



ANNUAL REPORT

2001

PREFACE

For all those interested in the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), we are glad to present you with the annual report 2001. 2001 was a year in which consolidation of ongoing activities and development of mid- and long-term strategies were the primary activities.

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.

Marc Brodin, EUPHA president 2000-2001

EUPHA 2001: ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2001 EUPHA conference was held in Brussels from 6 to 8 December. The main theme was health information systems throughout Europe and their interaction with public health policy development and actions. There were 40 parallel sessions and workshops organised around the plenary ones, on topics ranging from mental health to health in transition countries. All 5 EUPHA sections organised one or more workshops in their different fields.

It is clear that the central location of the conference was an invitation for international research groups and projects to meet at the same time. The local organisers managed to reserve an extra room for these groups to meet, making the EUPHA conference a true social meeting place for public health in Europe. The central location also boosted the registration: there were 530 participants.

For the second time, the Open Society Institute of the SOROS foundation funded presenting authors from central and Eastern Europe. The grant from the SOROS foundation was an incentive for experts from this region to submit abstracts, as a clear increase in abstracts submitted from these countries could be seen.

The EUPHA poster prize was awarded for the second time; this time to Dr Sverker Nilsson from Varberg, Sweden for his poster entitled: An appearance programme to prevent the misuse of androgenic anabolic steroids among male adolescents. For the first time, EUPHA also awarded a best abstract prize to Dr Michelle Kruijshaar from Rotterdam, Netherlands for her abstract: The burden of breast cancer in six European countries: the European Disability Weights project. Both prizes consist of a waiver of conference fees for the year after.

EUPHA 2001: THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The European Journal of Public Health (EJPH) is published four times a year and sent to all our individual members. The EJPH is a multidisciplinary scientific journal aimed at attracting contributions from epidemiology, health services research, management, ethics and law, health economics, social sciences and environmental health. It provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. It contains refereed original articles, editorials, commentaries, book reviews, news, letters to the editor and announcements of events. The impact factor of the EJPH is now 1.16.

The number of submitted manuscripts has again increased. In the year 2001, 216 manuscripts were submitted of which 103 were rejected. 88 are still in process and 25 were accepted for publication. The average time from submission to publication went down to 17.5 months (compared to 23.5 in the beginning of the year 2001).

The EUPHA internal working group on EJPH 2002 onwards is setting up a detailed proposal to improve the journal's visibility and professional character. This proposal could include increasing the number of issues to 6 per year and offering online translations of the abstracts of the articles.

EUPHA 2001: ACTIVITIES OF THE EUPHA SECTIONS

Section on health promotion

Presidents: Heiko Waller and Alf Trojan

The section on health promotion organised a workshop at the Brussels conference on health information (systems) for health promotion with 5 presentations. The presidents of the section have also presented EUPHA at a number of conferences/meetings, such as the XVII world conference of health promotion and health education organised by the International union for health promotion and education in Paris (15-20 July) and the conference "The role of social services for a sustainable social development" organised by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Family in Berlin, 25-26 October 2001. For the coming year, the section is planning another workshop at the Dresden conference and further representative tasks for EUPHA in the international health promotion network.

Section on public health policy and practice

Presidents: Mark McCarthy and Nils Rosdahl

The section on public health practice and policy organised a workshop at the Brussels conference on public health information systems with 5 presentations. Furthermore, the presidents of the section have been very active in the negotiations with the European Commission and have commented for EUPHA on the health forum consultation of DG Sanco and the EU 6th Research programme.

For the year to come, the section will continue to develop the public health practitioners' side both within EUPHA and within the European Union.

Section on epidemiology

President: Klim McPherson

The EUPHA section on epidemiology organised two workshops at the Brussels conference. One on Life course epidemiology and health inequalities (3 presentations) and the other on "Towards modern public health – the relevance of social capital" (3 presentations).

Section on health services research

President: Jouke van der Zee (until December 2001), Diana Delnoij (from December 2001 onwards)

The EUPHA section on health services research took up its activities again by organising an interactive workshop at the Brussels conference on integrated care. At the same time, a new president - Diana Delnoij, a senior researcher at the Amsterdam Medical Centre - was elected.

