



Annual report 2018

EUPHA section on Health Workforce Research (EUPHA-HWR)

Goals for 2019

Expanding the membership and strengthening collaboration with our partnering associations and groups, and with other stakeholders in the field of healthcare research, highlighting the importance of the health workforce as a key theme of Public Health, 'mainstreaming' the health workforce theme in the 2019 EPH Conference topics and highlighting the connections with migration.

Collaboration with section members

The HWR sections is based on a collaborative network of individuals but also of partnering organisations/associations. The latter one include e.g. WHO Europe, OBS, EHMA; and ASPHER as well as within EUPHA the established collaboration with the EUPHA HSR network. Through a joint Preconference in Ljubljana further collaboration has also been established with the TO-REACH project; there is also exchange of information with the EU Tender SEPTEM (led by Semmelweis University Budapest). Building partnerships with other organisations is one important strategy to increase membership and activities of HWR.

A second tool is the organisation of workshops to strengthen collaboration with the members; this year three workshops have been organised either directly by HWR or in close collaboration, including a workshop with EUPHA HSR (Judith de Jong), with ASPHER (Robert Otok) and with DEFACTUM, Denmark (Viola Burau).

A third important channel are co-authored publications and an edited Special Issue, where several HWR members contributed their research articles.

Activities at the EPH conference

Preconference (full day) in collaboration with TO-REACH and supported by WHO, OBS, EHMA and ASPHER,

3 workshops (described above),

'Meet the Network' session, including a launch of a Special Issue of Health Policy with 150 free sample copies provided by the Publisher/Elsevier,

Participation in the panel 'Bring the Pro back...'.

Other activities

International participation on behalf of EUPHA, see below for details,

EHMA Conference, June, Budapest, Ellen Kuhlmann was invited to participate in a panel on the health workforce, sponsored by EHMA; HWR Vice President Ronald Batenburg was organiser of health workforce sessions and is President of the EHMA SIC (Special Interest Group of Health Workforce),



International Priorities in Health Conference, September, Linköping, Sweden, Ellen Kuhlmann invited for a keynote on the health workforce

Contribution to the EU Consultation on future research (see EUPHA and HWR websites)

Publication of a 'Health Workforce Research Agenda', co-authored by a team including EUPHA HWR members, the EUPHA President and partnering organisations (see HWR website)

Publication of an edited Special Issue of 'Health Policy', October 2018, co-edited by the HWR president and vice-presidents

Publication of a co-authored article on the primary care workforce related to a EUPHA HWR workshop at the 2017 Conference in Stockholm (Health Policy, Special Issue, 2018)

Publication of a co-authored article related to the theme 'health professions and populism' (Health Policy, Special Issue, 2018) initiated and co-authored by HWR members

HWR Governing Board members contributed to the SEPEM workshops,

Contribution to the 'Public Health Competence Framework' and 'Roadmap', ASPHER President (Kasia Czabanowska) and CoP.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting took place during the EPH Conference in Ljubljana, Friday, 30 November, and was attended by more than 30 participants; a detailed report is available at the EUPHA HWR website.

General communications with section members

A quarterly Newsletter is distributed to the members and available via the website. Members are invited to send their notices/ announcements.

International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA

Participation in the WHO/ Coalition of Partners (CoP) meetings:

December 2017, Helsinki, and Ljubljana, 27 November 2018;

CoP meeting the public health workforce, June 2018, London Imperial College;

Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, Dublin, December 2017

Survey

No survey has been organised, but there has been an extensive communication with members during the Meet the Network session in Ljubljana (see report).