

## **Report of the health promotion section 2015**

### **Activities of the section at the Milan conference**

The section was well represented at the Milan conference with one own workshop entitled “The role of participation in health promotion”. The section workshop had a high number of attendees (around 80) and had good presentations and a very lively discussion. The health promotion section was also co-organiser of another workshop entitled “Fighting cardiovascular diseases: the contribution of EUPHA sections to an evidence-based approach” organised by the health technology section and other sections. We also contributed to another workshop submission organized by the section infectious diseases, which was unfortunately not accepted for the conference programme.

Due to the fact that one of the goals for 2015 was to cooperate with other sections, we were reaching this goal by contributing actively to a workshop with other sections where section president Christiane Stock was involved as workshop co-chair.

### **Changes in presidency**

Thomas informed about stepping back as section president. The section thanked Thomas for his valuable work for the health promotion section. Christiane will remain section president until new election of presidency at the Vienna conference 2016. Luis Saboga Nunes, National School of Public Health, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal will be interim co-president of the section. Luis introduced himself to the section members.

### **Contribution to EUPHA pillars**

The section presidents cooperated with the practice pillar and support a potential project to develop a public health practice/project database. The health promotion section is involved in this pillar work centered around defining core concepts of public health.

### **Planning of a plenary session to celebrate 30 years of the Ottawa Charter for the Vienna Conference 2016**

Section president Christiane Stock is member of a EUPHA working group for the planning of a plenary and other activities for celebrating the Ottawa charter at the next conference. There is consensus in the section that celebrating the Ottawa Charter would be important to make health promotion visible within EUPHA and also in order to emphasize the importance of health promotion as a field with own theoretical underpinning and modes of practice.

## **Main goals for 2016**

Increase visibility of health promotion at the Vienna conference with contribution to the Ottawa celebration activities

Continue the cooperation with other sections

Strengthen the cooperation and exchange with IUHPE and participate in other events e.g. the Nordic Health Promotion Research conference 2016

Initiate a discussion about what is health promotion

Establish a newsletter or discussion forum among members

Strengthen the activities to involve young EUPHA members (EUPHAnxt)

When new themes for the next workshop submission were discussed and it was suggested to organize a workshop around the topic of environmental, social and cultural sustainability and health promotion