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International Health Promoting Universities & Colleges Steering Group Announces New Translations of the Okanagan Charter in Four Languages

The International Health Promoting Universities & Colleges Steering Group is pleased to announce the availability of four new translations of the *Okanagan Charter for Health Promoting Universities & Colleges* in Bulgarian, French, German, and Spanish.

The Okanagan Charter is a framework that calls on higher education institutions to embed health and wellbeing into all aspects of campus culture, operations, and academic mandates. The Charter was first developed in 2015 at the International Conference hosted in Kelowna, BC, Canada on the Okanagan Campus of the University of British Columbia. It has since gained global recognition as a leading guide for higher education.

The translations are hosted in the UBC Library's digital Open Collection alongside other proceedings for the *International Conference on Health Promoting Universities & Colleges (7th, 2015)*: <https://open.library.ubc.ca/cIRcle/collections/53926>.

Five language translations of the Okanagan Charter are now available for download:

- English: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/54938>
- Bulgarian | български: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/84154>
- French | Français: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/84503>
- German | Deutsch: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/84125>
- Spanish | Español: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/84126>

We encourage everyone to post these permanent links on their websites and when sharing broadly to ensure perpetuity, capture download statistics, and increase the visibility of other Okanagan Charter translations and conference materials.

With the launch of these new translations, the Okanagan Charter is now accessible to millions of people who speak German, Spanish, French, and Bulgarian. This is an important milestone in our efforts to increase the adoption of the Charter in higher education around the world.

"We are excited to see the Okanagan Charter expand its reach and impact globally," said Matt Dolf, Co-Chair of the International Health Promoting Universities & Colleges Steering Group. "By making the Charter available in different languages, we hope to empower more institutions and individuals to take action towards creating healthier and more sustainable campuses."

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We encourage higher education institutions, students, faculty, and staff to use the Charter as a guide to promote health and wellbeing on their campuses.

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