

# Minutes Join the network meeting 15 oct 2020 11:00 - 12:00 EUPHA section Ethics in Public Health (EUPHA)

#### Welcome

The president, Peter Schröder-Bäck, welcomes all attendants at this special 'screen- JTN'-meeting.

#### Agenda

Welcome

Round of introduction

Report on activities 2020 (president, steering group, present members)

Reflection on activities during the WCPH

Planning EPH conference 2021

Cooperation offers of members / other collaboration or networking

Any other business

Induction of new section president

Closing

#### **Activities of the section 2019-2020**

See annual report (attachment).

Special attention is given to

• the viewpoint: see https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa180



• the webinar: see <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9f5ZaMKP">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9f5ZaMKP</a> w&t=4667s



Activities of the section at the conference



#### Ethics and Ethics section related activities during WCPH

Tue 13th, 20:00-21:00, G

#### 8.G. - Workshop: Public Health Systems Leadership and Capacity Building in Changing Times

UK Faculty of Public Health

Chairperson(s): Maggie Rae - United Kingdom

Introduction

Maggie Rae - United Kingdom

#### Lessons in Public Health Leadership

Samia Latif - United Kingdom

#### Knowledge transfer in Leadership, advocacy and analysis

John Newton - United Kingdom

#### Value-driven workforce, systems and leadership

Farhang Tahzib - United Kingdom

#### Case for rethinking system leadership and its development in public health

Tony Smith - United Kingdom

Wed 14th, 14:30-15:30, F

# 13.F. - Skills building seminar: "There is never a dull moment in science". Designing engaging Responsible Conduct in Research courses

EUPHAnxt, EUPHA-ETH

Chairperson(s): Els Maeckelberghe - Netherlands, Monica Brinzac - Romania

**W**ed 14<sup>th</sup>, 15:45-16:45, *G* 

# 14.G. - Workshop: Teaching Ethics in Public Health and Medicine – International Experiences, Concepts, Challenges

UK Faculty of Public Health, **EUPHA-ETH**, DGPH WG Public-Health-Ethik (Germany), SESPAS WG Ethics in Public Health (Spain)

Chairperson(s): Ilona Koupil - Sweden, Els Maeckelberghe - Netherlands

#### Variability in public health ethics education in EUPHA and ASPHER members

Frances Butcher - United Kingdom

# Innovative methods in teaching Public Health Ethics. The need to adapt to the new times: from challenge to opportunity

Andrea Buron Pust - Spain

#### What does competent moral expertise look like in public health practice?

Farhang Tahzib - United Kingdom

#### Teaching Bioethics at the Medical School, University of Ibadan, Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges Simisola Akintola - Nigeria

Thu 15th, 13:15-14:15, Auditorium

#### WLD029 - Commercial determinants of health: new strategies for the promotion of population health

Network on Governance, Ethics and Conflicts of Interest in Public Health; International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Canada)



Fri 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:00. *G* 

25.G. - Round table: Public Health Codes of Ethical Professional Conduct for Effective Practice

UK Faculty of Public Health, EUPHA-ETH

Chairperson(s): Maggie Rae - United Kingdom, Els Maeckelberghe - Netherlands

Farhang Tahzib - United Kingdom

Peter Schröder-Bäck - EUPHA (ETH)

Lorna Watson - United Kingdom

Kasia Czabanowska - ASPHER

Fri 16th, 15:45-16:45, I

30.I. - Round table: Human rights and the right to health - implications for day to day public health practice

UK Faculty of Public Health, EUPHA-LAW, Temple University (USA)

Chairperson(s): Farhang Tahzib - United Kingdom

Scott Burris - United States

David Patterson - Netherlands

Lorna Watson - United Kingdom

Gill Richardson - United Kingdom

Alison Mc Callum - United Kingdom

All session were well attended and very lively. There was a good response from the attendants. All sessions were exemplary in making the most of the online possibilities.

#### Ideas for workshop activities next year

After a vivid brainstorm, three themes have emerged with people willing to take the lead in preparing workshops:

- 1. Teaching:
  - a. global health ethics
- b. teaching public ethics by professionals without formal ethics training *Andrea, Fran, Ilona, Judy*
- 2. What does "Public" signify, what are "public health actors"? *Kai, Peter, Tarang, Lou, Fran*
- 3. Tobacco control

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#### **Elections**

The section elected a new president: Els Maeckelberghe. The outgoing president congratulates her.

Els Maeckelberghe takes over the presidency and her first act is to thank everybody for having elected her as president. She gives a short la thanks to Peter for his continuous



commitment to section, his achievements this past 6 years and his warmth and personal approach.

### **Steering committee**

P. Schröder-Bäck and F. Tahzib act as vice-presidents of the section

S. Aleksandrova and Ilaria Tocco Tussardi are members of the steering committee. Ilaria Tocco Tussardi contacted the section after this meeting and was very willing to be active as steering committee member.

