



Annual report EUPHA section Health Services Research 2017

Introduction

The EUPHA section on Health Services Research (HSR) was established in 1992, and is one of the largest section networks in EUPHA.

The aim of the Section is to serve as a network of researchers that are involved in the various aspects of this discipline. The Section aims at advancing the current practices in health services research by promoting research, networking and exchange of expertise by means of international co-operation in the field. The quick and profound changes in the majority of health systems and in the delivery of health services around Europe provide inspiration to further develop the tools and methodologies in this young scientific discipline in public health.

Who is who?

Judith de Jong, PhD, President of the Section

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Collaboration

The EUPHA section HSR has strong links to the Netherlands Institute of Health Services Research ([NIVEL](#)) and has been actively involved in their project '[HSR Europe](#)' which aims to identify, evaluate and improve the contribution of Health Services Research.

Activities

Newsletters

In 2017 we sent out several newsletters to inform the members of the section about activities.

Pre-conferences Stockholm

The Section HSR (co-)organized two pre-conferences: 1) Fostering health services and systems research, organized by the To-Reach consortium, HSR- Europe, EUPHA HSR and 2) preconference event on creating a sustainable people-centred health workforce in Europe, together with the Working Group Health workforce research, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, OECD and WHO/Europe. Both pre-conferences were very well attended and included lively discussions.

Workshops Stockholm

The Section HSR (co-)organized five workshops. 1) A workshop on out-of-pocket costs in Europe and their effects on health-care use. Organized by EUPHA HSR, the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and NIVEL. 2) A workshop on Mapping the European knowledge translation landscape: Insights from five EVIPNet Europe members, organized by WHO/Europe, EUPHA Public Health Policy and Practice and EUPHA HSR. 3) A workshop on the cutting edge of Health Technology

Assessment: Information and Communication Technologies. Organized by EUPHA HTA, EUPHA HSR, EUPHA Public Health Ethics. 4) A workshop on Primary care in the driving seat: how to create an integrated people-centred workforce? Organized by the proposed section on Health Workforce Research. 5) A workshop on the TO-REACH project. Organized by ISS, EUPHA HSR, HSR Europe. All were very well attended and included lively discussions with the audience.

TO-REACH project

The Section HSR has been involved in efforts to establish support for a European research programme on HSR, a so-called ERA-NET, as collaboration between national funding bodies (see a summary of our 2014 preconference for more details). At the end of 2016, the TO-REACH project has started, in order to prepare such a research programme. Focus of attention is on enhancing the transferability of good models of care. It is led by ISS, the Italian National Institute of Health and EUPHA is one of the partner organisations, among others with national level ministerial and funding bodies from 18 countries, both inside and outside of Europe.

Working Group 'Health Workforce Research'

Within the section there is a working group on Health Workforce Research. This working group successfully organized preconferences as well as workshops during several EPH conferences. During the EPH- conference in Stockholm, it was decided that this working group is a separate section from now on.

Join the network! Meeting

This meeting was held in Stockholm, during the EPH conference. All activities performed in 2017 were presented. Furthermore, we discussed future activities.