

**Join the Network Meeting of the EUPHA  
Public Health Monitoring and Reporting section  
16 October 2015, EPHC 2015, Milan**

**Agenda**

1. Administrative update:
  - a. Activity report of the section 2015.
2. Information on section workshops during EPHC 2015.
3. WHO European Health Information Initiative.
4. News on the EU Data Protection Regulation.
5. Section Newsletter
6. Draft working programme of Horizon 2020 in the area of health, demographic change and well-being
7. Discussion of next section activities, including ideas for workshops and pre-conferences etc. for the 2016 conference.
8. General health information issues

**Minutes**

About 25-30 members present

**1. Administrative update: 2015 activity report of the section**

Nicole Rosenkötter (NR) has forwarded the draft of 2015 annual activity report to the section members prior to this meeting. The report includes publications, communication activities, activities of the Steering Group and section activities during 2015. NR informed that the draft will be complemented with the minutes of the annual meeting before it will be published on the EUPHA website.

**2. Information on section workshops during EPHC 2015**

NR announced the section activities and workshops at EPHC 2015 as well as PHMR related sessions (plenary session on the new EU health information and workshop of Bridge Health on Health information in Europe).

**3. WHO European Health Information Initiative (EHII)**

The EHII and its activities were introduced to the section members and potential EUPHA membership was discussed. The PHMR members supported the involvement of EUPHA in the EHII and asked NR to forward this request to the EUPHA office, e.g. during the EUPHA Board Meeting.

**4. News on the EU Data Protection Regulation**

NR updated the members of the current state of affairs of the negotiations on the GDPR. Activities of the Wellcome Trust were introduced and the open petition of the European Health in Research Data Alliance that highlights concerns on the regulation of the health research community was promoted. It was agreed to forward information on the trilogue process and the petition to all PHMR section members (NOTE: Mail to all PHMR section members was sent on 22.10.2015).

Gaetan Lafortune announced an OECD report and a related policy brief on "Health Data Governance. Privacy, Monitoring, Research". Information on this report will be disseminated among all members with the next EUPHA PHMR section newsletter.

**5. Section Newsletter**

NR invited the section members to contribute to the newsletter. The newsletter should be used as a platform to disseminate information: not only European, also

national, regional or local information that is of interest for a PHMR audience. The members are invited to contact NR if they want to disseminate PHMR news, good practice examples or information on PHMR concepts, strategies and tools via the newsletter.

It was discussed that the newsletter is difficult to find on the EUPHA PHMR section website. NR and Marja van Bon-Martens (MvB) will take this concern up and try to re-arrange the section website.

#### **6. Draft working programme of Horizon 2020 in the area of health, demographic change and well-being**

NR forwarded the draft working programme in advance to all section PHMR members.

The attendees of the PHMR section meeting stated that PHMR issues are not well represented in the Horizon 2020 calls. The question is raised whether EUPHA and/or national associations can lobby in this regard. It was decided to discuss this issue within the EHII and to forward this feedback to the research pillar of EUPHA.

Data visualisation, big data, and personalization of data (e.g. internet of things, quantified-self) were raised as potential PHMR relevant topics for the Horizon 2020. More possibilities for research on PHMR issues would be appreciated.

#### **7. Discussion of upcoming section activities**

- NR informed the section members that the section is involved together with some other EUPHA sections in a publication on a mapping exercise of available health assessment approaches (see also point 1 of the Annual Report).
- NR announced that the section aims to prepare a preconference on data visualisation for the next EPHC in Vienna. Members were asked for ideas and potential contributions to this topic. The subsequent discussion raised aspects like
  - Visualization quality is directly linked to data quality
  - Public authorities might have difficulties to follow complex data visualization approaches due to budget constraints
  - Where is the trade-off in data visualization between simplicity and being simplistic?
  - The target audience must be clear: professionals, policymakers, researchers
  - Data visualization allows to make the data sing and to visualize complex matters
  - Relevant to emphasise the metadata to clarify what the data are telling us. Presentation tools alone are not sufficient.
  - Several members announced their interest to contribute to a pre-conference on data visualization.