The section will be in close contact with the new section Public Health and Law. David Patterson from the new section will be 'liaison officer' and Els Maeckelberghe will be so for the Ethics in Public Health section. Farhang Tahzib, as co-initiator of the new section, will remain active in both sections.

#### Any other business

N.A.

#### List of attendants

David Patterson, Dilek Aslan, Fran Butcher, Lou Cantarero, Ilona Koupil, Tarang Sharma, Kai Michelsen, Silvya Aleksandrova, Roger Worthinton, Farhang Tahzib, Judy Makhoul, Gordon Honeyman, Chloé Renard, Matteao Martinato, Andrea Buron, Peter Schröder-Bäck (president), Els Maeckelberghe (vice-president)

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Addendum 1

### Annual report 2020 EUPHA section on Ethics in Public Health (EUPHA-ETH)

#### Achievements in 2019/20

We conducted a survey among EUPHA members, in cooperation with the UK Public Health Faculty (who is leading on the survey and its analysis). The Survey is on education and



challenges of education of public health ethics. It shall help to better understand current activities, views and perspectives on the issue. This understanding will assist in considering options for further development of education and training in public health ethics. Results will be presented at the 2020 conference in October and shall be published in a journal article. The results will help to further form the activities of EUPHA-ETH and make the section a helpful resource for EUPHA and particularly section members. The survey is complementary to a survey among ASPHER institutions that was conducted by the same group (thus with EUPHA-ETH support).

At the EPH conference in Marseille 2019 the section was involved in several activities. Only one workshop was accepted, though, which was a successful event with Els Maeckelberghe being involved as Panelist: "Liberté, égalité and fraternité in public health - A Human rights approach to Public (Mental) Health"; a collaboration with EUPHA, EUPHA MEN, & EUPHA ETH.

In 2020, the section, in collaboration with UK Faculty of Public Health, also organised a workshop on "Ethical and legal dimensions of vaccine hesitancy: Ethics, values and vaccination hesitancy – information, choice and public's health" at Green Templeton Colege, University of Oxford, in March 2020, which was postponed due to the pandemic.

Section members also collaborated in a Special issue of the *Journal of Public Health* on "Public Health Ethics and Science of Social Justice" (https://academic.oup.com/jpubhealth/pages/public-health-ethics-and-the-science-of-social-justice).

#### **Collaboration with section members**

Section members were encouraged to collaborate submitting proposals for the EPH2020 conference and to communicate with help of the section among each other to initiate projects on public health ethics.



#### Conference 2020

In a collaborative effort with section members and partners, several proposals for workshops were submitted and have been *accepted*:

- Workshop: "Teaching Ethics in Public Health and Medicine International Experiences, Concepts, Challenges."
- Round table: "Public Health Codes of Ethical Professional Conduct for Effective Practice."
- Skills building seminar: "There is never a dull moment in science: Designing engaging Responsible Conduct in Research course" to be conducted by Els Maeckelberghe.
- A World Leadership Dialogue session on "The moral mandate of public health, organized efforts of society and implication for practice" organized by UK Faculty in collaboration with other partners, incl. the section.

#### Other activities

Els Maeckelberghe and Peter Schröder-Bäck, as VP and president, accepted the invitation along with a leading co-author to contribute to the special issue of the *EJPH* initiated and edited by EUPHA on Digital Public Health. The special issue will be lounged during the EPH conference. (Brall, C., Schröder-Baeck, P., & Maeckelberghe, E. (2019). Ethical aspects of digital health from a justice point of view. *European Journal of Public Health*, 29(suppl. 3), 1822. https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckz167).

A new viewpoint – lead author Els Maeckelberghe – was invited by EUPHA and will be published in the *EJPH* along with other viewpoints from EUPHA sections. The title is: "Covid-19 – a test for our humanity".

The president and VP endorsed the statement "Public health for the future of humanity: One planet, One people, One health" which has been set up by the UK Faculty of Public Health, EUPHA, SItI and the World Federation of Public Health Association that was initiated by section steering group member Farhang Tahzib.

The collaboration with the UK Public Health Faculty is important for EUPHA-ETH. Among the activities are the survey (see above) and also the support of the FPH in building regional Public Health Ethics working groups. The section president supported a working group meeting in Glasgow with a presentation and consultation.

The "Public health ethics, law and human rights for the future of humanity" free webinar series is initiated by EUPHA and in collaboration with the UK PHF and EUPHA ETH. The first session, on "Justice, solidarity and public's health" will take place on 23rd September 2020, 2:00-3:30 pm BST (London).

The VP continued activities as chair of the Good EUPHA Practices Committee and gave an advice on conflict of interest in collaboration.



### **Annual meeting**

The JTN during the EPH conference discussed the planning of proposals for the 2020 conference and announcing the President / VP elections of 2020.

#### **General communications with section members**

Cooperation for the 2020 conference working groups was offered during the JTN and several emails to the section. There were very few responses this year (unlike last year).

The elections of the ETH Section president was announced and initiated in emails to the section.

Peter Schröder-Bäck & Els Maeckelberghe, 8.2020