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1. PREFACE

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) is the umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. EUPHA was founded in 1992 by 15 members (12 countries). EUPHA is an international, multidisciplinary, scientific organisation, bringing together around 14'000 public health experts for professional exchange and collaboration throughout Europe. We encourage a multidisciplinary approach to public health.

Our vision

Improved health and reduced health inequalities for all Europeans. We seek to support our members to increase the impact of public health in Europe, adding value to the efforts of regions and states, national and international organisations, and individual public health experts.

Our mission

To build capacity and knowledge in the field of public health, and to support practice and policy through scientific evidence, producing and sharing knowledge with our members and partners in Europe.

This document summarizes the activities of the European Public Health Association in 2010.

Stanislaw Tarkowski
EUPHA President 2009-2010

2. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

About EUPHA

Our members

At the end of 2010, we have a total of 70 members from 40 countries, divided as follows:

- 43 national associations of public health
- 13 institutional members
- 8 European NGOs
- 6 individual members

The Executive Council accepted the following **new members** in 2010:

- Bulgarian Association of Epidemiology and Public Health, Sofia (national association)
- Research Unit in Behavior & Social Issues (RUBSI), Nicosia, Cyprus (Institutional Member)
- Department of International Health of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Science, Maastricht University, The Netherlands (Institutional Member)
- European Centre for Public Health Genomics (ECPHG), Maastricht University, The Netherlands (Institutional Member)
- School of Health and Bioscience, University of East London (UEL), London, United Kingdom (Institutional member)

EUPHA office

The EUPHA office has expanded in size. With the support of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome, we have 3 young researchers as extra staff members at EUPHA office in Utrecht on a rotation schedule. They will support EUPHA office activities for the next 2 years.

Utrecht Staff:

- Dineke Zeegers Paget, *Executive Director*
- Floris Barnhoorn, *Senior project officer*
- Herma van den Brink, *Managing assistant*
- Ingeborg Vlug, *Finances*

As of 1 August 2010:

- Agnese Lazzari, *PhD Student*
- Luca Valerio, *MD*
- Roberto Falvo, *MD*

Graz Staff:

- Dorli Kahr-Gottlieb *Conference coordinator*
- Birgit Ruess *Conference Financial officer*

Total staff: 3.5 FTE

Brochure



A new EUPHA brochure has been edited. The new lay-out gives a snapshot of the dynamic strategy of EUPHA within the evolving European framework.

Newsletter

The EUPHA monthly electronic newsletter contains information on recent publications, upcoming conferences and courses, job vacancies, updates on the European Commission and the European Centre for Diseases Control, WHO, EUPHA and our European Public Health Conference.

Since January 2010, an additional section has been successfully dedicated to the “EUPHA Member of the month”. In 2010, we have seen a steady increase of subscribers from 5700 in January 2010 to **8030** in October, an increase of 40.6 %.

The newsletter is free of charge and also available on our website. Our offer to our members and partners to use our newsletter for their members has been widely taken up.

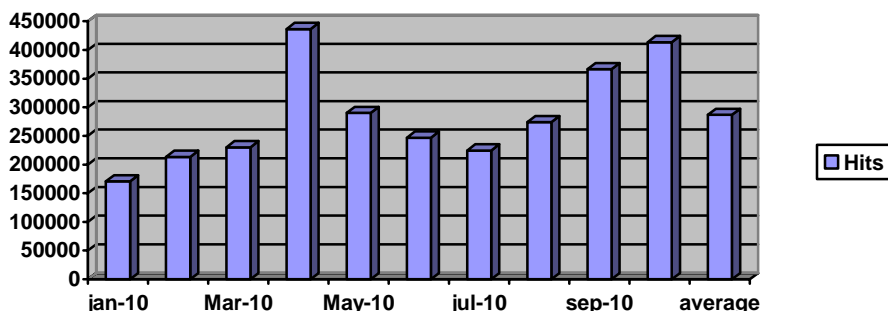
Website

The EUPHA website – www.eupha.org – contains information on all our activities and is updated regularly.

