

HIA section of EUPHA Report 2016

During year 2016 the following activities were completed by the section:

- The Join the Network meeting of the section at the 9th EPH conference in Vienna was attended by approx. 10 section members. Main focus was on activities during the next EPHC in Stockholm.
- At the 9th EPH conference in Vienna following 3 workshops were co-organized and run successfully:
 - “Reducing the health & environment footprint of European Public Health Conferences”. A joint workshop with the EUPHA section Environment related diseases and EUPHA office. The workshop was attended by ca. 20 participants. Based on the presentations and discussions, EUPHA will work on the issue of greening of future EPH-conferences.
 - The double workshop “Health impact quantification for a culture of “foresight”?” organized by the HIA section was well attended by 30-40 conference delegates. The workshop focused on practical experiences with existing models and tools for health impact quantification, compared and critically discussed them, and identified appropriate steps forward.
 - The workshop “Health assessments in support of decision-making” was jointly organized with the EUPHA sections Health Services Research, Public Health Economics and Public Health Practice and Policy. This health assessment-workshop is the third workshop in a series which was initiated in 2014. The workshop was attended by ca. 20 participants.
- Odile Mekel attended the EUPHA section council meeting in February 2016 in Utrecht and at the end of the EPHC in Vienna
- Communication with section members via e-mail
- The joint EUPHA section paper “Health assessments for health governance – Concepts and methodologies” was submitted to the EJPH and is currently under revision. Following EUPHA sections are involved: Health Impact Assessment, Health Services Research, Health Technology Assessment, Public Health Economics, Public Health Epidemiology, Public Health Monitoring & Reporting, Public Health Practice and Policy as well as (former) EUPHA section council chair and the EUPHA executive director.
- Springer (New York) publisher has expressed interest in publishing a book on health assessments. During the EPHC in Vienna a first meeting with Springer took place.
- Publication: Nowacki J, Martin-Olmedo P, Xu T, Martuzzi M (2016). Health impact assessments implementation and health in EAs. A review across the European Region of WHO. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Collaboration with the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUPHE): Odile Mekel is member of the IUPHE Global Working Group on HIA.

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