

# Minutes – 2017 Join the Network Meeting: EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases (EUPHA\_CHR)

## AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Activity report 2017
3. Reflections on the 2017 conference
4. Suggestions for collaborations, work groups, projects
5. Pre-conference and workshop for 2018 EPH conference
6. Any other business



## Minutes

### 1. Welcome

Dr Iveta Nagyova, section president, welcomed all present at the “Join the Network” (JTN) meeting of the EUPHA section on Chronic disease (EUPHA\_CHR). The meeting took place on Friday, 3 November 2017, 12:10-13:40, Room: K22 and 10 persons were present. The meeting participants were public health professionals, researchers and representatives of patient organisations coming from Denmark, Germany, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Slovakia, and Sweden. In addition, also Dr. Andrew Snell from the WHO/Europe, Division on Noncommunicable Diseases and Life Course, was present at the meeting.

### 2. Activity report 2017

At the beginning of the meeting the president gave a short presentation delineating the mission of the section, its roles and activities with a special focus on 2017 activities as compared with plans.

A short summary of 2017 main activities: the section (co)organized 3 workshops in collaboration with 3 EUPHA sections; the EUPHA Practice Pillar, and the WHO/Europe, Division on Noncommunicable Diseases and Life Course. The section president officially represented EUPHA at 3 strategic European meetings in the field of chronic diseases. The section was also involved in supporting several international conferences, especially in Central and Eastern European (CEE) Countries.

For more information see the section's 2017 Annual report | <https://eupha.org/chronic-diseases>

### 3. Reflections on the 2017 conference

The main section's activities during the 10<sup>th</sup> EPH conference in Stockholm involved (co)organisation of 3 workshops, including a Skills building seminar on Natural Experiment Studies in collaboration with the WHO/Europe, Division on Noncommunicable Diseases and Life Course. All workshops were well attended, with over 30 participants present for regular workshops and over 100 participants present for the Skills building seminar with WHO/Europe. The discussions during the workshops were very vivid and we received a lot of following positive feedback.

In addition, the section members contributed to the EPH conference Abstract Mentor Programme with providing feedback to young and/or less experienced abstract submitters before submitting their abstracts for EPH conference. Also, several section members served as chairs for oral or poster sessions during the conference within the track “Chronic Diseases”.

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In the second half of the JTN meeting a very fruitful discussion among participants was going on with suggestions for future activities and workshops for the 2018 EPH conference. With regard to specific topics these included comorbidities or multimorbidities with special emphasis on cardiovascular comorbidity, diabetes and COPD. Another suggestion was to organize a workshop on pre-diseases, such as prehypertension, prediabetes, metabolic syndrome, dyslipidaemia or osteopenia with aim to search for factors that can diminish the risk of developing cardiovascular disease or type 2 diabetes. The last group of ideas dealt with clinical pathways, patient-reported outcome measures and better involvement of patients in research and healthcare decision making.

The JTN meeting participants exchanged their e-mail addresses for further communication and organisation of joint activities.

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