Country information includes reports of our members, links to the publications of the European Observatory on health systems and policy; WHO reports and the Ministry of Health. The annual conference abstract submission and conference registration are also linked to the website.

From January until October 2010 the website has had an average number of **286'529 hits per month**. This is a decrease of 9.7 % from 2009 when the website had 317'311 hits per month on average. It should be noted that the higher number for 2009 was partly due to a spam attack on our forum discussion, which has been deleted since.

Monthly number of hits on the EUPHA website in the period January – October 2010



The website has been continuously revised. In 2010, we improved the login area for our users, the interactive conference programme was added, and the direct link to the full text of the most recent copy of the EJPH was added directly to the system. In the upcoming December 2010 overhaul, the information on the website will be checked and updated where necessary.

Database

The EUPHA database contains over 14'000 public health experts from 135 countries. Of these experts 3771 indicated more details on their activities, current research and/or publications.

Database summary (October 2010)

No. of countries	135
Europe	57
Asia	20
Africa	36
Americas	19
South Pacific region	3

Networking

In 2010, we have taken a more proactive approach to networking. The networking focussed both on major partners in and outside Europe as well as on our members.

We strengthened our relations with **WHO/EURO**. We met the new regional director of WHO/EURO, Dr Jakab, and discussed with her closer collaboration and exchange of information.

Prof. Walter Ricciardi visited WHO/EURO in August. In October, we attended the first meeting of the External Steering Group for the European health policy – HEALTH2020.

Contacts with the **European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies** continued to be beneficial to both parties. The European Observatory is well represented in the programme of Amsterdam 2010.

Collaboration with the **European Commission** has been further developed in 2010. EUPHA is active in a number of projects, either as lead organisation or as collaborative partner. Increasingly, we are invited to policy discussions with DG Sanco, DG RTD and EAHC. EUPHA attended the EU Open Health Forum on “Together for health – a strategy for the EU 2020” in Brussels, June 2010. EUPHA was invited to a workshop by DG SANCO and EAHC on “Increasing the Impact of European Programmes on Public Health”, in Menorca on 20-21th September 2010. In our relation with the European Commission, special emphasis is placed on health information, capacity building (EUPHApedia and HEIDI) and increasing the impact of EU projects (PHIRE). At Amsterdam 2010, the Commission supports a full track on public health and innovation in Europe. There is a large and active delegation from the European Commission, headed by the new EU Commissioner for Health and Consumers, Mr John Dalli.

The collaboration with **ECDC** has continued to be fruitful. Dr Ruth Gelletlie, president of the EUPHA Section on Infectious Disease Control, is a member of the scientific board and has been the contact person between ECDC and EUPHA. Dr Marc Sprenger, new director of ECDC, will be present in Amsterdam 2010. Collaboration on information exchange has also been continued. ECDC organizes a pre conference at Amsterdam 2010.

We have continued our contacts with **CDC, Atlanta**. CDC is planning to establish a working relationship with public health entities in Europe for the purposes of exchanging information, best practices, ideas, and innovations to help advance the performance of public health and EUPHA is assisting in the organization of this. CDC will also be represented at the Amsterdam 2010 conference and will organize a number of activities.

EUPHA re-applied successfully for membership of the European Health Policy Forum, organised by **EPHA**. The EU Health Policy Forum serves as an information and consultation mechanism to ensure that the aims of the Community's health strategy are made clear to the public and respond to their concerns. EPHA is again actively participating also in the 3rd European Public Health Conference.

Relations with the World Federation of Public Health Associations – **WFPHA** – were strengthened. One of the activities was the support of EUPHA for the policy resolution proposed to the WFPHA General Assembly on: “A new commitment to the public's health: Public health leadership and the socially marginalized”.

EuSPR - The European Society for Prevention Research - is a recently established scientific organization with the mission to promote quality and visibility of European research aimed at prevention. EUPHA is supporting this new organisation by hosting the 1st EUSPR Conference and by advising on the constitution of the Society itself.

