

## **Minutes Join-the-Network Meeting 2022**

### **Date**

November 10th, 2022, 13:50-14:50 CET

### **Place**

European Public Health Conference 2022, Berlin

### **Attendees**

About 30 persons joined the meeting.

### **Agenda**

1. Introductions by the steering committee and attendees
2. Brief introduction to the section
3. Update on current activities
4. Change in Presidency
5. Search for new Vice President and Steering Group members
6. Future activities and planning for EPH 2023 in Dublin
7. Discussion

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### **3. Update on current activities**

In the past year, EUPHA SGMH organized various activities, including two workshops as part of the EPH Conference in Berlin. About a year ago, a member survey was sent out to find interested candidates for a roster of country representatives to facilitate collaboration within and across country borders. The survey will be circulated once more early next year before candidates will be selected and the roster will be published.

### **4. Change in Presidency**

After nearly seven years of leading the section, Dr. Bränström stepped down as president. Dr. Bränström's leadership led to the creation of the SGMH section and resulted in a rapid expansion of its membership over the last few years, up to almost 1200 members to date. The section is very grateful for all the work by Dr. Bränström over the last 7 years; first as section initiator, later as its founding president. Dr. Van der Star was selected and appointed as the new section president.

### **5. Search for new Vice President and Steering Group members**

In the weeks following the conference, Dr. Van der Star will send out a call for a new vice president and steering group members. The aim is to form a group of diverse

researchers/professionals in terms of identities and age, representing various countries across the continent, and covering a wide array of SGM-related topics and expertise. Specifically, early-career researchers/professionals will be encouraged to apply. The informal procedure will most likely include a short statement on motivation and CV. A decision will likely be made around mid-January. The aims and strategy of the section will be updated once the new vice president and the steering group has been appointed.

### **6. Future activities and planning for EPH 2023 in Dublin**

An open-forum discussion was used to brainstorm ideas for future activities. Dr. Van der Star shared the plan to host a webinar in the spring on the changing political climates across Europe for gender minorities and how this is impacting life-saving healthcare for this population. When successful, the aim is to see if funding can be requested from the European Commission as part of the EUPHA Operating Grant to organize an in-person follow-up event. Several other topics were suggested for the upcoming EPH conference in Dublin next year, such as:

- 1) SOGI status and neurodiversity
- 2) Best practices around integrating SGM-specific services and general healthcare services