Section on social security and health

President: Kristina Alexanderson

The section on social security and health organised a workshop at the Brussels conference on physician's sickness certification practice with 4 presentations. This workshop was followed by the section meeting in which the plans for the coming years were discussed.

Section youth

President: Auke Wiegersma

This new EUPHA section was installed at the meeting of the EUPHA Governing Council during the Brussels conference.

Section food and nutrition

President: Sirpa Sarlio-Lähteenkorva

This new EUPHA section was also installed at the meeting of the EUPHA Governing Council during the Brussels conference.

EUPHA 2001: OTHER ACTIVITIES

EUPHA is very pleased to welcome our new members in 2001: the Icelandic Association of Public Health, the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine, Dr David Ruslan, individual member from Moldova, the Netherlands Public Health Federation, replacing the existing Dutch members, the Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society and the UK Faculty of Public Health.

One of the main activities for 2001 was to elaborate a change of bylaws, which was accepted by the EUPHA Governing Council at their December meeting. The change of bylaws will enable EUPHA to

set up different kinds of public health reports, ranging from statements (elaborated by a small group of experts) to EUPHA reports (to be adopted by the Governing Council). The change of bylaws also allows EUPHA to set up more EUPHA sections.

The EUPHA office was reorganised and plans for the mid- and long-term were set up by two working groups. Both working groups have been active in 2001 and have proposed future scenarios to the Governing Council at the December meeting. The group on the future of EUPHA formulated some clear directions for EUPHA's future activities. The working group EJPH 2002 onwards proposed changes to the EJPH, its relation with EUPHA, its way of publishing, etc. In the coming year, these proposals will be further elaborated and implemented.

The relationship with the SOROS foundation was further developed. This year, 36 public health experts from central and Eastern European countries could be funded by the Open Society Institute of the SOROS foundation, a clear increase from last year (28 participants).

EUPHA has made serious efforts to include the public health practitioners more into the EUPHA network. The most important effort was made in the planning of the 2002 conference in Dresden, Germany, where the procedure of submission of public health practice abstracts will be simplified. We hope that this will lead to a clear increase in abstracts submitted on these subjects and thus a better presentation of the public health practice side at the 2002 conference.

EUPHA 2001: NETWORKING

EUPHA has intensified its networking with some of the other European governmental and non-governmental organisations.

ASPHER: With the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER), we have increased our collaboration. EUPHA has obtained associate membership with ASPHER, a status which EUPHA had already granted to ASPHER. Furthermore, plans were developed to set up joint conferences. We are now working on the practical implementation of these plans. Lastly, EUPHA was asked to join in the project of ASPHER-Fondation Mérieux on quality improvement and accreditation of training programmes in public health.

EPHA: With the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), we only had contacts through our participation in the public health platforms meetings, organised by EPHA.

WFPHA: We were present at the annual meeting of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) in May in Geneva, Switzerland. Collaboration is planned with their tri-annual conference in 2004, to be held in the United Kingdom. Representatives of the WFPHA were present at our Brussels meeting.

WHO: Thanks to the Brussels conference, we have had several contacts with the World Health Organisation (WHO), both their regional office in Copenhagen, the headquarters in Geneva and the European Union liaison office in Brussels. A large representation of the WHO was present at the Brussels conference.

European Commission:

The Brussels conference also allowed us to increase our contacts with the European Commission: they organised several workshops during the conference and a large representation of the European Commission was present in Brussels.

Furthermore, several members of the EUPHA Governing Council and Committee of past presidents have sent comments to the European Commission with regard to the EU 6th research framework.

EUPHA 2001: FINANCES

EUPHA's resources are coming from membership fees, the profit share of the EJPH, the annual conferences and the Dutch Ministry of Health, which has agreed to sponsor EUPHA again in the year 2002.

EUPHA's expenses are the EJPH and the EUPHA office. The costs of the EJPH have again increased. This was necessary to support an increase in the number of pages per issue to overcome the backlog in documents. The costs of the EUPHA office have decreased.

