



Annual report EUPHA section Health Services Research 2018

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

Tit Albrecht, PhD, Vice-president of the Section

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 2018 we sent out several newsletters to inform the members of the section about activities.

Workshops Ljubljana

The Section HSR (co-)organized the workshops:

- Setting priorities to develop a Strategic Research Agenda on Health Services and Systems Research (ISS, EUPHA (HSR))
- Health workforce meets health services research (EUPHA (HWR) (HSR))
- Prioritization in Public Health: new insights in the frame of Health Technology Assessment (EUPHA (HTA) (HSR) (ETH))

These workshops were all very well attended and included lively discussions.

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 Ljubljana, during the EPH conference. All activities performed in 2018 were presented. Furthermore, future activities were discussed. The meeting was attended by more than 30 people from different countries.