Networking with our members

In Amsterdam 2010, the first **EUPHA Member Forum** is organised on Wednesday 10 November. The EUPHA Member Forum is promote the exchange of information and provide a skills building activity. In Amsterdam, we are organising a skills building seminar on leadership.

We also organized a **EUPHA Mapping** exercise among our members and sections to find out how our members are organised and explore ideas on future priorities for EUPHA. Syed Rahman,

MPH student at the Karolinska Institute, Sweden, organised and analysed the mapping for us and the first results are presented at the Amsterdam conference.

In 2010, we increased our visibility with our members by actively visiting their offices and their meetings, including:

The **UK Faculty of Public Health** kindly hosted the EUPHA strategy steering committee meeting at its headquarters in London on 11 January 2010. This also provided a good opportunity to have informal discussions with the president of the Faculty and the officer responsible for international affairs during lunch.

The incoming president was invited to give a talk at the annual meeting of the **UK Society of Social Medicine** in Belfast on 6-8 September.

On 27-29 October, the incoming president visited **SESPAS** (The Spanish Association of Public Health and Healthcare Administration) at the Annual Conference of the Spanish Association of Epidemiology in Valencia, Spain. The exchange between SESPAS and EUPHA increased as well.

Of course, thanks to Amsterdam 2010, the contacts between EUPHA and the **Netherlands Public Health Federatie** (NPHF) were intensive and excellent.

Within the **STEPS** programme, EUPHA office visited our members in Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary. From Cyprus and Bulgaria, new members came forward.

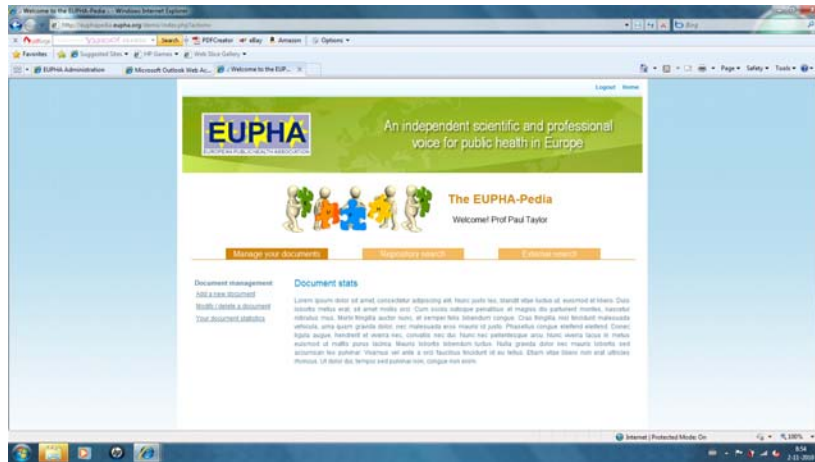
EUPHA office also visited the two new institutional members from **Maastricht** to discuss collaboration in more detail. Students of both institutional members are volunteers at the Amsterdam 2010 conference.

The relationship with **NIVEL** – The Netherlands Institute for health service research - has been a long-standing collaboration. This year, both the incoming president and the executive director had meetings with the director of NIVEL. The outcome of discussions to strengthen EUPHA's role in health services research will be added in the work plan for 2011.

EUPHA co-organised a workshop at the 20th **IUHPE** - International Union for Health Promotion and Education - World Conference on Health Promotion was focusing on health, equity and sustainable development, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 11-15 July. EUPHA was invited to attend the Regional committee meeting of IUHPE-Europe, where the collaboration between IUHPE and EUPHA was again strengthened.

The contacts with **ASPHER** – The Association of School of Public Health in the European Region - have been increasing. EUPHA attended the Deans and Directors meeting in Rennes, France, in May 2010, where first steps to increased collaboration were proposed. ASPHER and EUPHA also met in Warsaw, Poland in August to discuss more collaboration, especially between the EUPHA sections and ASPHER working groups. In Amsterdam 2010, the Andrija Stampar Medal for excellence in public health will signal the start of joining forces for this Award. The European Academic Alliance for Global Health, hosted by ASPHER, will be joined by EUPHA representatives.