At the moment, EUPHA is only self-sufficient for 60% of its budget. This is not enough and solutions will have to be found. 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.

EUPHA 2001: SPONSORS

- Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, the Netherlands
- SOROS foundation/Open Society Institute, United States
- Netherlands School of Public Health, the Netherlands
- Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL), the Netherlands
- Karlstad University, Sweden
- Swedish Research Council, Sweden
- Merck, Sharp and Dome, United States

EUPHA 2002 ONWARDS: CONFERENCES

The 2002 EUPHA conference will be held in Dresden from 28 to 30 November. The main theme of the conference is "Bridging the gap between research and policy in public health: information, promotion and training". The local organisers have had extensive contacts with possible partners and sponsors, including the German Health Ministry, the German Research Ministry, the Saxony Health and Research ministries and the Health directorate of the European Commission. The Saxony Research Ministry agreed to support travel costs for central and Eastern European participants. Furthermore, the SOROS foundation has agreed to fund central and Eastern European presenters.

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 2004 EUPHA conference will be held in Oslo, Norway from 21 to 23 October. The main theme is "Urbanisation and health – new challenges in health promotion and prevention".

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

2005	Eastern Europe
2006	Western Europe
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.

EUPHA 2002 ONWARDS: PLANNED ACTIVITIES

For 2002, EUPHA is planning the following activities:

- Celebration activities for EUPHA's 10th anniversary. We will publish president's columns, not only from the current president but also from past and future presidents in the EJPH. At the Dresden conference, one plenary session will be dedicated to 10 years of EUPHA. Other activities are being planned.
- A more active search for public health experts to be included in the EUPHA database. The EUPHA database now holds over 4500 addresses, but does not yet include the expertise of

the people included. The active search, aimed to also include this expertise, may allow EUPHA to set up 'expert statements' on various public health issues.

- A new EUPHA homepage, which is intended to include all relevant information on EUPHA, European research initiatives, conferences, but also country-related information. We hope that this homepage will be THE starting page for public health experts in Europe.
- More emphasis on public health practitioners. Here, we have already developed initiatives. First, our very active section on public health practice and policy is putting this issue on the public health agenda. Second, the guidelines for the submissions of abstracts to the EUPHA conferences have been adapted. For Dresden, abstracts can be submitted either as a research abstract (which was always the case) or as an abstract on public health practice, health information system or health care reforms. This is a big step to strengthen the exchange of public health experiences (evidence-based) at the EUPHA conferences.
- Expansion of the activities of the EUPHA sections and encouragement of the development of new EUPHA sections. This activity aims to include our individual members more directly in the activities of EUPHA.
- Active membership hunting. There are still a number of countries whose public health associations are not yet a member of EUPHA. We will continue our activities in this direction.

EUPHA 2002 ONWARDS: FINANCES

As stated above, EUPHA is only self-financing for 60% of its budget, which is not sustainable in the long run. EUPHA is very pleased that the Dutch Ministry of Welfare, Health and Sport has agreed to sponsor the EUPHA office for the year 2002.

In 2002, EUPHA has to consolidate its finances. Options are: to increase the number of sponsors, to find long-term sponsors, to increase the number of members, etc. Several plans were proposed in 2001 and should be implemented in 2002.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
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Prof. Kakariqi is the director of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of the Institute of Public Health since 1994 and has been an individual member of EUPHA for years.

**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
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 different districts of Albania.

Number of EUPHA members:

one

Activities in 2001:

The association has organised seminars in Albania on urban pollution problems and public health education of adolescents to create a hygienic environment. We attended the annual meeting of the European Health Management Association (EHMA) in June in Spain, where we presented a paper on "Integration approach employed by Albanian NGOs on smoking control". We also participated in the Children's Environmental Health II: A Global Forum for Action, in September in Washington DC, where Dr Lumturi Spaho presented a poster on "Biological monitoring of lead exposure in high risk groups in Berat". At the EUPHA annual conference in Brussels, we presented a poster on "Development of professional health in Albania".

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 group 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.

