

2017 Annual Report

EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases (EUPHA_CHR)

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1. Section in brief

The EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases (EUPHA_CHR) was formally established at the 14th EUPHA annual conference in Montreux, Switzerland in 2006 and in 2017 listed 1,696 members.

The **aim** of the section is to increase and spread knowledge on chronic disease control and management. The section seeks to identify common approaches to develop the evidence and information base needed to guide policy and identify best practices for combating chronic diseases, and thus contributing to a sustainable and significant reduction of illness, disability and premature death. Furthermore, the section aims to lead efforts that help eliminate health disparities and negative socioeconomic consequences caused by chronic diseases and that promote health and well-being.

2. Conferences | Pre-conferences | Workshops

During the 10th European Public Health (EPH) conference, 1-4 November 2017, Stockholm, Sweden we (co)organized 3 workshops together with EUPHA sections (Public health genomics; Infectious diseases control, Health technology assessment), EUPHA Practice Pillar, and the WHO/Europe - Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health through the Life-course.

WORKSHOPS

10th European Public Health Conference, 1.-4.11.2017, Stockholm, Sweden

1.K. - Skills building seminar: *“Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in WHO/Europe region: demonstrating the impact of public health efforts through the Natural Experiments Study”*

- Date and place: Thursday 2 Nov, 9.00-10:30, Room T1
- Organizers: WHO/Europe - Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health through the Life-course in collaboration with EUPHA Sections on Chronic Diseases (EUPHA_CHR).
- Aims: The aim of this workshop was to contribute to capacity building in the use of natural experiment methodologies. Specifically: to (a) Introduce participants to the research design and methods of natural experiments; (b) Share examples of natural experiment studies performed within the context of a WHO/Europe project; (c) Provide a forum for discussions on the advantages and limitations of using such methods.
- Approximately 102 participants attended the workshop.

7.D. - Workshop: *“Toward a definition of good practices in public health: state of the art and different experiences”*

- Date and place: Friday 3 Nov, 16:20-17:50, Room T6
- Organizers: EUPHA Practice Pillar in collaboration with EUPHA sections (Chronic diseases; Infectious diseases control; and Health technology assessment).
- Aims: The main objectives of this workshop were: (a) to stimulate a discussion among experts engaged in different PH fields towards an agreement on common characteristics of public health (PH) good and best practices (GBPs) in Europe; (b) to share experiences and expertise in promotion and implementation of GBPs in different PH areas; (c) to engage experts and professionals from different PH areas in discussing differences, commonalities and peculiarities of their point of view on this topic.
- Approximately 35 participants attended the workshop.

8.B. - Workshop: *“Implementing the '-omics' evidences into precision prevention and interventions programs”*

- Date and place: Saturday Nov 4, 8:30-10:00, Room T3
- Organizers: EUPHA sections (Public health genomics; Chronic diseases)
- Aims: The aim of this workshops was to go beyond the paradigm of „personalized and precision medicine“ by focusing on advances in science and technology that can contribute to the improvement of population health by increasing our understanding on health and disease, as well as on their determinants and leading to innovations not only to diagnose and treat diseases, but also to prevent them.
- Approximately 32 participants attended the workshop.

CONFERENCES

3rd V4 Conference on Public Health, 19-20 October 2017, Prague, Czech Republic

The EUPHA_CHR supported the organisation of the 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health, 19-20 October 2017, Prague, Czech Republic. Dr. Martin Dlouhy, president of the Czech Society of Social Medicine, was the main organiser of this event. Over 70 public health professionals from the Visegrad four (V4) countries - Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland - exchanged information on public health research, policy and practice. The presidents of all national public health associations were present as well, showing the importance of this regional meeting. Dr. Dineke Zeegers, EUPHA Executive Director, joined the conference; presenting the vision, mission, and activities of EUPHA. In the closing ceremony, Prof. Roza Adany, president of the Hungarian association, invited all participants to the planned 4th V4 meeting in Debrecen, Hungary in May 2019.

Read more | <http://conference2017.ipvz.cz/>

3. Representation on behalf of the EUPHA / CHR

In 2017 Dr Iveta Nagyova, president of the EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases was the formal representation of EUPHA/CHR at the following events:

EU’s Scientific Panel for Health conference “Health research in a connected and participative society”, 9 June 2017, Brussels, Belgium

The European Commission's Scientific Panel for Health (SPH) is a science-led expert group based on the provisions of the Horizon 2020 Specific Programme, which is tasked with helping to achieve better health and well-being for all. During the second SPH conference on 9 June 2017 in Brussels the forum in particular addressed the participation of society in health research and policy, and the synergies between health research and health care.