EUPHApedia



For the EUPHA members, a new module is in development on the EUPHA website: EUPHApedia.

EUPHApedia is a search engine for EUPHA members with the possibility to upload information as well. EUPHApedia includes internal and external resources. The internal resources will include the abstracts published from our conferences from 1992-2010 (and beyond), as well as country-specific and section-specific publications (including grey literature and practical experiences), uploaded by our members. The external resources will link to websites on European public health. EUPHApedia will collaborate with HEIDI (developed by DG Sanco) and websites from WHO/EURO and the European Commission. EUPHApedia will be available only to EUPHA members with restricted upload access until November 2011. At the Governing Council meeting in 2011, an evaluation on the project will be presented and further development of the EUPHApedia will be discussed.

3. EUPHA PROJECTS

New and ongoing projects

STEPS – Strengthening Engagement in Public Health Research

STEPS engages civil society organisations, researchers and ministries in mapping public health research systems in Europe and encourages debate on public health research between civil society organisations and governmental structures in twelve new EU-Member States. STEPS builds on previous work done under *SPHERE* (Strengthening Public Health Research in Europe). STEPS is funded by DG Research.

University College London is the project co-ordinator, with EUPHA and Skalbes, Latvia, as primary partners. Civil society organisations and national public health associations from 12 new EU member states are partners in STEPS. All partners attended the first workshop in Lodz last year and many also attended the conference to enhance their engagement with public health research across Europe.

Activities in 2010 included the organisation of national workshops in which stakeholders in public health research met to define roles and tasks of those involved and to discuss possible research agendas. Workshops were held in all partner countries in March or April.

In May, a second project workshop was held in Malta to discuss the outcomes of the national workshops and prepare the country reports. Other project activities included: development of a web page and database for the country information on public health research. The third project

workshop will be held to in Amsterdam to draw conclusions from the country reports and discuss follow-up dissemination activities.

PHIRE – Public Health Innovation and Research in Europe

PHIRE maps the uptake of knowledge from public health actions funded under the first EU Public Health Programme across Europe. Secondly, the project maps the structure and uptake of research and innovation in Europe. Working through EUPHA Sections, PHIRE will identify six 'tracer' projects from the first PHP and reports on uptake at country level. Working through EUPHA member associations, PHIRE will produce national reports on the uptake of research and innovation in European countries. A database will include the national results of the tracers and information on national research programmes. PHIRE will create Platforms, which will bring together ministries of Health, national science councils, civil society organisations and European research foundations to discuss European and national public health research. These Platforms will be held in association with the annual Conference, to start with the Copenhagen 2011 Conference.

Early in 2010, we have revised the technical and financial description of the project at the request of the Commission. The Commission has taken a keen interest in the project and we will present PHIRE at one of the EU-sponsored workshops in Amsterdam. The starting date was 1 September and the project duration is 30 months. EUPHA is project coordinator with main partners: Karolinska Institut (Sweden), NIVEL (Netherlands), French School of Public Health, UK Faculty of Public Health and member associations from Slovakia and Malta. PHIRE is funded by DG SANCO.

DePH - Developing Public Health Capacity in the EU

The one-year project is implemented by a consortium led by the Department of International Health (Maastricht University) and partnered by EuroHealthNet, ASPHER, and EUPHA. The aim is to review the current public health capacity in Europe and to make recommendations for EU action and support. EUPHA's contribution to the project includes: identification of key documents and the contacting of country experts. Furthermore, EUPHA will assist in the dissemination of the dataset through existing databases and contribute to the SWOT analysis of public health capacity in the EU.

AIR Project - Addressing Health Inequalities Interventions in Regions (DG SANCO funded)

The main objective is to identify best practices in reducing inequalities in primary care settings in European regions. The project consists of three parts. The first part is a literature review of evidence-based effective interventions. The second part is a survey to collect and identify actions which contribute to reducing health inequalities in European regions and for specific target populations. The third part is to analyse innovative interventions and identify key factors of success and effectiveness. EUPHA is one of the fifteen collaborative partners and has a role in the dissemination of project results through the annual conference, monthly newsletter and the European Journal. We conducted a short review of Dutch best practices in reducing health inequalities which was shared with the research partner for the Low Countries. Other partners include the Institute for research and information in health economics (IRDES), France, the School of Public Health Andalusia, Spain. Overall project coordination is by the Regional Council of Aquitaine, France.