Outlook for 2002:

We plan a study on Children's Environmental Health in Albania.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Austrian Society for Health & Public Health**

Name of the association:

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Gesundheitswissenschaften & Public Health

Website:

www.oeph.st

Number of members:

131

Number of EUPHA members:

119

Activities in 2001:

In 2001, a congress on “Reform of the Health System. Who is Winning – Who is Loosing?” was organised.

Publications in 2001:

The OGGPH publishes a newsletter four times a year.

Outlook for 2002:

We will continue our newsletter and are organising a congress again.

Contact person for EUPHA:

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Belgian Association of Public Health**

Name of the Association:

Belgische Vereniging van Volksgezondheid

Number of members

190

Number of EUPHA members

190

Activities in 2001

We have been working especially on the organisation of the 2001 EUPHA conference.

Publications in 2001

We publish a two-monthly journal “Archives of Public Health”.

Contact person for EUPHA

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Society of Social Medicine – Public Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Number of members

The association counts 45 members, of which 28 are specialists of social medicine from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, four from the Republika Serbska, and the rest are collaborators who work in the field of the public health care and other specialities. The association has an Executive Board of 11 renowned public health specialists.

Number of EUPHA members

20

Activities in 2001

The Society of social medicine - public health of Bosnia and Herzegovina formally took up its activities in March 2000, the year after its establishment during the General Assembly meeting in Tuzla. It has since taken up a role of independent expert for public health questions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 2001, the association held its first congress of the social medicine - public health care of Bosnia and Herzegovina on: "The health care systems in the countries of the Pact of stability". Experts from 14 countries within Europe participated and a total of 96 papers were presented during the congress. The most important presentations were published in the indexed journal “Medical Archive”. The summaries of all presentations are available in English on Medline.

During the EUPHA conference in Brussels, Prof. Masic, who is also a member of the EUPHA Governing Council, presented a poster on "Health information systems in Bosnia and Herzegovina". He also chaired a parallel session on health in transition countries.

The society was included in the organisation of Sarajevo Colloquia "European health for all policy in 21st century – the framework for regional collaboration in policy and management of health reform in Central and South-Eastern European countries", held in Sarajevo in October 2001. On the World day of human rights, an international conference on the reorganisation of primary health care oriented to family was organised in Sarajevo (10-11 December 2001).

Publications in 2001

The Society publishes its expert journal: *Materia Socio Medica* twice a year (double issue). This publication includes papers in the languages of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina with summaries in English.

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2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS: Croatian Public Health Association

Number of EUPHA members:

40

Activities in 2001:

During the EUPHA conference in Brussels, three posters were presented on:

"What is happening to the health of the Croatian population?"

"Healthy ageing: influence of chronic morbidity and functional ability on depression in the elderly in Croatia"

"Quality of care from the patients' perspective in Croatia"

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2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS: 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 members:

217

Number of EUPHA members:

30

Activities in 2001:

The society organises seminars on a monthly basis. In June, a conference "Health System Performance Assessment" was organised in collaboration with WHO.

At the EUPHA conference in Brussels, two oral presentations were given on "Trends in serum cholesterol in the Czech Republic since 1985" and "Alcohol intake and drinking patterns in Russia, Czech Republic and Poland" and one poster on "Practical aspect and experience from running hospital information system and use microchip card for health service and health insurance in the Town of Litomerice".

Publications in 2001:

The Society publishes a journal "Zdravotnictvi v Ceske republice" (Health care system in the Czech Republic) four times a year.

Existing working groups, sections, etc:

- Section of health statistics
- Section of health services management

Outlook for 2002:

We will continue with our monthly seminars. Subjects include: education in Public Health, health statistics, measurement of health, hospital administration, health care financing, management quality, and health 21.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Danish Society of Public Health (DSPH)**

Name of the association:

Dansk Selskab for Samfundsmedicin (DSSAM)

Website:

www.dssam.suite.dk

Number of members:

444

Number of EUPHA members:

444

Activities in 2001:

In April, we organised a special subject meeting "The well-being of children in a social and health perspective". In May, we had our annual general meeting and organised a special subject meeting on "Preventive medicine in a shared care perspective". In November, the third special subject meeting was organised on "The Public Health Programme in Denmark – how far have we come?"

