

1st meeting of initiative for EUPHA section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting

1. Welcome!
2. Scope/focus of new section?
 - Monitoring and reporting?
 - Monitoring and forecasting?
 - ...?
3. Topics of interest
 - Indicators - International benchmarking
 - (Meta)data - Health information policies and strategies
 - Reporting tools - Making the policy cycle work; tailoring reporting
 -?
4. Acquiring new members

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5. Activities

- Develop 'database' for good reporting practices
- Workshop(s) for next year's conference:
 - Composite indicators (HLY, alcohol attributable mortality)
 - After the first EHIS round: results and lessons learned
 - ...?
- Newsletter
- (write mission/position paper, write article?)

6. Means of communicating

- E-mail
- EUPHApedia
- Linked-in?
- ...?

7. President/vice-president, EUPHA procedures for establishing section

Main conclusions (minutes) I

- Scope of new section: general public health monitoring and reporting. Forecasting is seen as an essential element of monitoring and reporting. Monitoring specific sub-fields such as health care expenditures or chronic diseases, or more specifically CVD, can be a topic for e.g a workshop or a discussion, but the scope of the section is broader; general PHMR (ECHI shortlist is an example of a general PHMR model). Statistics is a relevant issue for the section, but as an element in the PHMR-chain. Ergo, it will not be the main focus of the section.
- Vision/aim of new section: to establish a platform that will exchange experiences with and good practice examples of PHMR. Ultimately the goal is to improve the interaction between research and policy, i.e. to better support decision making, and to influence the political agenda setting more efficiently. Another aim mentioned was to learn about how to best analyze trends in order to better inform decision making.
- It was suggested that the new section could act as editors for HEIDI, the Commission's new PH-wiki, but not everybody endorsed that suggestion, because as yet there are insufficient guarantees for the quality of the contents of HEIDI. (see next slide).

Main conclusions (minutes) II

(Continuation of former slide). Therefore putting in a lot of voluntary effort under these circumstances would not be worthwhile.

- Acquiring new members; it was agreed that all would try to acquire more supporters for our initiative within their own organisation/network. Marieke will contact OECD, WHO and the European Commission, as it is important to also have policy makers involved.
- It was suggested to introduce the our initiative in the EUPHA newsletter.
- As workshop topic for next year 'models for reporting on the relationship between health and wealth' was chosen as this is in line with the main focus of the next EUPHA conference.
- E-mail and EUPHApedia were chosen as main means of communication for now.