OSI 2010 - Open Society Institute 2010

The grant from the Open Society Institute (OSI) allows 40 public health experts and delegates from national public health associations from Central and Eastern European countries to actively participate in all aspects of the conference. Again we are thankful for the local support we receive for this project, by allowing a lower registration fees for the experts included in this project. We

also are pleased with the support of the European Commission who funded the travel and accommodation of 20 more public health experts.

PHAMEU - Primary Health Care Activity Monitor for Europe

PHAMEU develops instruments to gather information on primary care systems in 31 European countries and to monitor current developments. The project is coordinated by NIVEL in the Netherlands. EUPHA supports the project through dissemination of results and expert advice.

Project proposals submitted

In May, EUPHA submitted a proposal for the tender for the EU Health Information Strategy. These Multiple Framework Contracts will assist DG SANCO and the Executive Agency Health and Consumers (EAHC) in carrying out their activities related to health information. The intended results of the contract are health reports, of varying size, on varying subjects, compiled at the request of DG SANCO and EAHC. EUPHA proposed to make use of the expertise within the sections to carry out the assignments. In August, we were informed that we were excluded from the contract as we did not comply with the criteria. The reason was that EUPHA should have contracted section members or their affiliations as sub-contractors before submitting the final tender proposal.

Projects completed

Projects that were completed in 2010 included: Lodz 2009, support from the European Commission for the European Public Health Conference 2009 in Lodz, Migrant and Ethnic Observatory project (MEHO) and Mapping professional home care in Europe (EURHOMAP), and the OSI grant 2009.

Lodz 2009

Expenses and income relating to the grant from the European Commission for the Second European Public Health Conference in Lodz were successfully accounted for. Technical and financial reports were accepted by the Commission without any further comments.

OSI 2009 - Open Society Institute 2009

The grant from the OSI was successfully managed. The grant enabled us to invite 44 public health experts and delegates from national public health associations from Central and Eastern European countries to attend the Lodz 2009 Conference. We are grateful for the support of the LOC 2009 offering reduced registration fees for the conference for experts included in this project.

MEHO – Migrant and Ethnic Observatory project

MEHO was completed early 2010. The objective was to develop indicators to monitor the health status of immigrant and ethnic minority groups in Europe. EUPHA has been responsible for the dissemination of the project's results through the website, workshops and abstracts in the yearly supplement to the European Journal of Public Health. EUPHA facilitated two MEHO project meetings and a workshop at the Lodz Conference.

EURHOMAP - Mapping professional home care in Europe

EURHOMAP was completed in October 2010. The objective was to collect, analyse and disseminate information on various aspects of home care services. The project was coordinated by NIVEL. EUPHA provided assistance in dissemination activities and expert advice.

4. ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

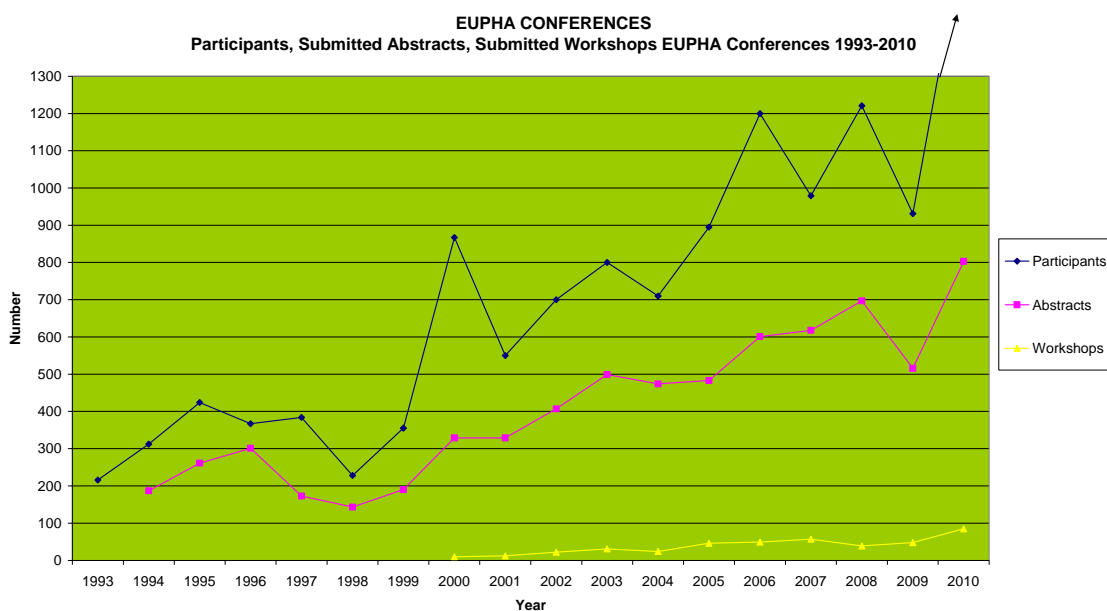
EUPHA convenes a scientific conference every year, bringing together public health experts throughout Europe and beyond. The conferences offer a platform for the exchange of information and an opportunity for international research groups to meet and present their work. Since 2008, the conference is combined with the annual ASPHER (Association for Schools of Public Health in the European Region) conference. Throughout the years, we have seen an increase in the volume of the programme and the number of participants.

To ensure greater visibility and continuous recognition of the conference we developed a separate logo which can be used independently from the communication materials produced by the local organisers.

New Conference logo



Conferences 1993-2010: number of participants, abstract and workshops



In 2010, EUPHA focused on the following conferences:

Lodz 2009

Human Ecology and Public Health – promoting environmental and social conditions conducive to health

Lodz 2009 focused on two main objectives: build the capacity of public health experts by actively organizing the European (international) exchange of knowledge and best practice and organize a successful European public health conference. Both objectives could be reached.

The capacity building objective of our conferences in general has been well established. Lodz 2009 proved that:

- the conference is interesting to a wide audience.
- a growth in NGOs and international participation can be seen.
- an increase in interest for the conference can be seen.
- an increase in policy and practice-based presentations can be seen.
- joining EUPHA and ASPHER conferences is beneficial to both associations
- offering the possibility of meetings and other extra activities increase the capacity building objective.
- the active combination of Lodz 2009 with existing and new EU projects was beneficial.

The organisation of the conference was successful. The location of such an event has to be a conference venue, even though the costs may increase. The catering facilities prove important for the well-being of participations. The increase in organisers (from 2 to 4 parties) proved a challenge and caused some hesitations in the organisation. The flexible and pragmatic approach of the organisers close to the conference date overcame these hesitations.

Finalising the administrative processes of a conference is a time-consuming process. In 2010, we spent the first months on the preparation of the final report of the conference, the evaluation of the conference (available on our website) and the finalisation of the finances of EUPHA 2009.

Amsterdam 2010

Integrated Public Health

The 2010 conference is the third European Public Health conference organised in collaboration with ASPHER. The LOC 2010 was the Netherlands Public Health Federation, chaired by Niek Klazinga, working together with their supporting local partners RIVM, ZonMw and NIVEL, the main institutes involved in public health in the Netherlands.

The central theme of the 2010 conference is “Integrated Public Health”. Integration – making something into a whole or making something part of a whole - is a key issue in European public health. The conference is divided into 10 full and 6 half tracks.

