

IV International Conference
CHERNOBYL CHILDREN – HEALTH EFFECTS AND PSYCHOSOCIAL
REHABILITATION
June 2-6 2003, Kiev, Ukraine

... Millions of people continue to be directly affected by the consequences of this disaster. I remain deeply concerned by their plight. It is particularly disturbing that few people realize the multitude of problems that are still linked to this event and its aftermath.

*Acute suffering continues. At least **three million children require physical treatment. Vast areas of forest and agricultural land have been contaminated. Radiation levels in some areas are still well above normal. People still live with great fear, and those who contemplate having children see one of the great joys in life become yet another source of insecurity.***

This disaster is a matter of global concern. International assistance has been an important part of the response, including through the United Nations.

We are now moving towards a long-term approach that would bring help to the most affected people and communities, and promote a return to normalcy...

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations
*(Remarks at visit to the museum of Chernobyl,
Ukraine, 3 June 2002)*

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- United Nations Representative Office in Ukraine
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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

June 2 – Registration of participants and guests. Excursion programme (the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, Centre for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation, ...). Meeting of International and National Organizing Committees.

June 3 - Opening Ceremony

Plenary Sessions

- Health State of Chernobyl Children: burden of radiation related diseases. Reports of Ministries of Health of Republic Belarus, Russian Federation, Ukraine. Reports of representatives of International Research and Humanitarian Programmes.
- Thyroid pathology – cancer and non-cancer radiation effects: epidemiology, diagnostics, treatment and follow-up.
- Reproduction system in Chernobyl children passed to a reproductive age.

June 4

- Pathology of haemopoetic and immune systems – diagnostic principals and treatment. Epidemiology of leukaemia.
- Hereditary diseases in Chernobyl children: results of human genetic studies.
- Mental Health of Chernobyl children.
- Radiation hygiene nutrition concept for the affected children.

June 5

- Psychosocial problems of children and adolescents affected by the Chernobyl catastrophe.
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Centres in Republic of Belarus, Russian Federation, and Ukraine. Experience exchange.

Panel Discussions

- Discussion of social-psychological rehabilitation system for children and adolescents affected by the Chernobyl catastrophe.
- International voluntary movement and its importance for psychological support of the affected children.

June 6

- Medical and social rehabilitation strategy for children and adolescents affected by the Chernobyl accident. Discussion.
- Resolution and closing of the International Conference.

Press conferences, exhibitions, visit to the scientific and rehabilitation centers, the museum of Chernobyl, Chernobyl exclusion zone (towns Pripyat and Chernobyl, Chernobyl NPP), meetings with international and national experts, reports, presentation of posters.

Requirement for participation in the Conference is abstracts in English and Russian (up to 400 words) and full text of a report in the form of article according to requirements of International Journal of Radiation Medicine in electronic variant. A copy, please, send to the address:

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