

**EUPHA section**  
**Public Health Monitoring and Reporting**

3rd annual meeting  
EPH conference Malta

Agenda and minutes

# Agenda

- 0) Welcome!
- 1) Activities of the section in 2012: overview and evaluation
- 2) Formation of a section steering group
- 3) Ideas for workshops/pre-conference for EPH Brussels 2013
- 4) Possible joint research proposals by members of the section (JM Robine, A Aromaa)
- 5) Ideas for other section activities
- 6) Possibilities for integrating informal expert network European Community Health Indicators with the section
- 7) Study on identification of quality criteria for a European Health Information and Reporting System (Nicole Rosenkoetter, MaastrichtUniversity).
- 8) Any other business and closure of the meeting

# 1) Activities of the section 2012

- Current number of members (7 nov): 428
- Activities 2012: see preliminary annual report:
  - Input consultations (Chronic diseases EU and Health2020 WHO)
  - Two workshops during this EPH conference (Health reporting: how can we meet policy makers' needs, Regional health reporting: what is happening in Europe?)
  - Communication: wiki → EUPHA website, Twitter account (@PHMRsection, 19 followers), mailman system

NB: Working group ideas discussed at previous section meeting did not get a follow up. Eurostat and SANCO staff were contacted about membership, but no response.

## 2) Formation of a section steering group

The following tasks are envisaged for steering group members (3-6):

- Advise the section President and vice-President about issues such as strategy and activities of the section, collaboration with external partners, and the role/position of the section within (developments in) EUPHA
- Support the section President and vice-President with the execution of section related tasks, such as consulting section members on specific topics, preparing the section's annual meeting, and writing news updates for e.g. the EUPHA Newsletter
- Contribute to articles, (position) papers etc. on behalf of the section, at the request of or in consultation with the section President and vice-President
- Represent the section/EUPHA at conferences and other events, at the request of or in consultation with the section President and vice-President and/or the EUPHA office
- Supporting the section in preparation of research grants
- Promoting the section's public health areas of interest

# What was decided?

- The idea to have a section steering group was endorsed. A call for expressions of interest will be sent out by mail. In this mail it will be stressed that a steering group member does not necessarily have to perform all tasks listed in the previous slide, a selection of tasks will also be possible.

### 3) Ideas for workshops/pre-conference for EPH Brussels 2013

#### Theme:

Health in Europe: are we there yet? *Learning from the past, building the future*

→ Workshop ideas? (Forecasting techniques?)

Organize (annual) preconference on important health information developments in Europe?

→ One of aims section is to be platform for this kind of exchange, but workshop format not very suitable for such 'loose topics'.

# What was discussed?

- The section can organize a pre-conference and submit workshop proposals, this is not mutually exclusive.
- There was support for the pre-conference idea, though there were also hesitations, as potential participants will have to come a day early and pay an additional fee.
- Ideas mentioned were a pre-conference on the WHO Highlights in health reports. Or a (brainstorming) session on indicators and targets in Europe, link this with policy (workshop or pre-conference).

## 4) Possible joint research proposals by members of the section (JM Robine, A Aromaa)

What was discussed: currently there is no concrete call that lies within the scope of the section. The section should take the lead in addressing the problem related to the lack of sustainability of health information activities at EU level, just like it did with the data protection issue. What was decided: the section will write an article for the EJPH and will contact the EUPHA office about a letter to the new Health Commissioner. EUPHA might support this idea. If not, the section can send this letter on its own behalf, or together with several other sections, if they are interested.

## 5) Ideas for other section activities

- Archiving digital information; are there any initiatives in this field? Look into this issue.
- Develop textbook on PHMR.
- Develop module health reporting for PH masters.



## 6) Possibilities for integrating informal expert network European Community Health Indicators with the section (Pieter Kramers)

Overlap between section's and network's aims; keeping track of major European Health Information developments and exchanging monitoring and reporting experiences

What was decided: the Network is welcomed as a subgroup of the section on European indicators .

7) Study on identification of quality criteria for a European Health Information and Reporting System (Nicole Rosenkoetter, Maastricht University).

What was discussed: there was some discussion about the optimal focus of the study; health information systems (HIS) in general, HIS at national level, HIS at European level? The participants of the meeting indicated that they would be willing to act as a respondent for the study.

8) Any other business and closure of the meeting

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!