

2018 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 currently lists over 1,800 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. For more information please visit: <https://eupha.org/chronic-diseases>

2. Conferences | Pre-conferences | Workshops

During the 11th European Public Health (EPH) conference, 28 Nov - 1 Dec 2018, Ljubljana, Slovenia we (co)organized 3 workshops in collaboration with the EUPHA section on Health promotion, the WHO/Europe Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation in Copenhagen; the WHO Europe Office for the Prevention and Control of NCDs in Moscow; Politecnico di Milano University, Italy, and consortia of 3 EU-funded project: ICARE4EU, the CHRODIS+ Joint Action, and the SCIROCCO project.

WORKSHOPS: 11th EPH conference, 28 Nov - 1 Dec 2018, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Title	1.K. - Skills building seminar: Multimorbidity and integrated care: What do we know? What should we do?
Date and place	Thursday 29 Nov 9:00-10:30, Room E4
Organizers	EUPHA Section on Chronic Diseases (EUPHA_CHR)
Aims	The aim of this workshop was to raise awareness of multimorbidity and introduce several types of integrated care models that were developed within three EU-funded projects and that are specifically targeted to people with multimorbidity - the ICARE4EU project, the CHRODIS+ Joint Action, and the SCIROCCO project. The workshop also discussed what topics, actions and activities should be prioritised in addressing the challenges of integrated multimorbidity care at the European, but also national and regional levels.
Participants	Approximately 32 participants attended the workshop.

Title	7.D. - Workshop: Architecture and Urban Context's Design Strategies to Promote City Users' Healthy Behaviours
Date and place	Friday 30 Nov 16:20-17:50, Room TR3-1
Organizers	EUPHA sections: Chronic diseases (CHR), Health promotion (HP), WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of NCDs, and Politecnico di Milano University, Italy
Aims	This workshop discussed new approaches to architecture, urban planning, and design that promote healthier ways of living. Researchers and practitioners, both of technical and medical education, identified the need of an interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary approach, in order to address the main health problems of the city and of contemporary society; there is a need of joint action in order to involve communities starting from the professionals themselves. This workshop provided useful support tools and strategies to inspire stakeholders (public health professionals, architects, designers, and policy makers) in the application of these new strategies into practice.
Participants	Approximately 49 participants attended the workshop.

Title	9.C. - Skills building seminar: You say 'tomato', I say 'tomato'(e): Knowledge translation disputes in public health
Date and place	Saturday 1 Dec 9:40-11:10, Room Lily Novy Club
Organizers	EUPHA section on Chronic diseases (CHR), EUPHAnxt, WHO Europe - Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation
Aims	The aim of this Skills building seminar was to contribute to capacity building in knowledge translation (KT) and evidence-informed decision-making in public health. It sought to provide public health and healthcare professionals with both theory regarding effective KT skills and best practice examples enhancing knowledge translation.
Participants	Approximately 45 participants attended the workshop.

3. Representation on behalf of the EUPHA / CHR

In 2018 Dr Iveta Nagyova, president of the EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases was the formal representation of EUPHA_CHR at the following events:

European Policy Centre (EPC), CHES workshop: „ Health in all policies – Going beyond policy silos: Tackling chronic disease in the workplace”, 28 September 2018, Brussels, Belgium

The EPC's Coalition for Health, Ethics and Society (CHES) aims to promote a multi-stakeholder dialogue between health and non-health practitioners on topical health issues. CHES events and publications pay particular attention to the ethical aspects of health and issues regarding access to healthcare, affordability and patient choice. Dr Iveta Nagyova was invited to a workshop organized by CHES (Coalition for Health, Ethics and Society) to give a speech entitled "Tackling Chronic Diseases in the Workplace: The Need for Knowledge Translation".

Read more | http://www.epc.eu/prog_forum.php?forum_id=7&prog_id=8

9th Meeting of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR), WHO/Europe, 3–4 May 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark

WHO/Europe launched the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR) in 2011 with aim to promote and strengthen the use of research evidence for public health decision-making and to inform policies for the development of health research in the Region. The EACHR reports directly to the WHO Regional Director for Europe. The committee comprises around 24 public health research experts in a given year and is drawn from a range of institutions and disciplines. Dr Iveta Nagyova has become a member of the EACHR in February 2018.

The 9th EACHR meeting, held on 3–4 May 2018 in Copenhagen, reviewed and offered advice on key technical programmes, agreed recommendations, and action points and updated the EACHR action plan for 2018–2019. The meeting focused on a number of topic areas: including the joint monitoring framework and core set of indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals; Health 2020, and the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013-2020; big data; or implementation research.

Read more | <http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evidence/evidence-informed-policy-making/european-advisory-committee-on-health-research-eachr>

4. Advocacy | Statements | Strategic policy documents

Report of the 9th Meeting of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR)

The EUPHA_CHR via its president Dr Iveta Nagyova has been involved in the preparation of a WHO/Europe strategic document – the Report of the 9th Meeting of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR). The EACHR report provides advice on formulation of policies for the development of health research, reviews the scientific basis of selected regional programmes, provides advice on new findings on priority public health issues and evidence-based strategies to address them, and facilitates exchange of information on research agendas and evidence gaps. The most recent EACHR report offers advice on a range of research topics, including the joint monitoring framework, the cultural contexts of health and well-being, big data, and primary health care. The EACHR put forward new recommendations and action points, including the creation of an intersectoral ministerial task force to set the public agenda for the use of big data in health research.

Full report | http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/384344/eachr-9-meeting-eng.pdf?ua=1

5. Projects

In 2018 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

EUPHA_CHR's strategy is to promote collaboration and strategic partnerships with stakeholders in the field of chronic diseases. With regard to **EUPHA sections**, in 2018 we co-organized a workshops in

collaboration with the EUPHA section on Health promotion and Urban public health. To our main strategic non-EUPHA collaborating partners belongs the **WHO/Europe**, especially its two divisions: **Division on Noncommunicable Diseases and Life Course**; so far we organized together 5 workshops at the European Public Health Conferences (2011, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2017); and the **Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation** (so far 2 joint workshops were organized: 2017 and 2018). A new experience has been a collaboration with the **Politecnico di Milano University, Italy** on a workshop dealing with **architecture and urban context to promote healthy behaviours**. The group is very actively collaborating also with EUPHA sections on Public Mental Health and section on Urban Health. Another group of collaborating partners included the **consortia of 3 EU-funded project: ICARE4EU, the CHRODIS+ Joint Action, and the SCIROCCO project**.

EUPHA_CHR has a special focus on future public health professionals via its collaboration with **EUPHANxt**, which 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. In 2018 EUPHA_CHR contributed together with the 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. We also co-organized together a **Skills building seminar** focussing on capacity building in knowledge translation and evidence-informed decision-making in public health.

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 page please visit: <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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