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PREFACE

This is the third time that the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) is pleased to present you with an annual report. This annual report gives more detailed information on our activities for 2002 and provides an outlook on the planned activities for 2003 onwards.

The year 2002 was the 10th anniversary of EUPHA and this was accompanied by a number of extra activities, the most important being the adoption of a new future strategy for EUPHA and the setting up of a new, interactive, EUPHA website: WWW.EUPHA.ORG.

We hope that this annual report provides you with more insight on our activities. Should you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our EUPHA office.

Viviane van Casteren, EUPHA president 2002

EUPHA 2002: ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 10th annual conference was held in Dresden, Germany from 28 to 30 November 2002. The main theme of the conference was "Bridging the gap between research and policy in public health: Information, promotion and training". The international scientific committee of EUPHA received 407 abstracts from 32 countries: 308 abstracts for oral or poster presentation and 99 abstracts referring to 22 workshops. The large number of contributions showed a growing interest for EUPHA conferences. The Scientific Committee judged all these abstracts and this resulted in the selection of 110 oral presentations, 19 workshops and 150 posters.

The 10th EUPHA conference showed a number of innovations. For the first time, there were two sorts of abstracts: research abstracts and abstracts on practice, health information systems or health reform, thereby stimulating more practice-related presentations. Furthermore, all accepted abstracts were published as a supplement to the European Journal of Public Health. For the first time, poster discussions with chairpersons were organised, allowing each poster presenter to discuss his/her poster. The training side of EUPHA was further developed by a first skills-building workshop on how to write a scientific article.

Like in previous years, EUPHA is very pleased that the Open Society Institute of the SOROS foundation funded 41 presenting authors from central and Eastern Europe. The Saxony Research Ministry also encouraged participation from central and Eastern Europe by awarding an additional grant to the local organisers.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of EUPHA, a special plenary session was devoted to different aspects of EUPHA: the beginning, the future, the development of conferences and the European Journal of Public Health. A large number of our members accepted the invitation to present themselves in the form of a poster at the conference. The activities of the EUPHA sections were also presented with posters.

The EUPHA poster prize was awarded for the third time: this time to Pina Frazzica, Italy, for "A bottom-up approach to build quality systems in Sicilian hospitals". The best abstract prize went to Paul Aylin, United Kingdom, and his colleagues, for their abstract "EUROHEIS (European Health and Environmental Information System) – applications and case studies". Both prizes consist of a waiver of conference fees for the year after.

EUPHA 2002: THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In 2001, the journal impact factor was 1,152. In the 2001 journal citation reports science edition, the EJPH is ranked 49th (according to impact factor). In the journal citation reports social sciences edition, the EJPH is ranked 12th! The proactive editorials were continued and are becoming a trademark of our journal.

The number of institutional subscribers showed a minor decline of 2.9%. This is in line with current trends for established journals' print circulation. Online usage of the journal increased significantly in 2002, compared with 2001 (about 9000 full-text downloads in 2002 compared with around 3000 in 2001).

To celebrate EUPHA's 10th anniversary, the past-presidents and two future presidents were invited to write special columns.

EUPHA 2002: ACTIVITIES OF THE EUPHA SECTIONS

The information below is a summary of the activities of our sections. More detailed information can be found on the EUPHA website: www.eupha.org/sections

Section on health promotion

Presidents: Heiko Waller and Alf Trojan

The section on health promotion organised a workshop at the Dresden conference on progress and problems of health promotion in central and Eastern Europe. The section presidents continued to be the representative for EUPHA at the International Union for Health promotion and education (IUHPE).

Section on public health practice and policy

Presidents: Mark McCarthy

The section on public health practice and policy, in the person of its president, has been very active in keeping a EUPHA profile towards DG Sanco of the European Commission. The section was invited to represent EUPHA at two meetings of the European Commission's Health Forum. Discussions included the new 6th Framework Research Programme and health issues of enlargement. An expression of interest was made to the Commission's DG Research on behalf of EUPHA for a network of excellence for public health research and practice.

Section on epidemiology

President: Klim McPherson

The section on epidemiology has not been very active in 2002, due to a work-overload of its president. There are several actions planned to revive this section next year.

