



Minutes Join the network meeting Section on Environment and Health,

November 2020

EUPHA section on Environment and Health (EUPHA-ENV)

Welcome

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Agenda

1. Annual report
2. Statement ENV EUPHA
3. Newsletter (2+1)
4. Collaboration with other Sections
5. Secretary position
6. Future cooperation – communication and future events

1. Annual report

Annual report has been prepared and presented by Marija Jevtic.

Activities of the section

2. Statement

EUPHA Section on Environment and Health prepared (EUPHA ENV) Statement on Env Health for WCPH2020. Support and sign-ons to the statemtns can be made on this link : shorturl.at/oCLU3

Workshops WCPH2020:

- Climate change, energy issues and air pollution – as a triad of health priorities (ENV)
- SDGs in the focus of environmental and health issues (ENV)
- Healthier populations through addressing environmental health topics and the SDGs (ENV/WHO)
- Design for Mental Health integration through built environment interventions (MEN/URB/ENV).

Dissemination of our interests:

- EHMA (European Health Management Conference, Helsinki 2020)
- ESOF 2020: Sustainable Development Goals - Planet on the diet for a healthy future



- European Public Health Week - EPHW (May 2020)
- INCHES Conference 2020

3. Newsletter (2+1)

- We had sent out 2 newsletters in 2020 before Conference
- next newsletter is planned for after the WCPH2020 Conference

4. Collaboration with other Sections

- Urban Health
- Public Mental Health
- Health Impact Assessment
- Food and Nutrition
- Public Health Law
- Digital Public Health
- ...

5. Elections - Secretary position: 7 applications (full or partial) for the position.

Decision for Vlatka Matkovic, but cooperation with all.

6. Future cooperation – communication and future events

Discussed:

- Zoom meetings
- Cooperation with other section
- Common paper
- Future events
- Promotion of the ENV Section

Defined fields of interest:

- SDG and environmental health
- Climate, air pollution, energy and health
- Mental health and Environment
- Chemicals, consumers and environment
- Circular economy and Healthy environment
- Children as vulnerable group and environment
- Food safety and environment
- Digital health and environment
- Public health law and environment

Who wants to become more active

- Several members expressed their wish to take up a more active role. We discussed if 'core active team' or steering committee would be best appropriate to engage all who would like to contribute more to the work of the section



- Group of people expressing interest to take more active role in the Section: David Patterson, Luis Lapao, Lucjan Szponar Julia Nowacki, Gianfranco Damiani, Peter van den Hazel, Marija Jevtic, Vlatka Matkovic

Ideas for workshop activities next year

- Digital Public health and Env Health (in light of Covid situation)
- Environment and Health in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- Common workshop Health Impact Assessment section and ENV Section

Suggestions from participants

- David Patterson, LL.M, MSc, Global Health Law Groningen Research Centre, d.w.patterson@rug.nl informed us that new EUPHA section on Law and Health has been just created and the section want to take up some of Enc/Climate cases and strongly cooperate with EUPHA Env Health Section
- Newsletter on COVID+Env (expectations/benefits/effects for env), or maybe that we can prepare common paper for some journal on this topic
- Links (in the newsletter) to policy inputs from Env Health (science-to-policy link)
- Open twitter account for wider outreach

Steering committee –

Group discussed that it would be good to set up a steering committee. More to discuss in next meeting.

Any other business

Next meeting (zoom) - is planning during INCHEM Conference 2020

List of attendants

Zoom meeting was attended by 21 persons.

Peter van den Hazel, PhD, MD, MPH
Vice-president of Section
Marija Jevtic, MD, PhD, full professor
President of Section