



## Health Workforce Research section Newsletter, December 2018

**With the best wishes for a healthy and more peaceful  
Happy New Year 2019!**

### News

**First anniversary of EUPHA Research (HWR) section** and more than 250 members now. Many thanks for all the support to members and friends who helped us to grow up; <https://eupha.org/health-workforce-research> - new members are always very welcome!

Now available: **Health Policy, Special Issue 'A people-centred health workforce in Europe: how to make it happen?'**, edited by E Kuhlmann, R Batenburg and G Dussault, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/health-policy/vol/122/issue/10>

### Conferences



The **12<sup>th</sup> EPH Conference** 'Building bridges for solidarity and public health', will be hosted in Marseille, Palais des Congrès et des Expositions, France, 20-23 November 2019. The annual EPH conferences are considered the premier European gatherings of public health professionals worldwide. Delegates include researchers, policymakers, practitioners and educators in public health and many other related fields. So do not miss! Health workforce themes are very welcome; HWR will also again organise workshops/ sessions. **Abstract submission opens on 1 February 2019**, deadline 1 May 2019; further information will be available at: [www.ephconference.eu](http://www.ephconference.eu), and <https://ephconference.eu/marseille-2019:-building-bridges-for-solidarity-and-public-health-95>.

### Report from the EPH Conference 2018, <https://ephconference.eu/> Health workforce events

Health workforce issues are increasingly gaining attention in the public health debate. EUPHA HWR section contributed to this debate during the EPH Conference in many ways:

- Preconference 'Working together for a people-centred health workforce', organised with the TO-REACH Project and in collaboration with ASPHER, EHMA, European

Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and WHO Regional Office for Europe.

- Joint Workshop EUPHA sections HWR and HSR 'Health workforce meets health services research'
- Joint Workshop ASPHER and EUPHA 'Developing a competent and sustainable public health workforce: how to make it happen'
- HWR section Workshop 'How health workforce innovation in Europe can support interprofessional coordination across healthcare sectors'
- Participation in the panel 'Put the PRO back in the public health professionals: PROactive and PROsilience'
- HWR 'Meet the Network' session; minutes are available at the HWR website.

## Recent and forthcoming Conferences



### **Third Meeting of the Coalition of Partners (CoP) to strengthen public health capacities and services in the European Region, 27–28 November 2018, Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

The Coalition of Partners (CoP) project, led by WHO Europe, was held in Ljubljana prior to the EUPHA Conference and co-hosted by the Ministry of Health of Slovenia and WHO/Europe's public health services programme. The Coalition of Partners (CoP) is an international network that brings together experts and practitioners from within national public health services, international organizations, civil society and academia. The goal is to catalyse action to strengthen public health services at the national level; <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/Health-systems/public-health-services/coalition-of-partners>. EUPHA presented their approach 'A proactive and prosilient approach to public health' to the participants. Health workforce issues were among the key themes during the meeting, and HWR participated as EUPHA delegate (thanks to the Office for the support!). For instance, a lunch time session related to the public health workforce was organised by the ASPHER President and EUPHA HWR. Overall, the WHO/ CoP project was perceived as very useful and a success, and the team will continue the work; see the website for updates.



The next EHMA Conference is scheduled for 17-19 June 2019 in Espoo, Finland. Health workforce issues will again be present at the Conference and addressed in the sessions. The Call for Abstracts for the is open now, **deadline 17 February 2019**. Abstracts can be

submitted to 6 different 'sub-themes' of which theme 1 "Systems & Organizational governance" probably best fits health workforce issues. This sub-theme is described as: "presentations related to systems and organisational governance at European, national, regional and local levels. A particular area of interest is the skills and competencies required to deliver effective governance and the means by which health system governance can be established. Questions to focus on: How can we make this shift towards Health Management 2.0 happen together, how do we deliver it? What new styles of leadership, partnership, skills & competences are needed? And how can we create an enabling, lean environment?"; <https://www.ehma2019.org/event/ehma-2019-annual-conference/page/Abstract>.

### **Expert Network SEPEN – Support for the Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting Expert Network – funded by the Health Programme of the European Union**

The SEPEN project has organised a webinar on Health Workforce Mobility on the EU Health Policy Platform, 14 December 2018; a link to the webstream will be available shortly. ; please check the website for updates. On 14-15 February 2019, SEPEN will organise a Workshop in Budapest entitled 'Mobility matters – aggregated data and individual pathways hidden behind'. The aims of the workshop are to discuss how Member States tackle the issue of health workforce mobility and produce aggregated mobility data; how different countries deal with student mobility and cross-border patient mobility in their health workforce planning strategies; and with qualitative data we aim to see beyond aggregated quantitative data. Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in participating; Eszter Kovacs, Semmelweis University, [healthworkforce@emk.sote.hu](mailto:healthworkforce@emk.sote.hu). More information and latest news: [www.healthworkforce.eu](http://www.healthworkforce.eu).

### **12th annual Health Services Research UK Conference, 2-3 July 2019, Manchester, UK**

Abstracts on all aspects of health services, systems and policy research are welcome, especially research with an international dimension, that will have a positive impact on patients and health services, build research capacity, or advance research methodology. Abstracts will be judged on importance, originality and impact. Submission deadline is 13 January 2019;

<https://www.eventsforce.net/eventage/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=69156&eventID=142&traceRedir=2>.

## **Publications**

### **Health Policy, Special Issue 'A people-centred health workforce in Europe: how to make it happen?'**

Guest editors: Ellen Kuhlmann, Ronald Batenburg and Gilles Dussault

This special issue sets the focus on a people-centred health workforce in Europe and brings attention to issues of policy implementation, thus moving the debate one step further. The special issue is closely connected to the work of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) section on 'Health Workforce Research'. The Special Issue comprises 12 articles and a guest editorial, see <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/health-policy/vol/122/issue/10>.

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Please **forward this Newsletter to your colleagues and friends**, who might be interested in health workforce research and in joining the EUPHA Health Workforce Research section. New members are warmly welcome – please sign up; <https://eupha.org/health-workforce-research>. The next Newsletter is scheduled for end of March 2019. Please send your notices, conferences, new publications etc. until 20 March ([Kuhlmann.ellen@mh-hannover.de](mailto:Kuhlmann.ellen@mh-hannover.de)).

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