Section on health services research

President: Diana Delnoij

The section on health services research organized a workshop at the Dresden conference on "Population health" in Bismarck systems: how to shift the focus from a healthy workforce to a healthy population. The workshop was organized in close co-operation with the European Observatory on Health Care Systems. The results presented at the workshop will be published by the Observatory in a book on Social health insurance in Western Europe (www.euro.who.int/observatory/Studies/20020522_14). The president of the section attended the annual conference of the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy (June 23-25 2002, Washington DC). Preparation of the workshop at the 2003 Rome conference has been taken up. The president of the section has had a meeting with professor Guus Schrijvers, the editor of the International Journal of Integrated Care (<http://www.ijic.com>), who is willing to co-operate with the section in organising next years' workshop. The journal offers the opportunity to promote the workshop and to submit the presented papers for publication.

Section on social security and health

President: Kristina Alexanderson

The section on social security and health organised a workshop at the Dresden conference on research on sickness absence in different countries. This workshop was followed by the section's annual meeting to discuss the plans for 2003. The number of interested persons included in the mailing list keeps increasing leading to more international contacts regarding this type of

research.

Section youth

President: Auke Wiegersma

The Section Youth organised a workshop at the Dresden conference. This was the first time, since the section was created in 2001. At the workshop new projects to be jointly undertaken by members of the section Youth were discussed. The results of this discussion and an invitation to other members of EUPHA to participate in the projects will be published on the website of the EUPHA under Section Youth. The president of the section was invited to a meeting in Denmark to prepare for the December 'Conference on reducing social inequalities in health among children and young people', which is organised for the European Commission under the Danish presidency. At the actual conference in December he took part in a workshop discussing ways to effectively reduce social inequalities in health among children in the future. During this and other European meetings contacts were made with representatives of various other organisations active in the field of public health for children and adolescents. These contacts will in due course result in more frequent and systematic co-operation in the field of public health for children and adolescents. The president has also met with other NGOs working in Europe (European Public Health Alliance and INCHES International network on children's health, environment and safety) to discuss ways to co-operate with them.

Section food and nutrition

President: Sirpa Sarlio-Lähteenkorva

This section was established last year and has taken up its activities this year. At the Dresden conference, the first annual meeting was organised to decide on priority areas and plans for 2003.

EUPHA 2002: OTHER ACTIVITIES

EUPHA is very pleased to welcome our new members: Dr Olga Poyiadji-Kalakouta from Cyprus (individual member for three years), Prof. John Kyriopoulos and Prof. Jeffrey Levett from Greece (both individual members for 3 years), Ass. Prof. Ljiljana Denic from Serbia (individual member for 3 years) and the German Association of Public Health.

2002 was a very active and innovative year, where we focused on three groups of activities:

1. Improvement of the EUPHA structure and presentation.

The EUPHA working group on the future of EUPHA formulated a new strategy to improve EUPHA's role as the bridge between research, policy and practice in public health in Europe. The future mission of EUPHA is to be the proactive platform for public health professionals in research and practice and be a bridge between these professionals and policymakers. EUPHA should expand its tools and activities to achieve this new mission and become a more visible partner for public health in Europe.

A change to make the European Journal of Public Health more professional and scientific was re-discussed in the Governing Council. As this change will affect EUPHA membership, a small working group was established to formulate a detailed proposal for next year.

The new EUPHA website greatly improved our visibility and possibilities to interact with both our national members and their individual members. In the first two months of existence (September and October), the website was "hit" more than 80'000 times. The database was expanded and online registration is now possible through our website.

2. Continuous expansion of the networking possibilities of EUPHA conferences.

Since several years, the EUPHA conference organisation and content has slowly expanded. Last year, a conference scenario was set up to assist local organisers in organising EUPHA conference. This year, more improvements were developed, among which: the idea of including a training aspect at EUPHA conferences was put into practice in Dresden with our first skills-building

workshop. This practice will be continued in the coming years. A new conference lay-out was set up, giving more time to parallel sessions and workshops and more ample discussion time for the EUPHA governing council. Finally steps were implemented to include public health practice more in the conferences.

3. EUPHA has worked/is working on several projects.

The project on the future of public health in Europe is set up as five consecutive workshops, the first being held in Dresden, the last in Rome to gather researchers, policymakers and practitioners to talk about future public health problems and strategies to tackle these in Europe. The aim is to set up a short, concise report summarising the outcome of the workshops.