Publications in 2001:

The Society publishes a quarterly journal entitled "NYS" Nyt fra Samfundsmedicin (News in Public Health Medicine).

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

- Master of Public Health Section
- The Public Health Medicine Education working group
- The Environmental Medicine working group

Outlook for 2002:

The Danish Society of Public Health is a growing society. In 2002, our national meeting on public health will be organised by the Society – The Hindsgavl Conference.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Society for Social Medicine in Finland**

Name of the association:
Sosiaalilääketieteen yhdistys ry.

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

Number of members:
680

Number of EUPHA members:
100

Activities in 2001:

The society has organised on workshop on medical sociology at the annual meeting of the Westermarck Society and three symposiums on food and nutrition research, social Medicine and advertisement of drugs.

Publications in 2001:

The society publishes a quarterly Journal "Sosiaalilääketieteellinen aikakauslehti".

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

Outlook for 2002:

We plan to organise:

- A symposium on behavioural medicine
- A workshop of medical sociology on the annual meeting of Westermarck Society (March)
- A symposium of medical sociology (April)
- The 7th International Congress of Behavioural Medicine August 28-31, 2002, Helsinki, Finland (the association is one of the organisers of the congress)
- A symposium of health care research (late autumn)

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
French Society of Public Health**

Name of the Association:
Société Française de Santé Publique

Website:
www.sfsp-publichealth.org

Number of EUPHA members:
150

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
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:

493

Activities in 2001:

We organised an annual general meeting "Health in the Region" in Bielefeld in September.

Publications in 2001:

The journal of the DGSM is "Das Gesundheitswesen" (www.thieme-connect.de)

Outlook for 2002:

The annual general meeting for 2002 will be organised in September in Halle on "Health – Risk and Resources".

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
German Society of Medical Sociology**

Name of the association:

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

Website:

<http://www.uni-freiburg.de/medsoz/dgms>

Number of EUPHA members:

150

Activities in 2001:

The society has organised (together with the German Society for Social Medicine and Prevention) its annual scientific congress in Bielefeld from 19 to 22 September.

Members of our society have contributed to several workings groups during this congress.

In February 2001, a special congress on Sociology of the hospital organisation has been organised by our members at the University of Mainz.

The DGMS has also taken part in the meetings of the German Public Health Association.

Outlook for 2002:

We plan (together with the German Society for Social Medicine and Prevention) the congress 'Health – Risks and Resources' from 25.-28. September 2002 in Halle (Germany).

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 will support and contribute to the 2002 meeting of EUPHA at Dresden (Germany).

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
German Association of Health Sciences and Public Health**

Name of the association:

Deutscher Verband für Gesundheitswissenschaften e.V. (DVGE)

Website:

<http://www.dvge.de>

Number of members:

About 170 members

Number of EUPHA members:

None (as of 2002)

Activities in 2001:

- strengthening and improving the co-operation of national and international public health organisations
- the co-operation between with the DVGE and the GFPHD (Society for the promotion of Public Health in Germany)
- Health promotion - the 'Mexico' paper - building a Alliance for Health Promotion
- Workshop on research on care "Forschung zur Über-, Fehl- und Unterversorgung" in Dresden in co-operation with the GFPHD and the Public Health Research Association Saxony.

Publications in 2001:

The DVGE publishes in the Journal of Public Health (Zeitschrift für Gesundheitswissenschaften) and the Public Health Forum.

Outlook for 2002:

- bringing together the various powers and efforts in the field of health sciences
- supporting activities directed towards both the maintenance of health and health promotion
- promoting health sciences in theory and practice
- providing information to individuals and to health- related institutions

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
German Association for Public Health**

Name of the association:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Public Health e.V. (DGPH)

Website:

<http://www.tu-berlin.de/bzph/dgph/>

Number of members:

34 members

Number of EUPHA members:

The DGPH is the umbrella organisation for the German members of EUPHA.

