



## Annual report 2021

### EUPHA CAPH

#### Goals for 2021 - 2025

CAPH Aims for 2021-2025:

- To connect public health professionals who share an interest in child and adolescent health
- To provide a forum for knowledge exchange for child and adolescent health
- To provide analysis on child and adolescent health
- To advocate for child and adolescent health in all policies
- To translate science into action for child and adolescent health

#### Collaboration and communication with section members

##### Join the network meeting:

The “Join the network” meeting during the World Public Health Congress 2021 was attended by 33+ participants from 25 different nations. Next to presenting the network a lively discussion was held on the necessary actions to ensure child and adolescent health in the post-pandemic phase. Participants suggested topic and actions to address in future. The discussion has been written up and further involvement of participants is foreseen. Minutes are on the website.

We propose drafting a commissioned call to action piece from workshop proceedings

##### **Newsletters and news:**

Members receive 3-4 newsletters a year. Intermittently, they are contacted by e-mail to be informed on current news or activities.

The new feature introduced to the newsletter format, “Introducing a section member”, a short interview profiling of section members is very successful ([available to view on CAPH webpages](#))

Members were contacted and invited to participate in three workshops organized for EPH Conference 2021, and the Join the Network Meeting. We thank Lourdes Canterero-Arevalo for her work in producing these newsletters

##### **Activities at the EPH conference 9-12 Nov 2021**

The Child and Adolescent Public Health section organised or co led several sessions at the 2021 edition of the [European Public Health Conference](#) in November 2021. Also, we participated in abstract scoring and shortlisting, offered abstract mentorship and chaired numerous sessions at EPH/WPH20 relevant to CAPH.

1.E. - Workshop: Addressing vulnerability within climate change related health impacts Chaired by Sonia Saxena; co led HIA



We submitted, organized, and chaired the following workshops:

- 3.O. - Children and adolescents' mental health during the corona pandemic (N=23)
- 7.N. - Children and young people: engaging the unheard stakeholders (N=10) joint with EUPHANxt
- 9.P. - Impact of COVID-19 pandemic and containment measures on the mental health in youth (N=26) joint with the EUPHA mental health section

We have offered waivers for EPH21 conference to maximize attendance from directorate members and supported two young researchers

However 7N \*Giving children and young people a voice; engaging the unheard stakeholder session- We were disappointed by the lack of engagement during the interactive scenario – whether this could have been improved with the mentimeter as voting is anonymous but there were concerns about whether the platform could host menti without crashing

1. There were not many questions from the audience – how do we increase engagement in virtual workshop?
2. Slot – end of the day so perhaps this affected attendance

We hope to offer this as a standing invited workshop (subject to peer review via the abstract scoring system) and pledge at least one waiver or two to support a buddying up from across Europe to support conference attendance of early career public health professionals <25 years

Next year, a couple of things that could be improved include interactive IT and support in planning. We also ask that this session is promoted more strongly with a morning slot or adjacent to the plenary

#### **Activities in the context of wider EUPHA:**

##### **Annual meeting/Section Council meeting Spring 2021**

The annual meeting and section council meeting was attended by SS (president) and JD (vice-president). In addition to an introduction on Section Council work, this meeting led to a new relationship with at least two sections: EUPHANxt and Mental Health

##### **Collaboration with other EUPHA sections:**

CAPH connected with EUPHANxt and EUPHA Mental Health Section for future combined efforts such as joint workshop submissions.

Discussions have started with EUPHANxt to establish a fixed workshop on engaging young people in public health policy 'The Unheard stakeholder' chaired and organized collaboratively.

##### **International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA**

- CAPH participation in and support of the WHO UNESCO Global Chair for Health and Education“– [Second survey on safe reopening of schools](#). This consultation led to the first publication of a WHO safety checklist for schools and is now in second advisory phase and ongoing.



- Since Feb 2021, CAPH has partnered with the European Society for Paediatrics to raise awareness of the importance of childhood vaccination. For example, several members have been invited to participate in a pan European campaign by posting ‘selfies’ with the [‘Vaccinate your Child campaign’](#) slogan on social media.
- August 2021 CAPH provided a vignette for WHO observatory of successful public health efforts to vaccinate children against covid 19 in Europe (see below)

#### **Other activities**

##### **Publications, analysis and comment:**

[Routine vaccination during covid 19](#) BMJ editorial comment June 2020

[Should the UK vaccinate children and adolescents against covid 19?](#) BMJ editorial Oct 2021

[How have public health agencies in the United Kingdom maintained routine vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic?](#) Health Systems Response Monitor for Euro Observatory (WHO) case study of the UK

A group of section members and members of the directory are collaborating in systematic review and publication on secondary health impact of containment measures during the corona pandemic.

##### **Visibility and impact**

Our president has been very active in contributing and sharing tweets on CAPH on our 2 supported campaigns this year

BBC London TV news film on 2 November 2021 where CAPH section president Sonia Saxena was interviewed on [air pollution and child health](#).