Together with the Open Society Institute (OSI) of the SOROS foundation, EUPHA started a project for the support of public health associations as key links between government, the scientific community and the population in central and Eastern Europe (CEE). In September, we sent out a call for applications to which 19 CEE countries reacted. We invited 12 of these countries to attend the Dresden conference to receive more detailed information on the project and to find a twinning partner amongst our members. OSI generously supported the 38 public health experts who participated in this part of the project. A final project application form was sent to the 12 countries in December. In 2003, four of these applicant countries will be selected for funding. The start of the practical implementation in these four countries is planned for May 2003.

EUPHA is also working with the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) to further the setting up of an independent accreditation agency for public health training programmes in Europe. Next year, a workshop with experts from ASPHER, EUPHA and the World Health Organisation will be organised in the Spring to elaborate the criteria for accreditation.

EUPHA 2002: NETWORKING

- ASPHER: Association of schools of public health in the European region. As already stated above, ASPHER and EUPHA are developing the accreditation project together. The exchange of information between both associations on all other activities is going smoothly, which was confirmed by a meeting between both presidents and executive directors in May 2002 and by the fact that both associations visited each other's conferences.
- WFPHA World Federation of Public Health Associations. EUPHA actively attended their annual meeting in May and the pre-meeting workshop on HIV/AIDS. In 2004, the WFPHA is organising its tri-annual congress in Brighton, UK (April) and EUPHA is actively collaborating in the international organising committee.
- IUHPE: International Union of Health Promotion and Education. EUPHA has had several contacts with IUHPE and both associations favour a closer collaboration. Plans to organise this are being discussed at the moment.
- European Union: EUPHA has had extensive contacts with the Directorate General of Public Health of the European Commission. This DG has already attended and sponsored a number of EUPHA conferences and we are happy that they are interested in using the EUPHA tools (both conference and journal) to present their work in the field of public health. A delegation of EUPHA also attended the conference of DG research to launch the 6th framework on research in the European Union.
- WHO/HQ: World Health Organisation/Headquarter. We had a meeting with representatives from WHO/HQ in May to discuss possibilities of working together more closely. A number of ideas were discussed and EUPHA is pursuing this issue. At the welcome reception of the World Health Assembly, the EUPHA president shortly met Director Brundtland to present EUPHA and its activities to her.

WHO/EURO: World Health Organisation/ Regional Office for Europe. Members of EUPHA's Executive Council met with the Regional director, Marc Danzon, in October in Copenhagen. Several initiatives to collaborate more closely together have been discussed and will be implemented as of next year. Collaboration includes a WHO/EURO column in the EJPH.

EUPHA 2002: FINANCES

The financial situation of EUPHA has slightly improved in the period 2001-2002. EUPHA's income comes from membership fees, the profit share of the EJPH, the annual conferences, some projects and sponsors and the Dutch Ministry of Health, which has agreed to sponsor the position of EUPHA manager again in the years 2003-2004. We thank this sponsorship that allows EUPHA not to run into losses. EUPHA's main expenses are the costs to run the EUPHA office, projects and the EJPH. At the moment, EUPHA is only self-sufficient for 70% of its budget. This is not enough and solutions will have to be elaborated.

EUPHA 2002: SPONSORS

Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport in the Netherlands (EUPHA office)
SOROS foundation/Open Society Institute (projects and CEE participation)
Merck, Sharpe and Dome (website and general sponsor)
Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL) (EUPHA office)
Karlstad University (EJPH editorial office)
Swedish Research Council (EJPH editorial office)

EUPHA 2003 ONWARDS: CONFERENCES

The 2003 EUPHA conference will be held in Rome, Italy, from 20 to 22 November. The main theme is "Globalisation and health in Europe: harmonising public health practices", which will help EUPHA to develop the ties with public health practitioners even more. Three sub-themes are proposed: public health actions to tackle consequences on health of man-made disasters; food safety in Europe; and globalisation and health services management. The first announcement was distributed at the meeting, to our members and can be downloaded from our website.

The 2004 conference will be held from 7 to 9 October 2004 in Oslo, Norway. The main theme of the conference is Urbanisation and health: new challenges in health promotion and prevention. The first announcement for this 2004 conference will be available as of June 2003.

