health system training programs and have extensive work experience. The course will be delivered in English.

## R e g i s t r a t i o n   f e e

To secure participation in the course, accepted participants will be charged a registration fee of EUR 100. The registration fee is payable upon acceptance of application. WHO covers tuition, course materials, coffee breaks and lunches on all five days of the course, plus one dinner reception. Participants (or their funding agency) will be responsible to cover the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence while in Barcelona. Special rates will be arranged at hotels close to the venue.

## D e a d l i n e

Interested applicants must submit a completed application form by 20 January, 2014. A course committee will make decisions regarding participant selection based on relevance of course material to applicants' work functions, evidence of previous training on health system strengthening, and English language abilities. Space will be limited. Acceptance decision will be communicated by 22 January. Accepted participants will be asked to confirm their participation and show proof of payment of the registration fee by 31 January, 2014 to secure a place in the course.

## V i s a

If appropriate, applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa. Formal invitation and visa support letter from WHO will be provided. Please note that obtaining a visa may require several weeks; early application is advised.

## V e n u e



The course will be held in Casa de Convalecència, a splendid example of late modernist architecture. Originally, the building was designed for and used as a hospital facility. Since 1969, it belongs to the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and has been the host of many high profile academic events.

## A p p l i c a t i o n

On behalf of WHO, Reunions i Ciència is managing the application process. To secure a place, applicants are invited to submit a completed online application form available in the Course website

[www.events.sc/whobcncourse](http://www.events.sc/whobcncourse)

## C o n t a c t

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