Read more | <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=events&eventcode=D5562414-CBD8-9313-8DA314A8294D6298>

‘Ageing at home’ project meeting, 16-17 March 2017, Tromsø, Norway

Dr. Iveta Nagyova as a member of the Advisory Board of the project ‘Ageing at home: Innovation in home-based elderly care in rural parts of Northern Norway’ funded by the Research Council of Norway (project No. 257019; 2016-2018), was invited to this event to speak about the „European Perspectives on Chronic Care“ on annual meeting of this project held on 16-17 March 2017 in Tromsø, Norway. Together with I. Nagyova also Dr. Ellen Kuhlmann, president of the EUPHA section on Health workforce research, represented EUPHA at this event. Dr. Kuhlmann’s speech dealt with “Skill Mix in Health and Social Care”.

Read more | https://uit.no/tavla/artikkel/506435/ageing_at_home_innovation_in_home-based_elderly

3rd International Congress of Polish Society of Public Health, 30 November – 1 December 2017, Wrocław, Poland

The Polish Public Health Association organised a 2-day meeting in Wrocław, Poland from 30 November to 1 December 2017. This national conference was attended by around 150 Polish, Russian, Ukrainian and Belarussian public health professionals, coming together to discuss a wide variety of topics ranging from investing in health to health care to the future of public health. Dr. I. Nagyova and Dr. Dineke Zeegers Paget took part in two expert panel discussions: “*The history of prevention from Ottawa to Vienna – low costs of healthy life*” and “*The state of public health in Europe - Quo Vadis? Most important problems in upcoming years*”.

Read more | <http://ptzp.org/en/>

4. Advocacy | Statements | Strategic policy documents

EUPHA in collaboration with EuroHealthNet and EPHA prepared a joint statement entitled “*The continued need for public health research in Europe*” for the EU’s Scientific Panel for Health conference “Health research in a connected and participative society” held on 9 June 2017, Brussels, Belgium. Dr. Dineke Zeeger and Dr Iveta Nagyova attended this conference on behalf of EUPHA.

5. Projects

In 2017 EUPHA_CHR was not formally involved in any new European project. We however promoted among section members several projects in which EUPHA was actively involved:

- GenCAD – Gender specific mechanisms in coronary artery disease
- PRECeDI - Personalized pREvention of Chronic Diseases
- TO-REACH - Transfer of Organisational innovations for Resilient, Effective, equitable, Accessible, sustainable and Comprehensive Health Services and Systems

Read more about EUPHA projects | <https://eupha.org/projects>

6. Collaboration

Our main strategic collaborating non-EUPHA partner is the **Division on Noncommunicable Diseases and Life Course, WHO/Europe**. So far we organized together 5 workshops at the European Public Health Conferences (2011, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2017).

With regard to **EUPHA sections**, in 2017 we organized 2 workshops in collaboration with EUPHA sections on Infectious diseases control; Health technology assessment; and Public health genomics. A new experience was a collaboration with the **EUPHA Practice Pillar**, which was very successful.

EUPHAnxt is a free and open initiative that aims to collect the active contribution of students, young researchers, practitioners and policymakers interested in European public health issues, in order to sensitize and involve them into the European and multidisciplinary network of public health associations. EUPHA_CHR contributed together with EUPHAnxt to the **Abstract Mentor Programme**, which provides an opportunity for young and/or less experienced abstract submitters to receive feedback from experts before submitting their abstract for EPH conference.

7. Communication

Website

The section's website is regularly updated. It contains information on activities organized by the section since its establishment; such as workshops and preconference organized during the annual EUPHA conferences. It also contains EUPHA_CHR publications such as texts from the EUPHA conference proceedings and short reports from the European Journal of Public Health. For section web pages at the EUPHA website see: <http://www.eupha.org/chronic-diseases>

EUPHA mailman system

The EUPHA_CHR has been using the EUPHA mailman system for distributing information among its members. This mainly concerned up-to-date information on conferences, workshops, initiatives, projects or strategic documents.

Twitter

The EUPHA_CHR has no Twitter account, but the section's president Dr I. Nagyova (@IvetaNagyova) and vice-president Prof. D. Stuckler (@davidstuckler) regularly share topical information on chronic diseases via their accounts.

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