THE EUPHA PROPOSED SECTION ON HTA IN THE INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE - STRATEGIC PLAN

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THE HTA LANDSCAPE

- Societies
  - HTA international
  - ISPOR

- Networks
  - INAHTA
  - EUnetHTA
HTA INTERNATIONAL

• Focus for all those who undertake and use HTA
• Collaborates with International Networks and regionally based HTA societies to **improve the science and increase the application of HTA**
• Conducts **annual international meetings**
• Works with a publisher to support the **publication and diffusion** of an increasingly highly ranked **peer-reviewed international journal**
• Supports the **development and exchange of information, scientific methods, expertise and ideas**
Impact of Public Health interventions (Nutrition)

Interest Sub-Group on the Impact of Public Health interventions, special focus on Nutrition, on Health Outcomes Research and Measurement (INPHORM)

Public health interventions are preventative health technologies according to the agreed definition of health technology. They are supposed to have a substantial impact on health and healthcare systems, but the assessment and the consequences on health are not sufficiently analysed, for multiple reasons: difficulties to measure the impact (indirect and/or direct consequences), lack of standardised methodologies and evidence based approaches, no special focus of HTA units and bodies, etc...

In the era of personalised medicine, the empowerment of citizens and professionals and the focus on prevention as a way to ensure healthcare systems sustainability seems to be crucial. In this context, nutrition has been increasingly addressed in the last decade and proposals on how to evaluate its impact on health and economy have been raised by the academia and HTA community.

Nutrition-related disorders put an increasing pressure on healthcare budgets and also represent a considerable burden in terms of human capital, both in developing and developed countries.

INPHORM is an Interest Sub-Group of HTAi for individuals who are involved in the research, assessment and/or management of public health interventions and a special focus nutrition-related health states and socio-economic outcomes from a broad perspective, including the individual and the societal level.

Some of the major challenges for this ISG reside in the fact that food is for everybody, whether healthy or diseased, that it is based on individual choices rather than on knowledgeable prescription and not subject to reimbursement, except for specific cases.
The International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) strives to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness of health care resource use to improve health.

**ISPOR HTA Roundtables**
- Forum to discuss, debate, and share health technology issues
- Bridge between HTA agencies, health care decision makers and outcomes researchers
ISPOR HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (HTA)

**Goal:**
To contribute to international health technology assessment and reimbursement research standards and methods, and create a forum for communication between researchers, payers and the scientific and academic communities at large.

**Background:**
In the development of evidence in the form of pharmacoeconomic (economic) and outcomes research studies, understanding the use of this evidence is critical in the design of outcomes research studies. However, few outcomes researchers consider the end use of the results when designing the study. It is important that outcomes researchers consider reimbursement guidelines/protocols in the design and implementation of outcomes research studies and understand the decision-making process.

It is equally important that health care decision makers are knowledgeable of outcomes research methods and use of outcomes research study results in health care decisions. By its presence or absence, reimbursement for a new procedure, drug or medical device can dramatically affect patient care.

**Working Groups:**
If you would like to submit a proposal for a working group initiative, please send an email to: sigs@ispor.org
INAHTA

- The International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA) involves 55 organisations, mainly funded by the public sector, from 32 nations.

- INAHTA mission is to:
  - connect agencies together in order to cooperate and share information about their work producing and disseminating HTA reports for evidence based decision making.
INAHTA MEMBERS
EUnetHTA

• The European Network for Health Technology Assessment (EUnetHTA) nowadays coordinates the activities of organisations involved in HTA from 32 European countries.

• EUnetHTA supports collaboration between European HTA organisations that brings added value at the European, national and regional level:
  
  ▫ facilitating efficient use of resources available for HTA,
  ▫ creating a sustainable system of HTA knowledge sharing,
  ▫ promoting good practice in HTA methods and processes.
THE POP DATABASE

The EUnetHTA Planned and Ongoing Projects (POP) database allows HTA agencies to share information with each other on planned and ongoing projects conducted at the individual agency.

The aim of the database is to reduce duplication and facilitate collaboration among HTA agencies.

HTA CORE MODEL®

The HTA Core Model® is a methodological framework for shared production and sharing of HTA information.

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EVIDENT DATABASE

The Evidence database on new technologies (EVIDENT Database) allows sharing and storage of information on:

- reimbursement/coverage and assessment status of promising technologies and
- on additional studies requested or recommended further to a HTA.

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EUnetHTA JOINT ACTION 2

• Strengthening the **practical application** of tools and approaches to **cross-border HTA collaboration**.

• Aiming at bringing collaboration resulting in better understanding for the Commission and Member States of the **ways to establish a sustainable structure for HTA in the EU**.

• Developing a general strategy, principles and an implementation proposal for a **sustainable European HTA collaboration** according to the requirements of Article 15 of the Directive for cross-border healthcare.
OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic plan of our (proposed) section addresses the four EUPHA pillars:

- Research
- Policy
- Practice
- Training and education
1) RESEARCH

- In order to implement the understanding, production and use of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in Public Health our proposed Section will:

  - **Build a network** of professionals and Institutions in the field of HTA;
  - Prepare and submit to each annual EPH Conference a **multidisciplinary workshop** involving other sections;
  - **Search for European tenders and calls** in order to encourage the partnership for HTA activities in Public Health.
2) POLICY

• In the view of contributing to evidence-based Public Health and decision-making the proposed Section will:
  
  • Retrieve, consolidate and increase memberships in order to strengthen the network for HTA in Public Health;
  • Develop communication strategies in agreement with the EUPHA Marketing Communication Plan;
  • **Update the website** in order to spread information on HTA in Public Health to all members.
3) PRACTICE

• In order to promote the sharing and exchange of best practices and to use them to inform research and training/education programs the proposed Section will:

• Collaborate to the development and consolidation of **EUPHA members’ knowledge** with regards to HTA issues;
• Organize the **annual meetings** and inform EUPHA office and Section members about the results;
• Propose and participate to the production of **key statements** relevant to HTA topics.
4) TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- With respect to the identification and fulfillment of training and education needs of Public Health experts in the field of HTA in Public Health, the proposed Section will:
  - Organize **pre-conference activities** with respect to HTA contents, methodology and applications;
  - Provide **updates and scientific insights** to the members through Mailman and Social Media.
NOVEMBER 21ST 2014 - 12,15-13,00
ANNUAL MEETING - PROPOSED SECTION ON HTA

THANK YOU