The 2005 EUPHA conference will be held in Graz, Austria with a pre-conference meeting in Maribor, Slovenia and a post-conference meeting in Zagreb, Croatia. For the first time in EUPHA history, the conference will be co-organised by three of our members: the Austrian Society for Health and Public Health, the Croatia Public Health Association and the Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society.

The 2006 annual conference will be held in Switzerland, organised by the Swiss Society for Public Health.

The EUPHA conferences are based on a rotation schedule (South, North, East, West) and EUPHA plans to follow the schedule listed below:

- 2007 Southern Europe
- 2008 Northern Europe
- 2009 Eastern Europe
- 2010 Western Europe

For EUPHA members interested in organising an annual EUPHA conference, the EUPHA office has set up a conference scenario, containing planning, finances and other organisational information on how to apply for and organise an EUPHA conference. This conference scenario is regularly updated and can be found on the "Governing Council only" part of our website.

EUPHA 2003 ONWARDS: PLANNED ACTIVITIES

For 2003, EUPHA is planning the following activities:

We will continue our efforts in active membership hunting. Our objective is to become *THE* platform for all national public health associations as well as individual public health experts in Europe. There are still a number of countries whose public health associations are not yet a member of EUPHA.

We will further develop our project-based activities:

- The project on the future of public health in Europe will be continued by organising four workshops throughout the year 2003. The first is planned on 10 May in Utrecht, the Netherlands, the second on 15 June in Bergen, Norway, the third on 19 September in Brussels, Belgium. The last workshop will be organised during the EUPHA conference in Rome.
- The project to further develop and encourage public health associations in CEE countries will enter its practical stage in 2003. Of the 12 countries present at the Dresden conference, four will be selected for funding in 2003. This project is a collaboration between EUPHA, some of our members (who will be the twinning partners of the selected countries) and the Open Society Institute of the SOROS foundation.
- The project to improve information and knowledge for the development of public health is based on the new mission of EUPHA to become the proactive bridge between research, policy and practice. With this project, we would like to strengthen and expand the tools of our network and use these to improve information and knowledge for the development of public health in Europe. This project will be submitted for funding to the European Commission on their call for proposals 2003 programme of community action in the field of public health (2003-2008).
- The project on public health consequences of man-made disasters is set up as a series of three workshops. The first workshop will be organised at the Rome conference, the second at the tri-annual congress of the World Federation of Public Health Associations and the last at the Oslo EUPHA conference. The planned outcome is a EUPHA report with articles of the presentations given at these workshops and a summary of the discussions.

EUPHA 2003 ONWARDS: FINANCES

We will continue to work on a further consolidation of the EUPHA finances. Progress was made, but we are still heavily dependant on external funding and are not yet able to develop all the planned activities. At the moment, EUPHA is only self-sufficient for 70% of its budget. This is not enough and solutions will have to be elaborated. These solutions will have to be aimed at increasing the income side, as it is difficult – for the time being – to decrease the expenses side. This suggests to maintain and intensify the sponsorship enhancement effort started this year with the homepage setting up and to encourage self-financing of new projects.

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Number of EUPHA members:

1 (individual member)

National Association of Hygienists of Albania

Name of the association:

Shoqata Kombetare e Higjenisteve te Shqiperise

Number of members:

There are 600 members in 20 branches in different districts of Albania for example: Tirana, Durres, Vlore, Berat, Fier, Lushnje, Shkoder, Gjirokaster, Lezhe, Lac, Sarande, Permet, Peshkopi, Korce, etc.

Number of EUPHA members:

1

Existing working groups, sections, etc:

1. Working group for study of urban pollution in public health.
2. Working group for sensibilisation of the young generation about sexual diseases, alcohol, smoking and drugs.
3. Working groups for study of children's environmental health from air pollution, asthma, lead poisoning, hydrocarbures, pesticides, toxic pollution from industries and water quality.
4. Working group for study on the morbidity of women who work at the chemical industries and the measures to improve their health and ability to work.

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Austrian Society for Health & Public Health

Name of the association:

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Gesundheitswissenschaften & Public Health

Website:

www.oeph.st

Number of members:

160

Number of EUPHA members:

160

Activities in 2002:

Our 6th Annual national Congress was organised in Linz.

