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EUPHA SECTION ON HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

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1. Section members

The EUPHA-HTA section currently accounts for 1,155 members.

The aim of the section is to bring together academicians, researchers, health care professionals and decision makers in order to share knowledge and developing new ideas and projects in the field of HTA applied to public health.

2. Activities at the EPH conference 2019 in Marseille

The EUPHA-HTA section has organized two 90-minute regular workshops. The first one, organized in collaboration with the section on Health Services Research, was titled “It’s time for timeliness in Health Technology Assessment” and was held on November 21st 2019. The second one, prepared in collaboration with the section on Public Health Epidemiology, was titled “Real-world data: are we ready to take up the challenge?” and was held on November 23rd 2019.

3. Annual meeting

The annual meeting was held on November 22th 2019. The minutes of the annual meeting were shared among members afterwards.

4. Participation at the upcoming EPH conference 2020 in Rome

The EUPHA-HTA section, in collaboration with the section on Digital Health, has submitted one proposal on HTA and health apps at the upcoming EPH conference in Rome. The proposal has been accepted as 60-minute workshop. Furthermore, the EUPHA-HTA section has collaborated with the section on Infectious Diseases Control to another proposal, accepted as 60-minute workshop too, on HTA and public health emergencies.

5. Other activities

The EUPHA-HTA section has participated to the stakeholder consultation on recommendations for ‘Health Care Professional Involvement in Relative Effectiveness Assessments’ prepared by the

members of the EUnetHTA Task Group for Patient & Consumer / Health Care Professional Involvement.

Furthermore, the EUPHA-HTA section has provided its inputs on the key messages released on the two topics “Primary health care in the digital age” and “Grow old, grow healthy” during the European Public Health Week (11-15 May 2020).

Lastly, the EUPHA-HTA section has prepared a survey for collecting inputs on requisites and actions to be undertaken in order to foster the application of HTA in Public Health. The survey was sent to the members of the steering committee and to current, past and incoming EUPHA presidents.

6. Partnerships and collaborations

The HTA section is part of the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders board.

The HTA section is also representing EUPHA within the EUnetHTA HTA Stakeholder Pool.

7. General communications with section members

The EUPHA-HTA section has used the EUPHA mailman system for sharing information among members. In particular communication activities were as follows:

- November 2019 (HTA Section News#27): announcement of the activities being held at the EPH Conference in Marseille
- December 2019: announcement of a vacancy for a Postdoctoral Researcher Position in Health Technology Assessment / Guideline development at the Health Technology Assessment Area of the Fundación Progreso y Salud (AETSA-FPS)
- January 2020 (HTA Section News#28): sharing of the minutes of the join the network meeting held in Marseille
- January 2020 (HTA Section News#29): delivery of information on the European Erasmus+ project ‘Values in doing assessments of healthcare technologies’ (VALIDATE), a three-year EU Erasmus+ strategic partnerships project in which HTA agencies and academic institutes are collaborating in training the next generation of HTA experts
- February 2020: call for contribution to the special issue on Health Technology Assessment of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health