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EUPHA SECTION ON HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

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1. Section members

The HTA section currently accounts for 468 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 2015 in Milan

The HTA section organized a workshop titled “Fighting cardiovascular diseases: the contribution of EUPHA Sections to an evidence-based approach” at the EPH conference in Milan. The workshop has involved the EUPHA sections on Food and Nutrition, Health Promotion, Public Health Economics and Public Health Epidemiology and was attended by about 50 participants.

Furthermore, the HTA section was involved in the workshop organized by the HIA section titled “Health assessments: Status and perspectives of basic and advanced approaches”.

3. Participation at the EPH conference 2016 in Vienna

The HTA section is endorsing a pre-conference activity which has the following title “Evidence based Public Health – Decision support for health (care) policy”. The agenda of the pre-conference has been proposed and developed by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment. The pre-conference will involve 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. Furthermore, the section has submitted **two workshop proposals which have been accepted** at the upcoming EPH conference. The first regular workshop will deal with e-health and m-health and has the following title “E-health and m-health: current trends, uses, expectations and methodological challenges”. The workshop will involve other EUPHA sections, i.e. Health service research, Ethics in public health, Public mental health. The second regular workshop is a skill building seminar supported by EUPHANxt. Its title is “Skills building for a successful HTA team: the value of HTA in the Public Health agenda”.

4. Other projects

The HTA section has provided inputs and contributions to the draft of the paper titled “Health assessments: Status and perspectives”. The paper is promoted and coordinated by the Rainer Fehr and other sections are contributing to it.

5. Partnership

The HTA section has received an invitation to join the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders board. Chiara de Waure will represent the Section.

6. Planning and communication

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

- December 2015 (HTA Section News#3): members were informed about the workshops held at the EPH Conference in Milan. Furthermore the minutes and the PowerPoint presentation of the join the network meeting were shared with all members.
- June 2016 (HTA Section News#4): members were informed about the Intersectoral Health and Environment Research for Innovation (INHERIT) call for ideas. Furthermore a first announcement of the Vienna pre-conference “Evidence based Public Health – Decision support for health (care) policy” was given.
- June 2016 (HTA Section News#5): members were informed about the new HTA section Twitter account: @EUPHA_HTA.
- June 2016 (HTA Section News#6): members were informed about the acceptance of the two workshops mentioned above at the upcoming EPH Conference.
- June 2016: the new rules on medical devices and Favaretti’s comment on them to EuroActive were shared with members.
- July 2016: members were informed about postgraduate MSc in HTA of the University of Glasgow (Department of Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment).

The minutes and the presentation held at the annual section meeting in 2015, as well as the annual section report 2016, were also uploaded on the website.