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Carlo Favaretti welcomed participants and illustrated the agenda of the meeting.

He first described activities run by the EUPHA section on HTA during last year, as reported in the annual report, going through the following points:

- mission of the section and current numbers;
- involvement of the section in the Vienna and Stockholm EPH conferences;
- involvement of the section in the 2017 HTAi annual meeting in collaboration with the INPHORM group of HTAi;
- editorial projects: paper on health assessments published on the European Journal of Public Health; chapter in the textbook on “Population health monitoring”; chapter in the Oxford Handbook of Public Health;
- participation of the section in the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders board and in the EU HTA Stakeholder Pool;
- communication activities and twitter account (@EUPHA_HTA).

The second point was the Steering Committee appointment. According to the directives received by the EUHA Presidency, the following candidates were identified for potential involvement beyond people already involved in the leading of the section: Stefan Buttigieg, as delegated representative of EUPHANxt, Marco Marchetti, Camilla Palmhøj Nielsen, Elena Petelos, Inanna Reinsperger. Carlo Favaretti asked the participants for the approval of the Steering Committee that was eventually appointed. Carlo Favaretti, Chiara de Waure, Inaki Gutierrez-Ibarluzea and Flavia Kheiraoui were also nominated in the Steering Committee.

Lastly, new ideas and proposals for the future were discussed. Chiara de Waure called the attention to the possibility to start a shared project on HTA together with interested members. Possible areas of interest were discussed: real life application of the framework developed by the INTEGRATE-HTA project; development of a framework for the evaluation of public health interventions; comparison of ex-ante and ex-post HTA reports of public health interventions. A discussion with audience followed leading to some suggestions, calls for actions:

- establishment of a formal agreement with INAHTA and EUnetHTA;
- mapping of available evaluation frameworks;
- development of a road map of HTA for public health.

As for the topics of possible projects and future proposals for the next EPH conference, the following arose from the audience:

- innovation in public health;
- prioritization of public health interventions (looking at healthcare professionals’, patients’ and decision makers’ viewpoints);
- methods for the application of HTA in public health;
- methods to improve timeliness of HTA evaluation.

People attending the meeting agreed with the opportunity to carry out a brief survey among members to look for other topics of interest. The Steering Committee agreed to investigate the possibility to use a project management support system to start working together.