Publications in 2002:

- ❖ Public Health Newsletter, 4 times a year, ISSN 1 682-5411
- ❖ 6th National Congress Proceedings: Oskar Meggeneder und Horst Noack (Hrsg.): Reform des Gesundheitssystems: Wer profitiert Wer verliert? Institut für Gesellschafts- und Sozialpolitik, Linz 2002, 280 pages. ISBN 3-900581-36

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

There are regional meetings for Southern Austria.

Outlook for 2003:

Our national congress 2003 will be held in Linz on 20-21 March 2003. The theme of the congress is: Health care: how to avoid and manage mistakes in health care (Unter- Über- und Fehlversorgung – Vermeidung und Management von Fehlern im Gesundheitswesen).

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Belgian Association of Public Health

Name of the Association:

Belgische Vereniging van Volksgezondheid

Number of members

150

Number of EUPHA members

150

Activities in 2002

We have co-organised a national symposium on psychosocial work, environment and health.

Publications in 2002

Two-monthly journal "Archives of Public Health".

Outlook for 2003

We are in the process of electing a new governing Board (president, 2 vice presidents, treasurer and secretariat).

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Society of Social Medicine – Public Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Number of members:

45

Number of EUPHA members:

20

Activities in 2002:

We organised a meeting "Public health days of social Medicine".

Publications in 2002:

Materia Socio Medica , issue 1 and 2 for 2002.

Outlook for 2003:

We are planning to organise a second compass of public health in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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Croatian Public Health Association

Number of EUPHA members:

40

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Number of EUPHA members:

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Czech Society of Public Health and Management of Health Services

Name of the association:

Spolecnost socialniho lekarstvi a rizeni pece o zdravi

Website:

<http://www.cls.cz/spoweb/CLS43.htm>

Number of EUPHA members:

30

Activities in 2002:

We organised seminars every month on a variety of subjects, including education in public health, health policy, health statistics, measurement of health, hospital administration, health care financing, quality management, health legislation, health 21.

Publications in 2002:

"Zdravotnictvi v Ceske republice" (Health care system in the Czech Republic), published four times a year.

Existing working groups, sections, etc:

- Section of health statistics
- Section of health services management

Outlook for 2003:

We will continue the seminars on a monthly basis. Planned subjects: education in public health, health policy, health statistics, measurement of health, hospital administration, health care financing, quality management, health legislation, health 21.

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Danish Society of Public Health

Name of the association:

Dansk Selskab for Samfundsmedicin (DSSAM)

Website:

www.dssam.suite.dk

Number of members:

437

Number of EUPHA members:

437

Activities in 2002:

The Hindsøgl Conference, our national meeting on public health, was organised by the society as were meetings arranged in collaboration with the national sections of the society.

The public health medicine continuous training working group has developed new aims for the education in public health medicine.

Publications in 2002:

"NYS" Nyt fra Samfundsmedicin (News in Public Health Medicine), published 4 times per year.

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

- Master of Public Health Section
- The younger public health medicine specialist section
- The public health medicine specialist training working group
- The public health medicine continuous training working group
- The Environmental Medicine working group

Outlook for 2003:

Public health meetings will be arranged in collaboration with other societies and fractions.

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Society for Social Medicine in Finland

Name of the association:

Sosiaalilääketieteen yhdistys ry.

Website:

<http://pro.tsv.fi/sly>

Number of members:

705

Number of EUPHA members:

60

Activities in 2002:

- Symposium on behavioural medicine (May)
- Workshop of medical sociology on the annual meeting of Westermarck Society (March)
- Symposium of medical sociology (April)
- 7th International Congress of Behavioural Medicine August 28-31, 2002, Helsinki, Finland (the association is one of the organisers of the congress)
- Symposium of health care research (October)

Publications in 2002:

-Journal "Sosiaalilääketieteellinen aikakauslehti" 4 issues yearly

Existing working groups etc:

- Section on food and nutrition research
- Section on behavioural medicine
- Section on medical sociology
- Section on health care research
- Section on drug utilisation research

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French Society of Public Health

Name of the Association:

Société Française de Santé Publique

Website:

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Number of EUPHA members:

150

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German Society of Social Medicine and Prevention

Name of the Association:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozialmedizin und Prävention e.V.

Website:

www.dgsmp.de

Number of EUPHA members:

490

Activities in 2002:

The annual general meeting for 2002 took place in Halle in September on "Health – Risk and Resources".