This edition offered exciting new conference features:

- 1) **Creating your personal programme.** The interactive programme allows delegates to select the different events and add pre-conferences or social activities they want to apply to. The possibility to print personal conference programme is included.
- 2) **Singing for health!** For the first time, EUPHA is organising the EUPHA choir. The initiative is open for every conference participant, with rehearsals twice during the conference and the final performance during the conference dinner.
- 3) **The largest number of pre conferences ever!** We had more than 20 pre conference activities. As in previous years, several EUPHA sections and ASPHER working groups organized pre conference activities. On top of this, several new partners joined the conference, including:

- a. The EHESP School of public health, Rennes, France, organized an European day
- b. The DYNAMO-HIA project organized a training seminar
- c. The centre patient experiences in care organized a pre conference day
- d. The European Society in Prevention research organized a pre conference day.
- e. Both the European Union (DG Sanco) and ECDC organized pre conference events.

We had over **1700** registered participants for pre conferences and main conference from 55 countries. The abstract submission also reached new heights with 799 submitted abstracts from 53 countries and 82 submitted workshops.

Copenhagen 2011

Public health and welfare – welfare development and health

The 2011 conference will be organised by EUPHA, ASPHER and the Danish Society of Public Health. Copenhagen 2011 is chaired by Prof. Finn Kamper-Jorgensen. The dates for the conference are 9-12 November 2011 and it will be organized in the Bella Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark. In 2011, the theme will be “Public Health and Welfare – Welfare Development and Health”.

The organizers of the 2011 conference cooperate and/or are sponsored by:

The European Commission
 The Ministry of the Interior and Health
 The Danish National Board of Health
 The Danish National Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark
 The World Health Organization, Europe
 Various Foundations

Important dates:

1 February 2011	Start abstract submission
1 April 2011	Start conference registration
1 May 2011	Deadline abstract submission
15 June 2011	Decisions on the abstracts
1 July 2011	First preliminary programme online

Key-note themes for key-note speakers are:

- European Welfare systems including Public Health and Health Care – overview and comparative research. (Gösta Esping Andersen, Spain)
- Reducing inequality in health in Europe – progress in policies? (Michael Marmot, UK – John Dalli, EU – Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO)
- World economic crises, investments and health. Are our welfare systems resistant towards deteriorating health when economic crises take place? (Erio Ziglio, WHO)
- Focus on the elderly population in Europe. The contribution of preventive and curative health services to health, quality of life and welfare of the elderly population (Tom Kirkwood, UK)
- Regulating health by food – the role of food industry, comparable to the tobacco industry (Kelly D Brownelle, USA)
- Using individually linked population based registers in research focusing on the interrelationship on health and welfare – Scandinavian approaches and experiences (Jørn Olsen, Denmark – Camilla Stoltenberg, Norway – Olle Lundberg, Sweden – Elina Hemminki, Finland)
- The Danish “flexicurity model” for labourmarket policy and social policy (Mogens Lykketoft, Denmark)

Malta 2012

All inclusive health – the myriad essential building blocks for health

The 5th European Public health Conference 2010 – Malta 2012 - is organised by EUPHA, ASPHER and the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine. Malta 2012 is chaired by Dr Julian Mamo. The dates for the conference are 7-11 November 2012 and it will be organized in the Hilton Malta Conference Centre in Portomaso, Malta. In 2012, the theme will be “All inclusive health – the myriad essential building blocks for health”.

The main partners involved in the organisation of the 2012 conference include:

- The Malta Association of Public Health Medicine
- The Ministry of Health
- The University of Malta (Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, Dept of Public Health)
- The Malta Tourism Authority
- The Ministry of Finance

The Local Organising Committee has been able to confirm the presence of the President of Malta at the event as the official *patron*. The Welcome Reception is to be held in the Palace of the President in Valletta, a historic building housing the Parliament which was built by the Knights of St. John in the 16th century.

5. THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The European Journal of Public Health is EUPHA's scientific journal, which is published on a bimonthly basis. The EJPH does not only publish refereed original articles, but also provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. The EJPH is distributed to **6219** institutions and individuals. For EUPHA members, the EJPH is available in an electronic version.

The **impact factor** of the *European Journal of Public Health* has increased again (up from 2.176 in 2009 that is + 6% increase) and it is currently **2.313**, listing the EJPH in the Q1 of its field (top 25% of journals).

