



Minutes Join the network meeting 22 November 2019

EUPHA section on HTA (EUPHA-HTA)

Welcome

The president of the section, Carlo Favaretti, welcomes everybody and introduces the vice-president, Chiara de Waure, who is giving the presentation of the agenda.

Agenda

- Annual report 2019
- New ideas/proposals
- Topics for the next conference
- AOB

Annual report

With respect to this point, the vice-president releases the updated number of members – 912 - and reports on the workshops held at EPH conference 2018 (*Prioritization in Public Health: new insights in the frame of Health Technology Assessment*) and at the EPH 2019 (*It's time for timeliness in Health Technology Assessment* and *Real-world data: are we ready to take up the challenge?*) inviting everyone to join the workshop scheduled on Saturday. She then remembers that the section is part of the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders Board and is also representing EUPHA within the EUnetHTA HTA Stakeholder Pool. She releases data about communication activities (seven HTA Section News plus further three messages about a workshop of potential interest for the section members and the participation to an online consultation launched by the TO-REACH project and to a survey on public health professionals' knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Testing). Eventually, she introduces the other activities of the section.

Activities of the section

The section has participated to:

- the stakeholder consultation on the WP5 Strand B2 work of JA3 2016-2020 of EUnetHTA releasing inputs on REQueST (Registry Evaluation and Quality Standards Tool), a draft tool aimed to support HTA organizations in guiding and evaluating registries for the use in HTA.
- the meetings of the EU Commission HTA Stakeholder Pool held in Brussels on January 16th, 2019
- the EUnetHTA Forum 2019, held in Amsterdam on April 11th, 2019

The section has also spread the announcement of the ECDC survey on healthcare workers' knowledge and attitudes about antibiotic use and resistance through the EUPHA newsletter.

Ideas for workshop activities next year

As regard to the ideas for workshop activities for the next EPH conference in Rome, the vice-president remembers that the deadline for submission will be earlier than usual (March 1st) and suggests few topics, namely European collaboration on HTA and complex interventions. The president puts forward the idea to involve the new section on digital health. The idea is supported by participants also in the



light of the German parliament announcement to make health apps available on prescription. Few people express their interest and willingness to be actively involved in drafting the proposal.

Another idea that was suggested by participants was to draft a proposal involving the interest groups of the HTAi on conditional coverage, medical devices and public health because some members of the EUPHA section on HTA are also members of those groups. Eventually the topic of integrated care and HTA was discussed.

Other ideas

The vice-president informs the participants that the section is promoting the development of a roadmap on the implementation of HTA in public health and of a paper on timeliness in HTA based on the workshop held at in Marseille.

Any other business

A participant suggests having a channel for a more direct communication among people actively involved in workshop proposals. The vice-president proposes to have a google group on top of the mailman system, but the idea is not accepted by all participants. Indeed, the decision is to get in touch in small groups for drafting proposals for the next EPH conference.

List of attendants

Around twenty people joined the meeting.