

## **Annual report 2022**

### **EUPHA section on Health Services Research (EUPHA-HSR)**

#### **Goals for 2022**

An overarching goal in this year was to continue and expand on previous activities to enhance visibility of HSR at a European stage, build capacity at national and European level, increase opportunities for networking and two-way learning between Section Members and strengthening collaboration with national level HSR associations as well as increasing the (cross-section work) as collaboration between EUPHA-Sections.

A second goal is to foster collaboration in HSR with European Institutions and international Institutions to activate current members and attract more individuals to join HSR Section and in doing so, motivate their institutions to join EUPHA as Institutional Members. This includes engaging with young HSR researchers of different backgrounds and disciplines and attract them to the HSR Section, expanding their awareness for public health, and EUPHA, with the additional output of linking them to EUPHA-NEXT.

#### **Collaboration with Section Members**

Section Members were encouraged to collaborate with the Section and invited to submit their ideas and requests for joint proposals for the EPH2022 conference. Members were also motivated to engage actively within the Section and share relevant news and developments, either via the Section Newsletter or via a dedicated LinkedIn Group created during the past year for dissemination and networking purposes. Further, members were invited to actively contribute to a sections workshop during EPH22 on their projects, allowing them to present their own HSR work.

#### **Activities at the EPH conference**

The following sessions and workshops were organised in a collaborative effort with Section Members and fellow Sections:

- Preconference 'Pre-conference: Bridging Primary Care and Public Health: Revisiting the priorities of practitioners in the aftermath of COVID-19', organised by EUPHA-HSR and co-organised by European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC), Charité Universitätsmedizin, Berlin – Institute of General Practice and Family Medicine, Working Group Health Policy and Systems Research and Innovation (WG HPSRI), German Public Health Association - DGPH Section Research (DGPH FB FO), German Network Health Service Research, WG International Health Services Research (DNVF WG IHSR)
- Preconference 'Natural experimental evaluations for public policy and health systems: recent advances and updated guidance', organised by EUPHA Research Pillar and EUPHA Public health epidemiology, Public health economics and Health services research sections; in collaboration with the UK Medical Research Council/National Institute of Health Research Expert Group on Natural Experimental Evaluations and MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow.

- Round Table ‘Research Methods for Public Health Oriented Health Services Research – what works where and for what?’ organised by EUPHA-HSR, EUPHA-HIA, EUPHA-HTA, EUPHA-EPI, EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-PHPP, German Public Health Association Section Research, German Network Health Service Research WG IHSR, Charité Institute for General Practice WG HPSRI
- Round table ‘Health care systems, health service provision, and equity in health’, organised by EUPHA-HSR and EUPHA-EPI
- Round table ‘Resilient health systems: harnessing health information to improve population health’, organised by EUPHA-PHMR, EUPHA-HSR, EUPHA-ECO, Sciensano, PHIRI

Our president and vice president were present as chair and co-chair of different sessions during the 15<sup>th</sup> EPH.

### **Other activities**

#### *Strengthening linkages with national HSR associations*

As HSR-Section we started collaborating with national level counterparts, starting with the German national HSR Association DNVF (Deutsches Netzwerk für Versorgungsforschung; <https://www.dnvf.de/home.html>). We also established contacts with counterparts in other parts of the world, and a meeting will be set up by the US HSR Association AcademyHealth to bring together HSR networks from different continents.

From the collaboration with national Institutions in Germany, we organized a Satellite Symposium to the EPH22 “Population Health Management meets Value Based Care: Sustainable Business Models for Optimized Healthcare Services.” Organized by the Bundesverband Managed Care (an multi-stakeholder umbrella organization of German Organizations and Institutions in the field of Health Services) in line with our second goal, goal of attracting institutional members to EUPHA and strengthening the national activities of the HSR section,

#### *Support to European Partnership on Health and Care Systems Transformation under Horizon Europe*

Under Horizon Europe a new Partnership is expected to be launched, with the purpose to strengthen capacity and learning potential in the area of health systems research. As Partnership between national funding bodies in EU countries and outside the EU it will among others create funding opportunities for national applicants from member countries in the Partnership. Focus will be on how to transform health and care systems and improve the uptake and transfer of service and policy innovations across Europe. The Section has been involved in the preparations of such a Partnership as of its infancy stages, among others by organizing dedicated pre-conferences and workshops at annual conferences in the period 2014-2020, especially in the context of its predecessor TO-REACH. Also in 2022 the Section provided it support to the Partnership, among others by means of the preparation of an online meeting on exchanging and evaluating best practices in the field of public health.

### **Annual meeting**

The Join the network meeting took place during the annual EPH Conference 2022, and among others presented to findings of the above mentioned survey, and collected additional inputs, both for training sessions to be organised to support the Section Members and for potential workshop topics for the 2022 conference.

### **General communications with Section Members**

In 2022 the Section circulated a newsletter before EPH22 and will circulate at least 2 more, to inform Members of relevant initiatives and funding opportunities, as well as providing a means for interaction by inviting Members to share relevant news items. To facilitate more bottom-up interaction, a dedicated LinkedIn Group, established in the year before, has been used to complement the communication channels used.