

## **Meet the Network: Health Workforce Research section**

**Friday, 17 November 2017, 12:10 – 13:10 at the EUPHA Conference Stockholm**

### **Minutes**

- Dr. Ellen Kuhlmann welcomes all participants and presents the agenda.
- The background, achievements and official establishment of the Health Workforce Research (HWR) as a EUPHA Section is presented by explaining the progress and activity report. Some special remarks are made with regard to the EPH preconference 'Creating a sustainable people-centered health workforce in Europe: how to make change happen?' (held on Wednesday, 1 November 2017), as well as on the upcoming Global Forum Human Resources for Health in Dublin (November 15-18, 2017).
- Next, the proposed team of the EUPHA Section on HWR is presented:
  - Dr. Ellen Kuhlmann, president
  - Prof. Dr. G. Dussault, vice-president
  - Prof. Dr. R. Batenburg, vice-president
  - Prof. Dr. M. Santric Milicevic, secretary
- The election procedure is explained and moderated by Prof. Dr. J. De Jong, president of the EUPHA Action on Health Services Research. Dr. Ellen Kuhlmann is elected as the first president of the EUPHA Working Group Section on Health Workforce Research. She is congratulated by Prof. De Jong and the participants of the Join the Network meeting.
- Prof. De Jong explains how the HWR Section has started a working group within the Section Health Services Research. Because of its active role and successful array of accepted Workshops and Preconferences at previous EUPHA conferences – while mobilizing a steady and substantial audience and involving prominent international organisations – a fast track was applied to propose the HWR Working Group as an official Section.
- Next, Prof. Dussault, Prof. Batenburg and Prof. Santric Milicevic present themselves as team members of the HWR section. All will keep contributing to the Section (as they did from the beginning) bringing in their network, expertise and dedication to put health workforce at the top of the research and policy agenda within EUPHA.
- Dr. Kuhlmann further explains how the HWR Section will keep collaborating with the WHO European Region, EHMA, OECD and the European Observatory in the next years. Special attention is paid to the call for a Special Issue for Health Policy journal, scheduled for December 2018. Editors are Dr. Kuhlmann, Prof. Batenburg and Prof. Dussault.
- Next steps of the HWR Section are the preparation of the 2018 EUPHA conference as well as a proposal to organize a third preconference.
- Finally, it is discussed with the participants how social media (e.g. Twitter) can be used to draw extra attention on the HWR Section. Dr. Kuhlmann invites all participants to contribute to the newsletter of the HWR Section, as well to the content of the webpage that is reserved for the HWR Section on the EUPHA website
- The Meet the Network meeting is closed by thanking all participants.

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