Activities in 2001:

- Organisation of a concluding evaluation report about the BMBF program "Gesundheitswissenschaften/Public Health"
- improvement on conditions of promoting public health research
- promoting the national and international networking of German public health research, education and practice

- membership in the WFPHA

Publications in 2001:

Official publications of DGPH:

- Zeitschrift für Gesundheitswissenschaften (Journal of Public Health), published four times a year, official scientific publication of the DGPH
- Public Health Forum, published four times a year
- Das Gesundheitswesen (Public Health), monthly published, official scientific publication of the DGPH

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

There are six committees in the German Association for Public Health (DGPH):

- Committee for Research (J. Siegrist)
- Committee for Education (R. Weitkunat)
- Committee for Public Relations.(J. Räßiger)
- Committee for Public Health Service (V. Hingst)
- Committee for International Cooperation (U. Laaser)
- Strategy Committee (A. Pfaff)

Outlook for 2002:

- Hosting the 2002 annual EUPHA congress in Dresden
- intensifying the interchange between Public Health research, practice and politics
- promoting national and international co-operation in Public health
- strengthening the co-operation between the national Public Health associations

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Hungarian Society for Public Health**

Number of EUPHA members:

66

Activities in 2001:

At the EUPHA annual conference in Brussels, Hungary was well represented with 2 oral presentations and 5 posters:

- “Changing patterns of inequalities – adequacy and policy relevance of indicators” (oral)
- “Impact of the health behaviour on the changes of health in Hungary” (oral)
- “Alternative medicine in Hungary: does health status count?” (poster)
- “Health of gypsy and non-gypsy women in Hungary” (poster)
- “Patient opinions about patient information” (poster)
- “The role of information in the work relationships of PHC” (poster)
- “Inequalities in the use of echocardiography among patients with congestive heart failure in Hungarian hospitals” (poster)

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
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 2001:

In October, we organised the VIIth Italian Conference of Public Health in Bari.

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 2002:

In September, the National Congress of the Society of Hygiene Preventive Medicine and Public Health will be organised in Bellagio.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Macedonian Medical Association**

Website:

www.mld.org.mk

Number of EUPHA members:

50

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Netherlands Association of Public Health and Science**

Name of the Association:

Vereniging voor Volksgezondheid en Wetenschap (VenW)

Website:

<http://home.wanadoo.nl/venw>

Number of members:

636

Number of EUPHA members:

613

Activities in 2001:

We organised the Dutch Public Health Congress and awarded the public health prize.

Publications in 2001:

VenW published its journal called TSG (journal of social medicine) 8 times in 2001.

Existing working groups, sections, etc:

We have a section on public health policy.

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In 2002, the membership of this association is replaced by the newly created Dutch Public Health Federation.

**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS
Netherlands Association of General Health Care**

Name of the Association:

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Algemene Gezondheidszorg

Number of EUPHA members:

215

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In 2002, the membership of this association is replaced by the newly created Dutch Public Health Federation.

**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS
Netherlands Association for Community Health Services**

Name of the Association:

GGD – Nederland

Number of EUPHA members:

46

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In 2002, the membership of this association is replaced by the newly created Dutch Public Health Federation.

**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
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:

185

Activities in 2001:

The Society organised the following conferences:

- 14 February 2001: "Public Health Medicine in Norway", in collaboration with the Norwegian Medical Society.
- 14-16 May: "Making a difference" – Nordic Conference about Social inequalities and health, in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Health.
- 15 May 2001: Annual Meeting Norwegian Society of Public Health
- Collaborating organiser of the 16. Nordic Conference in Social Medicine & Public Health, which was held in Bergen, Norway 17 - 19 August 2001
- Stordal Foundation Conference: Nature – Culture – Health, of which we were a co-organiser.

The Society set up "Twinning" between the Norwegian Society of Public Health and the Bosnia-Herzegovina Society of Public Health. The twinning consisted of the promotion of the Conference Public Health and Social Medicine, Sarajevo 22-24 March on the web and participating in the conference. The President of B/H SPH was invited as speaker to the conference "Making a difference" and bonds were made for further contact and assistance.

Two members of our society are actively participating in the EUPHA working group on the future of EUPHA. We became a full member of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA).

Publications in 2001:

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

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

We published three member letters as well as an email newsletter.

