

History of the development of the international partnership of the KMU “KSPH”

In 1999, in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the Republic of Kazakhstan, with the financial support of the American Agency for International Development (USAID) and the American International Health Union (AIHA), a three-year partnership was launched between the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Graduate School of Public Health (KMU “KSPH”).

Within the framework of the partnership, professors of the Virginia Commonwealth University (USA) organized and conducted a series of two-week seminars for the KMU “KSPH” faculty on Health Management and policy, economics and financial management, health promotion and disease prevention, decision-making and strategic planning, environmental health, epidemiology and statistics. The Departments of Health Policy and Management and Hygiene and Epidemiology have become a priority area of cooperation and joint activities.

Following the recommendations of colleagues from the University of Virginia, long-term training programs for health professionals for the Master of Public Health degree were developed. In addition, the teachers of the Higher School of Economics got acquainted with the activities of the Department of Health Administration, with distance learning training programs. Employees of the KMU “KSPH” departments "Health Policy and Management" and "Health Economics" have developed distance learning programs for the modules "Health Management" and "Economics and Financial Management".

The results of long-term cooperation with the University of the Commonwealth of Virginia were not only the improvement of the curriculum, the educational process, but also the creation of a Training Resource Center on the basis of the Higher School of Economics with 3 computer classes, a local network and Internet access, as well as providing the School with the latest literature on various aspects of public health.

During 2000 – 2003, short-term seminars on Health Management and Economics, Health Promotion, Epidemiology and Statistics, Environment, Rational Pharmacology, Evidence-based Medicine for family medicine teachers and family medicine teachers from universities in Kazakhstan and Central Asian countries were held by teachers from the UK, as well as with the participation of the KMU “KSPH” faculty. In 2000, an agreement was signed with the British Council about cooperation. The aim of the cooperation is to organize and conduct short-term seminars on management, economics, epidemiology in healthcare to strengthen and develop primary health care.

In 2002 – 2003, the Higher School of Economics acquired a new partner in the person of the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan, which provided grants for the formation of the teaching staff and improvement of curricula in the disciplines of Health Promotion and Health Economics. This cooperation consists in the development, improvement and implementation of educational programs and research in these areas. The project was coordinated by the head of the Department of Health Promotion and Social Sciences Aringazina A.M. and the head of the Department of Health Economics Kurakbayev K. K.

Within the framework of the partnership with the Soros – Kazakhstan Foundation, the creation of a stable distance learning team and the transformation of all modules into a remote format and electronic media were initiated. Along with specific training projects and grants, thanks to the support of the Federal State Educational Service, young employees of the Higher School of Economics have the opportunity to study at the master's degree programs of prestigious international universities in Israel, Italy, Denmark, and to undergo specialized training at various short-term trainings and seminars abroad.

Since 2002-2003, the project of the European Office of the World Health Organization "Public Health Initiative in the field of food safety for Central Asian Countries" was implemented on the basis of the Higher School of Economics. The project consisted of five seminars on the following topics: "Food

Legislation", "Microbiology", "Epidemiology of food diseases", "Chemical contamination of food products", "HACCP" for public health professionals, as well as employees of the Ministries of Health from 5 republics (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). The seminars were held jointly with WHO partners: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Cantonal Laboratory, the Canton of Ticino (Switzerland), the University of Zurich (Switzerland), the Laboratory for Chemical and Veterinary Control, Munster (Germany). At the end of the program, the School established a Food Safety Training Center. For more information about the project, please visit the website of the European Centre for Environment and Health, Rome Office of WHO / Europe.

