

Minutes of the EUPHA Section on Food and Nutrition Annual General Meeting,
Malta 9th November 2012.

Present:

Christopher Birt, President, United Kingdom

Enni Mertanen, Vice-President, Finland

Mark Stein, United Kingdom

Bent E Mikkelsen, Denmark

Lise Justesen, Denmark

- 1) Lise Justesen, at the invitation of everyone present, agreed to be appointed as Secretary to the Section.
- 2) Member survey
The planned member surveys are nearly ready to be sent to members; **Arja and Enni** are working on this, and Chris will e-mail it when preparations are completed.
- 3) Pre-conference - finances
Chris will investigate this and seek to resolve any outstanding problems.
- 4) Food hygiene group in EUPHA
A new Section of Food Hygiene has been suggested. **Enni** will try to contact them and invite them to next year`s event in Brussels. (See below)
- 5) Next year`s conference in Brussels
The EUPHA section on Food and Nutrition will suggest two different activities at next year`s conference in Brussels:
 - a) **Pre-conference:**
 - i. From the point of departure at this year`s lunch meeting on Integrated Nutrition Policy, the Food and Nutrition group will work on a statement

targeting the EU Commissions in order to make the case for higher priority to be given to nutrition policy within overall policy development.

- ii. The pre-conference will to facilitate promotion of this statement by inviting relevant organisations, including some based in Brussels, which work on sustainable nutrition, health, and food policies, who would be invited to participate and to present at this event.
- iii. **Mark Stein** will organise this pre-conference; accordingly, all members should send him names and mails of all relevant organisations which might be suitable to be invited.
- iv. Prior to the pre-conference, we will have to make a draft of the statement. **Chris Birt** will take the initiative here, but again all other members should provide him with relevant materials, names and addresses. **Bent Mikkelsen** and **Lise Justesen** will find relevant contacts in nutritional organisations.

A draft title to the pre-conference was suggested for consideration: "Healthy, Responsible and Sustainable Food and Nutrition Policy".

b) A workshop on school food policy and school food interventions

This workshop would aim to discuss and to initiate a project on school food and school food interventions, and the significant impact that these could have on health in Europe. This could provide further evidence suited to eventual presentation to the EU Commission. **Bent Mikkelsen** and **Enni** will write an abstract on the purpose, aims and objectives for a future research project to be based on the subject of this workshop. The first requirement is the establishment of an overview of school food interventions in Europe, and of Best Practices in this field.

N/B Subsequent to the meeting, Chris Birt has been in e-mail contact with the leader of the food hygiene group (see 3 above); they have agreed that this group should join our Section if possible. It was agreed that Chris would be sent details of all those wishing to join.

Lise Justesen

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