

# 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the EUPHA section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting, EPH conference Copenhagen, 2011

## Agenda (black) and minutes (blue)

The meeting was chaired by Marieke Verschuuren (acting chair of the section, Dutch Public Health Institute (RIVM)) and Hans van Oers (also RIVM).

### - Welcome and opening of the meeting

The acting section chair announced that during the EUPHA Governing Council on November 9th, the initiative for the section on PHMR was approved, meaning that the section now officially has been established.

### - 2010/2011 report of the activities of the proposed section on PHMR

The report was presented, it can be found at the section webpages at the EUPHA site.

### - The wiki-space of the proposed section on PHMR

The wiki space was shown and the participants of the meeting were invited to use it. It is meant to be the main means for exchange of information between members of the section on PHMR.

### - Plans for 2012:

- **Proposal: formation of subgroups/task forces, working on specific topics such as; best practices in health reporting, conceptual models for PHMR, data/information presentation tools, data and indicators.**

Ideas for groups to work on brought forward by the participants of the meeting:

- Mapping exercise web-based PHMR systems, including factors for success and failure. Possibly leading to publication and/or workshop during next year's conference.
- Make a repository of tools, both for storage and sharing purposes.
- Work on improved availability, accessibility and sharing of data between countries, possibly (also) with a special focus on data for vulnerable groups. For this the section needs to have close links with Eurostat, OECD and WHO-Euro. The acting section chair informs the participants that the head of the health information unit of WHO-Euro expressed great interest in the section, but unfortunately she could not be present during the meeting. The acting section chair will contact Eurostat staff to invite them to become members of the section.
- Methodological work on comparing regions, overcoming the problems with small sample sizes.
- Investigating the uptake of the results of the first EHIS round
- Work together with the forthcoming Eurostat Task Force on Morbidity Statistics, develop guidelines for gathering morbidity statistics

- **Workshop proposal(s) for the 2013 EUPHA conference**

### Following from the above mentioned ideas for workgroups:

- Web-based PHMR systems in Europe and their successes and failures
- Comparing regions; overcoming methodological problems related to small sample sizes (this topic would fit nicely with one of the themes of the 2012 Malta conference; Small, few or different – Inequality in Europe's health)
- Uptake of results first EHIS round

- **Collecting/sharing publications**

One of the section members brought in the idea to share publications between members of the section; recent publications by section members, and 'classics' (e.g. the Lalonde report) and publications that members cherish

as being 'basic', or of special importance to their work. The wiki would be the logical place to share such publications. They could also be uploaded in EUPHApedia. The technical possibilities of the wiki need to be examined to see what would be the best way to upload and archive publications.

- **Developing quality criteria for regional PHMR; international follow-up of Dutch exercise?**

Marja van Bon of Tilburg University briefly explained the concept mapping exercise she has been carrying out in the Netherlands, bringing together experts with the aim to develop quality criteria for regional public health monitoring. The outcomes of this exercise are described in her PhD thesis (see the [news page](#) in this wiki). She brought in the idea to repeat this exercise at a European level, for example in the form of a pre-conference during the next EUPHA conference. The idea was endorsed, though it was also mentioned that it might be difficult to get experts enthusiastic for such an exercise; good thought should be given to 'what's in it for them'.