According to an agreement between the Council for Health Research for Development (COHRED) and the KMU "KSPH", a joint project "Strengthening the capacity of the KMU "KSPH" to use scientific research to improve public health" was carried out from August to March 2005. The aim of the pilot project was to develop a health profile and research on health in the Karaganda, South Kazakhstan regions of Kazakhstan and Almaty. According to the objectives of the Phase I of the COHRED – KMU "KSPH" collaboration project, the profiles of population health and the health research system were provided in a report document in the form of a brief overview of population health, the health system and the health research system in the country. This review uses available information-secondary statistics in the three selected regions (Karaganda, South Kazakhstan Region, Almaty) from different sources. Through the Project, it was planned to increase concern and enthusiasm in Kazakhstan for information and evidence-based support for the planning and management processes of regional health systems and the implementation of short-term goals and objectives. The work was carried out by a working group of teachers and students of the Higher School of Economics. During the course of the Project, both students and teachers acquired the necessary knowledge and skills to plan, execute, analyze and generate research reports on the current state of public health, the health system and the health research system. As part of the project implementation plan, a one-day workshop on the results of the project work "Strengthening the capacity of young scientists to use scientific research to improve the health of the population of Kazakhstan" was held in March 2006. The seminar was attended by representatives of local health and educational institutions, international organizations, statistical agencies and other interested persons. One of the initiatives for further cooperation with COHRED was proposed to develop a module-program for organizing scientific research on the basis of the Higher School of Economics.

From March to September 2003, the KMU "KSPH" collaborated with the University of Glamorgan, Wales, United Kingdom on the TACIS project to improve health promotion curricula, during which there was an international exchange of teachers from the HSE and the University of Glamorgan.

In September 2003, at the end of the TACIS project, the First Central Asian Conference on Health Promotion was held with the participation of colleagues from Central Asian countries and the United Kingdom. Project coordinator-Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Social Sciences Aringazina A.M.

In April 2004, the KMU "KSPH" was elected an academic and institutional member of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education – IUHPE, headquartered in Paris. The interests of the KMU "KSPH" in IUHPE are represented by the Head of the Department of Public Health and Social Sciences, Doctor of Medical Sciences Aringazina A.M., who became a member of the IUHPE Board of Trustees by a global vote.

The mission of the international organization IUHPE is to promote health and well-being around the world and to promote health equity between and within the countries of the world.

IUHPE aims to achieve the following goals:

* Greater equity in public health between and within the countries of the world;

- * Effective alliances and partnerships to achieve optimal health promotion outcomes;
- * Publicly available evidence-based knowledge and practical experience in health promotion;
- * Excellence in policy and practice for effective, high-quality health promotion;
- * high level of capacity of individuals, organizations and countries to conduct health promotion activities.

To achieve its goals, IUHPE has the following objectives::

- * Increased investment in health promotion by Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and the private sector;
- * Expanding institutional, governmental, and intergovernmental policies and practices that lead to greater health equity between and within countries;
- * Improving the policies and practices of Governments at all levels, organizations and sectors that affect the determinants of public health;
- * Strong alliances and partnerships between all sectors based on agreed ethical principles, mutual understanding and respect;
- * Activities that promote the development, translation and exchange of knowledge and practices that promote health;
- * Wide dissemination of knowledge among health promotion professionals, as well as among politicians, government officials, and other key individuals and organizations;
- * A strong and accessible knowledge base for effective and high-quality health promotion;
- * Improved mechanisms for sharing ideas, experiences and knowledge that promote health and well-being;
- * Global forum for mutual support and professional growth of members;

The main mission of IUHPE is to justify the need for effective health promotion, as well as the development and implementation of healthy public policies. Our goal is to influence and promote the development and implementation of health promotion knowledge, strategies and projects. Advocacy is one of IUHPE's central strategies for fulfilling its mission, and as such, it has potentially great opportunities to work with.

In March 2013, the KMMU "KSPH" became a member of the European Organization for Doctoral Research in Biomedicine and Health-ORPHEUS . The interests of the HSE in this organization are represented by the Head of the Department of Public Health and Social Sciences, Doctor of Medical Sciences Aringazina A.M.