Impact factor development 2002-2009

Year	Impact Factor	Ranking: (Public, Environmental and Occupational Health)
2009	2.313	41/122
2008	2.176	38/105
2007	1.910	38/100
2006	1.418	59/98
2005	1.118	63/99
2004	1.051	58/93
2003	1.281	45/89
2002	0.624	70/90

Interesting facts:

- In 2010, all issues continued to be published online on time or early.

- In 2010 (October 2010), there have been **35,800** mean monthly downloads, which is an increase of 10% compared to 2009 (32,300).
- The number of days from submission to first decision has successfully decreased (33 days) as compared to 2009 (35 days). The average number of days from submission to final decision has been even more positive, decreasing from 43 day to 40 days (Tab. 3).
- We received in total around **530 manuscripts** in 2010 and the acceptance rate for manuscripts has been around 21% this year.
- EUPHA office forwards the E-toc alerting service to all EUPHA members via the mailman system.
- For EUPHA members, the full text of the EJPH has been made available directly through the EUPHA database.

Editorial Board changes

The editorial board is chaired by the editor-in-chief, Prof. Peter Allebeck. The editorial board, recently joint by Prof. Alastair Leyland (UK), has continued leadership to strengthen the EJPH, both in productivity as well as in impact.

Prof. Johan Mackenbach was succeeded by Prof. Diana Delnoij. We thank Johan Mackenbach for his fruitful work as Editor and editor-in-chief.

Prof. Mark McCarthy and Dr Renaldo Battista will also step down from the Editorial Board. We thank both of them for their excellent work and commitment to the EJPH.

6. EUPHA SECTIONS

EUPHA encourages the creation of sections for specific public health themes, which are international and open to all regular EUPHA members. The goal is to bring together researchers and public health professionals working in the same field for the exchange of information and the setting up of joint policies, reports and research. At the moment, EUPHA has **18 sections and one initiative**:

Overview of sections (October 2010)

No.	Section	N. of registered members*
1	Health promotion	446
2	Social security and health	143
3	Health services research	551
4	Public health epidemiology	475
5	Child and adolescent public health	300
6	Food and nutrition	202
7	Public health practice and policy	576
8	Migrant and ethnic minority health	230
9	Utilisation of medicines	76
10	Infectious diseases control	187
11	Public health genomics	52
12	Public mental health	198
13	Injury prevention and safety promotion	107
14	Public health economics	201
15	Chronic diseases	224
16	Environment-related diseases	170

17	Ethics in public health	263
18	Urban health	255
ini	Public health forecasting and monitoring	

** Experts are free to become members of more than one section*

The **Section Council**, set up in 2009, has representatives from all sections. The main objectives of this council are:

- To encourage collaboration between sections
- To support and organise the establishment of new sections
- To organise the regular evaluation of sections
- To develop and monitor activities of sections

In 2010, the Section council has worked on internal rules, keywords for abstract submission and have collaborated with e.g. sponsorship guidelines for EUPHA.

In 2010, we relaunched the membership of the sections. All registered members from each section were contacted and invited to register as a member again. This exercise led to a more active membership of the sections. At the same time, the mailman system, used to contact the members of the sections, was used more intensely. All sections are organising workshops and annual meetings at the Amsterdam 2010 conference. As of September 2010, the EUPHA sections are involved in **PHIRE**. The sections also participated in the **Mapping** exercise.

Highlights of section activity

The EUPHA section **ethics in public health** attended the ASPHER deans and directors meeting in Rennes, France in May. A collaboration with the ASPHER working group on ethics in public health teaching was set up.

The EUPHA section on **migrant and ethnic minority health** had a prominent role in the Third Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe, held 27-29 May in Pécs, Hungary. The section acted as co-organizer of the conference and the president of the section chaired the International Scientific Committee.

The EUPHA section on **health promotion** actively participated in the organisation of the world congress of the International Union of Health Promotion.

The EUPHA sections on the **utilisation of medicines** was re-activated at Amsterdam 2010.

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