

## Education and Training

Besides the four Schools of Specialisation in Health Psychology (Rome, Bologna, Turin, Padua), the University of Naples offers a PhD programme in Psychological and pedagogical Sciences, with a curriculum in "Health Psychology and prevention of individual and social risk".

An International Summer School on "Qualitative methods in health and well being research" has been organised by the University of Bologna (19-23 July 2010).

## IX National congress of the Italian Health Psychology Society

In September 2010 the biennial national Congress took place in Bergamo ("Health psychology between research and intervention in social and health services, community, workplace and school").

Other initiatives of national interest for health psychology organised in 2011:

- The Department of Education Sciences of the University of Bologna organised a one-day conference on "Perception and communication of health risks arising from environmental threats" (April 8th). The conference represented the dissemination of the results of a biennial project funded by the Italian Ministry of Health (Prof. Bruna Zani), investigating risk perception and communication with reference to different types of risk, including depleted uranium, H1N1 and seasonal influenza, genetically modified food), and hosted also contributions from the National Institute of Health and other researchers. Keynote speakers were Britta Renner and Ragnar Loefsted (Kings' College London)
- A biennial initiative organised by the University of Padua is the congress on "Prevention in school and community" (June 2011). Keynote speakers included Richard Wilkinson and David Hawkins.
- The University of Naples, within their PhD activities, organised local initiatives on narrative and discursive perspectives.
- In October 2011 a national workshop will be organised by the Italian Health Psychology Society on "Health promotion in social contexts, in primary care and disability"