The goals of the ORPHEUS organization:

- * Actively support ORPHEUS members to increase their contribution to medicine and society at large;
- * Exchange of information between members of the ORPHEUS Society and all doctors of science in Europe;
- * Familiarization with higher education programs and research in the field of biomedicine and health, and ways to influence legislation at the national, European and international levels;
- * Promote cooperation among the Members of the Organization and develop an effective bilateral and multilateral network of cooperation;

- * Development of international cooperation and development of doctoral research
- * Harmonization of doctoral research in biomedicine and healthcare
- * Support for academic mobility of doctoral candidates and professors in Europe
- * Support quality research and education in the field of PhD, and in particular, the development of the accreditation process for doctoral research in the field of biomedicine and healthcare

From 2009 to 2015, the Department of Public Health worked on the Academic Fellowship Program (AFP) project with the Open Society Institute of the Soros Foundation (OSI) to provide financial and technical support to KMU "KSPH" teachers who completed their Master's degree abroad. During this period, sponsorship was provided for participation in foreign conferences and seminars and visits of foreign partners to conduct master classes at the Higher School of Economics. Project coordinators: John Allegrante, Professor at Columbia University, USA, and Aringazina A.M., Head of the Department of Public Health, MD.

From July 23 to August 2, 2013, a field seminar was organized in GSM Barcelona on the specialty "Health Management": New technologies in medicine and pharmacy. On April 30, 2013, the KMU "KSPH" and the Graduate School of Management in Barcelona (Spain) signed an agreement on cooperation between universities in the field of education and research, including the mobility of students and teachers, the planning and implementation of academic programs, participation in international events and cooperation in research projects.

The seminar was attended by 30 health managers and management teachers. Responsible from the KMU "KSPH" were: Head of the Department of Management and Economics of Health Care " - Stepkina E. L. and Head of the Department of Strategic Planning-Utepbergenova Zh. M. December 27, 2015-in order to strengthen cooperation in the field of medicine, an agreement was signed with the Department of Orthopedic Surgery of St. Louis University, USA, Missouri

December 28, 2015-agreement with the International Medical Center CarmelMC, Israel, Haifa

December 28, 2015-with the aim of developing international cooperation in the field of science and education, a memorandum was signed with the University of Klaipeda, Republic of Lithuania, Klaipeda

December 30, 2015-Memorandum signed - Bocconi School of Management, Milan, Italy

February 29, 2016-Agreement - Gyeongbuk University Hospital, South Korea, Daegu

February 29, 2016-Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Finland, Lahti

April 11, 2016-Jamkfinland University of Applied Sciences, Jyväskylä

October 10, 2016-Public Health Foundation of India India, Gurgaon

June 20, 2017-Tashkent Institute of Advanced Medical Training Uzbekistan, Tashkent

May 15, 2017-Tajik National University of Tajikistan, Dushanbe

June 15, 2017 - State Institution "Republican Educational and Clinical Center of Family Medicine" Tajikistan, Dushanbe

November 15, 2017-Abuali Ibni Sino Tajik State Medical University Tajikistan, Dushanbe

- In September 2017, the University signed a cooperation agreement with the State Cancer Institute of Budapest, Hungary

* July 23, 2018-A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the International Medical University of Malaysia together with the International Medical College of Malaysia and the Kazakh National Medical University named after S. D. Asfendiyarov, Kazakhstan Medical University "KSPH "LLP and the "Training and Clinical Center" LLP in Astana

October 12, 2018-signed an agreement with the Association for International Cooperation "One Belt,One Road", Shenzhen, China

April 29, 2019-in order to strengthen cooperation in the field of medicine, a Memorandum was signed with the organization "International Higher School of Medicine" in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

April 29, 2019-KMU KSPH signed an agreement with the State Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education "Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University", Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

May 3, 2019-an agreement was signed with the Kyrgyz State Medical Academy named after I. K. Akhunbayev, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

May 27, 2019-in order to develop international cooperation in the field of science and education, an agreement was signed with Shenzhen University (SZU), Shenzhen, China, which is a strategic partner of KMU "KSPH"

For 24 years since its foundation, the Graduate School of Public Health has been working closely with the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization

Professor, MD, M. K. Kulzhanov was elected a member of the WHO Executive Committee in 2000-2004, in 2012-2016.

Head of the Department of Public Health and Social Sciences, Dr. Aringazina A.M. at the invitation of the Director-General of WHO, Margaret Chan was elected a member of the WHO Advisory Expert Commission on Health Promotion from 2009 to 2013. Participated in the development of WHO policy documents on health policy and health promotion

KMU "KSPH" regularly participates in research projects of the World Health Organization