Publications in 2002:

"Das Gesundheitswesen" (www.thieme-connect.de)

Outlook for 2003:

The annual general meeting 2003 will be organised in September in Greifswald on "Population based Health Research and Health Promotion". For more information: www.medizin.uni-greifswald.de/epidem/

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German Society of Medical Sociology

Name of the association:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Soziologie e.V. (DGMS)

Website:

www.medsoz.uni-freiburg.de/dgms

Number of EUPHA members:

150

Activities in 2002:

Together with the German Society for Social Medicine and Prevention, we organised the congress 'Health – Risks and Resources' from 25.-28. September 2002 in Halle.

A new catalogue of topics for the reform of the curriculum in Medical Sociology and Medical Psychology in medical education has been developed with support of members of the DGMS.

The DGMS also actively supported and contributed to the 2002 meeting of EUPHA at Dresden (Germany).

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

- women and health
- teaching medical sociology

Outlook for 2003:

We will actively participate in the conference "Psychosocial care" from 28 to 30 September in Hamburg.

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Hungarian Society for Public Health

Number of EUPHA members:

65

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Icelandic Public Health Association

Number of EUPHA members:

130

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Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health

Name of the association:

Società Italiana di Igiene Medicina Preventiva e Sanità Pubblica (Siti)

Website:

www.sitinazionale.it

Number of members:

1500

Number of EUPHA members:

300

Activities in 2002:

In September, the National Congress of the Society of Hygiene Preventive Medicine and Public Health was organised in Cernobbio.

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

1. Molecular Biology in Public Health
2. Epidemiology
3. International Relationships
4. Food hygiene and nutrition
5. Work hygiene
6. Environmental hygiene
7. Hospital hygiene
8. Health services management

9. Dental hygiene
10. Quality accreditation and certification
11. History of Public Health
12. Vaccination

Outlook for 2003:

We will organise the EUPHA annual conference in Rome.

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Macedonian Medical Association

Website:

www.mld.org.mk

Number of members:

50

Number of EUPHA members:

50

Activities in 2002:

- ❖ Organisation of the II Congress of Preventive Medicine of Macedonia (with international participation), Ohrid, 2 – 6 October 2002.
- ❖ Workshop on the introduction in scientific work
- ❖ Participation in the process of public health reforms
- ❖ Presentations on different topics from our work.
- ❖ Tobacco prevention activities.

Existing working groups/sections, etc.

Working group on health promotion and tobacco prevention

Outlook for 2003:

Election of a new Executive Board

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Malta Association of Public Health Medicine

Number of EUPHA members:

25

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Number of EUPHA members:

1 (individual member)

Dutch Federation of Public Health

Name of the Association:

Nederlandse Public Health Federatie

Website:

www.nphf.nl

Number of members:

1000

Number of EUPHA members:

1000

Activities/publications in 2002:

Press release: Changes on Dutch Tobacco Law (April 2002)

Press release: NPHF is worried about Dutch health development (May 2002)

Press release: NPHF is worried about developments within Ministry of Health (June 2002)

Press release: NPHF reaction on concept government settlement (June 2002)

NPHF contribution to 2nd prevention programme (June 2002)

Existing working groups/sections, etc.

Working group planning professional forces

Outlook for 2003:

There will be new elections in the Netherlands.

We are organising an invitational conference on strengthening public health in the Netherlands.

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Norwegian Society of Public Health

Name of the association:

Norsk Forening for Samfunnshelse (NFSH)

Website:

<http://www.helsenett.no/nfsh>

Number of members:

180

Number of EUPHA members:

180

Publications in 2002:

We publish the quarterly journal entitled "Scandinavian Journal of Public Health"

(<http://www.tandf.no/sjpublic/>)

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

- International section
- EUPHA Conference Oslo 2004 section

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Polish Association of Public Health

Name of the Association:

Polskie Towarzystwo Zdrowia Publicznego – Polish Public Health Association (PPHA)

Number of members:

The association has 247 members divided into six regional branches:

- Lodz - Lodz Region
- Warszawa – Mazowiecki Region
- Krakow – Malopolski Region
- Wloclawek – Kujawsko-Pomorski Region
- Wrocław – Dolnośląski Region
- Busko-Zdroj – Poniemie Subregion

