

EUPHA Section “Ethics in Public Health”

Annual Report for 2015

Activities in 2015

Collaborations with EUPHA section members

From the annual meeting 2014 some plans for collaborations arose that were implemented in 2015. The EUPHA section collaborated with the Spanish partner, SESPAS (Spanish Association of Public Health and Healthcare) in the conduction of a workshop on ethical aspects of “waste of knowledge”. This workshop was organized from SESPAS and the Fundació Víctor Grífols i Lucas. It took place in Spain in September 2015. The Ethics section can be of added value to disseminate the results. Another collaboration was a workshop on Public Health Ethics from the UK Faculty of Public Health where senior public health leaders discussed how to get ethics into practice (London, September 2015). The results of both workshops were presented in two different workshops of the ethics section at the Milan 2015 conference.

Milan conference 2015

The “Round table: Ethics in public health research: collective responsibility, sustainability and social transformation” was organized by Amets Suess, Andalusian School of Public Health, in collaboration with the section. It was reported in this workshop about the Spanish workshop on “waste of knowledge”.

Els Maeckelberghe presented at the “Skills building seminar: Are we critical enough in analysing health research findings?” which was co-organized by EUPHANxt, EuroNet and YFG. The section collaborated.

The “Getting public health ethics into practice” was organized by the section. Several speakers reported about their experiences to teach ethics or to get ethics otherwise to the public health “work floor”. It was also reported about the London workshop of the PH Faculty.

Annual meeting October 17th, 2015

The section members present at the meeting evaluated the above mentioned activities, esp. the workshops from the conference. The following ideas for the Vienna 2016 conference were discussed:

- Pre conference on integrity
- Workshop on child autonomy
- Teaching of public health ethics

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