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To the participants in the EADPH-meeting Tromsø September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009.

I am proud and flattered that so many of you have expressed appreciation of my talk – and even want to have a copy of my manuscript. I don't have a manuscript – only notes. Even as I understand and respect your request, I have decided to not prepare a manuscript to be distributed.

My contribution was a point of view: In our privileged society, modern medicine, based on diagnosis and treatment of diseases have reached an impressive level. On the other hand millions of people suffer in situations and personal conditions that do not have a diagnosis, depressions, general pain, discomfort, malfunctions. This is related to the concepts of disease and health. Health – in my view - is not the absence of disease, it is a much wider concept, related to the biology (physical as well as social) of humans, as well as to pathology. My slogan is that disease is a matter of medicine, health is a matter of anthropology. I hope that some of you will consider that in your daily practical work. Good luck! – and thanks again for your interest and appreciation.

Best regards from  
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