



Annual report 2020

EUPHA Food and Nutrition section (EUPHA-FN)

Goals for 2020

Given the state of emergency following the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic, all planned activities have been inevitably slowed down or postponed. We started an active recruiting of potential new members willing to actively collaborate in research activities within the Food and Nutrition Section. Based on the interests collected, some topics will be proposed by mailing list or during the annual meeting at the conference in order to define the working groups on position papers from the EUPHA (with prior authorization from the concerning authority bodies) – with the hope to gain visibility from the political and academic sectors.

Collaboration with section members

Following a survey through mailing list, there is an ongoing selection of section members willing to participate to the position papers/guidelines.

Collaboration with other sections also led to presentation of some workshops at the EPH conference.

Activities at the EPH conference

The following activities have been prepared for the EPH conference:

- *Workshop*: Data analysis, advocacy activities, and actions to counteract the double burden of malnutrition, organized EUPHA-FN, EUPHA-CD, EUPHA-HP, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- *Workshop*: Food processing in the modern era: implication for public health and risk of chronic non-communicable diseases, organized by EUPHA-FN & EUPHA-CD
- *Round table*: Transforming food and agricultural systems and addressing food insecurity in Europe, organized by EPHA, EUPHA-FN, -HP, Institute of Sociology, University of Education Freiburg, Germany

Other activities

- Urska Erklavec and Christopher Birt represent the section in the project Making most of health for food systems reform, a project funded by Fondation de France designed to raise awareness of importance of considering all the environmental implications of food production, and therefore the relevance of appropriate decisions in Common Agricultural Programme (CAP) reform. In the context of the *Public Health Week*, they helped organizing a Webinar held on 11 May, 14.00-15.30 CET, titled “New opportunities for health in European food & agricultural policies”.
- Christopher Birt and Enni Mertanen are members (and Christopher is Deputy Chair) of the Stakeholders Advisory Board of the JPI Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (HDHL) organisation which, with EU support, sponsors and funds nutrition-related research. On this account, they



are involved, formally on behalf of EUPHA, in the Stakeholders Advisory Board of the “CHIC Project” (a research and innovation project supported through the EU Horizon 2020 funding programme supporting the establishment of a responsible innovation pathway for the development and application of New Plant Breeding Techniques for chicory as a multipurpose crop for the production of high-value consumer products, in line with societal needs and concerns).

- Giuseppe Grosso is currently involved in the activities of the NNEdPro Global Centre for Nutrition and Health (not yet formally on behalf of EUPHA).

Annual meeting

Albeit the program for the annual meeting is not ready yet, the following points will be considered:

- Proposal of the topics for the working groups
- Decision on type of document to be produced (position paper/guidelines)
- Definition of(/discussion on) criteria to be used to draft the documents

General communications with section members

The communications have been done mostly by mailing list (and personal emails, when required).

Separate groups of personal emails will be used once the working group will be defined.

We are actually looking for someone able to manage the twitter account.