Number of EUPHA members:

20

Activities in 2002:

1. Mazowsze Region branch organised on 6th May a Conference on Main Issues in Public Health in Mazowsze Region
2. Lodz Region branch organised (together with Mayor of Lodz and Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine) on 16-17th May Conference “Healthy Enterprises in Healthy City”. In the Conference took part, among others, representatives of WHO Regional Office and European Commission.
3. Kujawsko-Pomorski Region branch organised on 18th June Conference on Ethical Norms in Public Health
4. Lodz Region branch organised on 15-16th November Second National Conference on Public Health – Current Challenges in Transforming Europe

Publications in 2002:

14 papers from the First National Conference on Public Health – Current Challenges in Transforming Europe – Zdrowie Publiczne (Public Health), vol. 111, nr 5-6, 2001, pp. 364-425

Outlook for 2003:

1. Creation of the working group consisting from the representatives of PPHA and schools of public health aiming the elaboration of a coherent public health training and employment system for the professionals of different public health positions and backgrounds.
2. National conference – “Health Zones in Poland – Present Status and Future Perspectives”

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Portuguese Association for Public Health Promotion

Name of the association:

Associação Portuguesa para a Promoção da Saúde Pública (APPSP)

Number of members:

250

Number of EUPHA members:

250

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Russian Public Health Association

Website:

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Number of EUPHA members:

25

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Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society

Number of EUPHA members

100

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Spanish Society of Public Health

Name of the Association:

Sociedad Española de Salud Pública y Administración Sanitaria (SESPAS)

Website

www.sespas.es

Number of members

3760

Number of EUPHA members

2550

Publications in 2002

“La Salud y el sistema sanitario en España”

Existing working groups/sections, etc.

SESPAS includes both direct members and members of affiliated organisations. There are 8 societies, either concentrating on a specific topic or a given region:

- society of epidemiology (SEE)
- society of health economics (AES)
- society of health law (JS)
- society of graduates of the EASP (Hypatia)
- society of members of the primary care network (REASP)
- society of health administrators in Madrid (AMAS)
- society of public health professionals in Catalonia and the Balearic Island (SoSP)
- society of public health professionals in the Canary Islands
- society of Psychiatric epidemiology (SEEP)
- society of environmental health (SESA).

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Swedish Association of Social Medicine

Name of the Association:

Svensk Socialmedicinsk Förening

Website

www.svls.se/sektioner/ssmf

Number of members:

253

Number of EUPHA members:

253

Activities in 2002

The association organised:

- a national scientific meeting on Social security in Gothenburg, 10-11 April
- a national scientific meeting on social capital and health in Malmö, 24-25 October
- a national meeting for teachers in social medicine
- Two meetings for PhD students in social medicine
- A one week national post doc course on equity in health care in Stockholm
- A national PhD course for PhD students in social medicine in Gothenburg
- Six board meetings
- A workshop on sickness absence research for the EUPHA annual conference
- Comments on different governmental proposals and reports.

Publications in 2002

Four different newsletters (together with the EJPH) were distributed to our members

We are also engaged in the board of the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health and the Swedish journal Socialmedicinsk Tidskrift.

Existing working groups/sections, etc.

- A working group regarding social medicine in the medical training programme
- EUPHA section on social security and health

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Swiss Society for Public Health

Name of the association:

Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Prävention und Gesundheitswesen (SGPG)

Société Suisse de santé publique (SSSP)

Website:

www.spgg.ch

Number of members:

650

Number of EUPHA members:

650

Activities in 2002:

We organised two scientific conferences (25-27 April 2002 and 5-7 September 2002)

Publications in 2002:

Social and preventive medicine (6 issues per year), which includes English summaries

Existing working groups/sections:

- section on epidemiology
- section on nutrition
- section on health promotion
- section on postdoctoral training
- section on the journal (social and preventive medicine)
- section on international relations
- section on medical specialties
- expert group on health politics
- expert group on the prevention of diabetes
- section on school medicine
- section on environment and health
- section on the Swiss study on childhood allergy and respiratory symptoms with respect to air pollution.

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UK Society of Social Medicine

Website:

<http://www.socsocmed.org.uk/>

Number of members:

1,500

Number of EUPHA members:

1350

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200

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