



## **SECTION on HTA**

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#### **1. Section members**

The HTA section currently accounts for 594 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. Participation at the EPH conference 2016 in Vienna**

During the EPH Conference in Vienna, the HTA section participated to the pre-conference titled “Evidence based Public Health – Decision support for health (care) policy”. The pre-conference was proposed by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment and involved also the HTAi Interest Group on the Impact of Public Health interventions, special focus on Nutrition, on Health Outcomes Research and Measurement (INPHORM), the Cochrane Public Health Europe and people from the INTEGRATE HTA project.

The HTA section led also two regular workshops titled “E-health and m-health: current trends, uses, expectations and methodological challenges” and “Skills building for a successful HTA team: the value of HTA in the Public Health agenda”.

#### **3. Participation at the EPH conference 2017 in Stockholm**

The HTA section has submitted two workshop proposals that have been accepted at the upcoming EPH conference in Stockholm. The two proposals stemmed from the two successful workshops held in Vienna and are aimed to carry the discussion on eHealth/mHealth forward and to strengthen capacity building on HTA with a focus on health economics. The first regular workshop will be titled “The cutting edge of Health Technology Assessment: Information and Communication Technologies” and will also involved the EUPHA sections on Health service research and Ethics in public health. The second regular workshop will be a skill building seminar supported by

EUPHANxt titled “Skills building in HTA: how to address the economic impact of public health interventions” and will involve the EUPHA section on Public health economics.

#### **4. Participation at the HTAi annual meeting 2017 in Rome**

The HTA section participated to a panel session held during the HTAi annual meeting in Rome in June 2017 titled “HTA for Public Health Interventions: addressing the challenges of complexity and uncertainty”. The panel session was organized by the HTAi Interest Group on the Impact of Public Health interventions, special focus on Nutrition, on Health Outcomes Research and Measurement (INPHORM).

#### **5. Other projects**

The HTA section was involved in drafting and revising a paper titled “Health assessments for health governance—concepts and methodologies” that has been published on the European Journal of Public Health. Furthermore, the HTA section has provided inputs for finalizing a book chapter on the relationship between population health monitoring and other types of health assessments for the textbook “Population health monitoring”, edited by M. Verschuuren & H. van Oers.

#### **6. Partnerships and collaborations**

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

The HTA section has also supported EUPHA in the application to the “HTA Stakeholder Pool - call for expressions of interest”, launched by DG SANTE on 13 December 2016 to establish the Health Technology Assessment Network Stakeholder Pool. EUPHA has eventually been selected as member of the Health Technology Assessment Network Stakeholder Pool as a health providers organization.

#### **7. Planning and communication**

The section has used the EUPHA mailman system for sharing information among members. In particular:

- October 2016 (HTA Section News#7): members were informed about the activities held at the upcoming EPH Conference in Vienna and were invited to attend the “Join the Network” meeting
- December 2016 (HTA Section News#8): members received the PowerPoint presentations of the speeches given at the workshop “E-health and m-health: current trends, uses, expectations and methodological challenges”. Furthermore, the Facebook Live Video Stream of the workshop was shared.
- December 2016 (HTA Section News#9): members received the PowerPoint presentations of the speeches given at the workshop “Skills building for a successful HTA team: the value of HTA in the Public Health agenda”.
- January 2017 (HTA Section News#10): members were invited to contribute to the identification of topics for possible workshops to be submitted to the EPH Conference in Stockholm.
- January 2017 (HTA Section News#11): following EUPHA request, members were informed of the Abstract Mentor Programme coordinated by EUPHANxt and were invited to become mentors or nominate mentors. Four people submitted their names.
- April 2017 (HTA Section News#12): following the Swedish Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Assessment of Social Services - SBU - request, members were informed of SBU half-day pre-conference on HTA titled "Health technology assessments: systematic review including economic, social and ethical analyses. The methods used by SBU, the Swedish HTA agency", which will be held at the upcoming EPH Conference in Stockholm.

- June 2017 (HTA Section News#13): following the instructions received by the Section Council, members were invited to send names of people interested in chairing sessions on topics related to HTA at the upcoming EPH Conference in Stockholm. Five potential chairpersons were identified.
- July 2017 (HTA Section News#14): the message on the First World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health that will be held in Edinburgh in May 2018 was shared with members.