

## Minutes Annual meeting HSR Section of EUPHA Brussels, November 2013

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### 1 Welcome

The meeting starts with a welcome and opening of the meeting by Judith de Jong

### 2 Activities section since November 2012

Since our last annual section meeting (November 2012, Malta), we have undertaken the following activities:

- A Policy brief on HSR has been prepared ([Strengthening the European Dimension of Health Services Research](#)) in collaboration with HSR Europe;
- Newsletters have been sent out to the members of the EUPHA section;
- A working group on the impact of health care research has been established in collaboration with HSR Europe. See article: '[Measuring and improving the societal impact of health care research](#)' (in Eurohealth)

At the EPH conference in Brussels the HSR related activities were:

- A training day for about 25 starting HSR researchers was organized by the section and HSR Europe as a pre conference at the KCE institute
- The Section HSR organised workshops on the European Semester, on societal impact and on the health care workforce and quality in primary care.
- Judith de Jong, on behalf of the HSR section, participated in a workshop on ageing (organized by EUPHA) at which several EUPHA sections came together
- As in other years, there was a HSR track

### 3 Proposed Spring HSR meeting

The section president proposes to organize a spring meeting on HSR. The idea is that such a meeting can facilitate more in-depth discussion on specific HSR topics. There will be room for about 30 to 40 participants and the first meeting in 2014 will be hosted by NIVEL in 2014. The proposed topic is: *international comparative health systems research*. There is a general consensus that this is a suitable topic. One of the ideas proposed by Camilla Palmhøj Nielsen is that people do not have to be involved in international comparative research already. Several people from different countries could present something on the same topic from their national perspective (this could also lead to future collaboration). The proposed format is that people present their papers and receive feedback from the other participants. Papers do not necessarily have to be finished.

Section members are asked if they know other institutes which could host such a meeting in the future. Ilmo Keskimäki indicates that his institute may be suitable for that.

#### **4 EPH Conference Glasgow 2014**

The theme of the EPH conference of 2014 is: Mind the gap: reducing inequalities in health and health care.

Prior to this conference another HSR pre-conference will be organised.

At the section meeting, ideas for workshops are discussed:

- First, there will be a workshop organised by the working group on societal impact;
- The second idea is to look at access to care and the relationship between austerity and (several forms of) health care
- Iveta Nagyova proposed that a workshop will be organised on integrated care (jointly organised by the Section on HSR and the Section on Chronic Diseases)
- Anthony Staines proposes a workshop on implementation processes: what can we learn from implementation processes? And: sharing of good practices.
- Brigitte Piso and Camilla Palmhøj Nielsen propose a workshop on the relation between HSR and HTA. In addition, a workshop is proposed on 'the best point of services'
- Felix Gurtner proposes a workshop on practice variation and inappropriate care
- Walter Schönfelder proposes a workshop on the interface between health and social services with a special focus on multiborbidity (this could be the joined workshop of both Sections).

#### **5 EPH Conference Milan 2015**

Also ideas for the 2015 EPH conference are already discussed. One of the ideas by Peter Groenewegen is to organize a workshop on regional variation.

For both the 2014 and 2015 conference, Judith indicated that we have the opportunity to propose key note speakers (who are active in HSR). If you have any suggestions, you can send these to [j.dejong@nivel.nl](mailto:j.dejong@nivel.nl)