Existing working groups, sections, etc.:

- International section
- EUPHA Conference Oslo 2004 section

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Polish Association of Public Health**

Number of members:

The association has 247 members divided into four regional branches (Lodz, Warszawa, Kraków, Wroclaw).

Number of EUPHA members:

20

Activities in 2001:

The Polish Association of Public Health was created in 1993. In 2000, the general Assembly of the Association elected a new governing board. The most important event in the year 2001 was the First National Conference Public Health – Current Challenges in Transforming Europe, 29-30 October 2001 Lodz, Poland, under the honorary patronage of Aleksander Kwaśniewski, the President of Poland. The aim of the conference was to analyse the current public health concepts and management structures in Poland and in the European Union countries in view of new challenges for public health and to define priority tasks for public health services. The conference concentrated on three main issues: 1) Public health in changing Europe, main problems and functions in the EU and accession countries (Denmark, France, Italy, Poland, Czech Republic). Policy and strategy of EU and WHO. 2) concepts and functions of public health, 3) public health- legislation and practice.

Publications in 2001:

Members of the Association contribute their views and results of their research to the journal "Public Health", which is a recognised journal published since 1888.

Contact person for EUPHA:

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Portuguese Association for Public Health Promotion**

Name of the association:

Associação Portuguesa para a Promoção da Saúde Pública (APPSP)

Website:

A website is being developed.

Number of members:

150

Number of EUPHA members:

150

Activities in 2001:

In 2001, we organised the 13th national APPSP meeting in June on "Environment Risks for Health". We also started the development of a website and an *internet*-based members network.

Outlook for 2002:

Similar activities

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Russian Public Health Association**

Website:

www.rpha.newmail.ru

Number of EUPHA members:

25

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
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:

2516

Activities in 2001:

In November, the IX Congress was organised in Saragossa. At this conference, a draft of our report "La Salud y el sistema sanitario en España", a 250 page update on health levels and the health system in Spain was distributed. The final version of this report will be published next year. We also changed the legal statutes of the association and expanded the SESPAS website.

Publications in 2001:

- A first draft of the report on health levels and the health system in Spain "La Salud y el sistema sanitario en España"
- The continuous publication of the journal "Gaceta Sanitaria", which is included in Medline and other indexes
- Publication of the annual public health reviews issue (Revisiones en Salud Pública) as a special supplement to the "Gaceta Sanitaria".

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

Outlook for 2002

Definitive publication of the final version of the report "La Salud y el sistema sanitario en España".

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Swedish Association of Social Medicine**

Name of the Association:

Svensk Socialmedicinsk Förening

Website

www.svls.se/sektioner/ssmf

Number of members:

255

Number of EUPHA members:

255

Activities in 2001:

The association organised the following meetings:

- A scientific meeting on "Epidemiological field studies in development countries" in Umea, 25-26 April.
- A scientific meeting on Goals in health policy in Stockholm, 11-12 October.
- A one-week national post doc course on "Poverty, relative deprivation and ill health" in Stockholm in September.
- Six board meetings.

We also participated in the preparations of the Nordic conference on social medicine and public health in Bergen, Norway in September and commented on different governmental proposals and reports.

Publications in 2001:

We distributed four different newsletters to our members.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
Swiss Society for Public Health**

Name of the association:
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Prävention und Gesundheitswesen (SGPG)
Société Suisse de santé publique (SSSP)

Website:
www.sgpg.ch

Number of members:
650

Number of EUPHA members:
650

Activities in 2001:
Two new sections were created: the expert group on health politics and the expert group on the prevention of diabetes.

Publications in 2001:
We published the 6 yearly issues of our journal entitled Social and preventive medicine, which includes English summaries, and four newsletters.

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
- 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.

Outlook for 2002:
We will organise two scientific conferences. One will take place on 25-27 April 2002 and the other from 5 to 7 September 2002.

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**2001 ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:
UK Society for Social Medicine**

Name of the association:
Society for Social Medicine

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

Number of members:
Approximately 1,500

Number of EUPHA members:

1350

Activities in 2001:

We organised our Annual Conference in Oxford, UK jointly with the International Epidemiology Association.

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