

## Future actions:

- to be fully involved in European Public Health Conference;
- to build working groups divided in different areas concerned with the promotion and implementation of our goals\*;
- to collaborate inside our network and let the members get involved in the Steering Committee decision by posing public consultation;
- to develop a questionnaire for better understanding members' needs;
- to stimulate professionals to be involved in discussions on the LinkedIn page concerning breakthrough research and policies;
- to get into contact with different organisations which could host activities or collaborate with our section.

\* 1. Public Relations 2. Communication 3. Therapies and Intervention Advances 4. Guidelines edition 5. Research Advocate



Members of the EUPHA-IDC core group during a meeting in January 2013





# Infectious Diseases

at the 6th annual  
European Public  
Health Conference

**Annual report** 2013 of the Presidency of the  
EUPHA Section Infectious Disease Control

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# Report 2013 of the Presidency of the EUPHA Section Infectious Disease Control

## 1. EUPHA-Infectious Disease Control

The section Infectious Disease Control (IDC) of the EUPHA was founded in 2002 in Italy and has by now had more than 700 members throughout Europe. The unique selling point of the EUPHA section IDC is that it offers a platform for research, policy and practice, bringing together people from various domains of expertise in order to frame the public health relevance of IDC.

## 2. EUPHA-IDC core group

At the beginning of 2013 we have founded a core group for the section Infectious Disease Control. The group consists of members from various professional backgrounds and countries in Europe. Their names are: Nicholas Leigh-Hunt (UK), Michael Edelstein (Sweden), Karlijn Kampman (Netherlands), Jeannette de Boer (Netherlands), Caroline Rumble (UK), Anja Schreijer (Netherlands), Jussi Sane (Finland), Jane Whelan (Ireland), Babette Rump (Netherlands), Ides Boone (Belgium), Günter Pfaff (Germany), Ewout Fanoy (Netherlands), Valentina di Gregori (Italy) and Aura Timen (Netherlands, President section IDC).

## 3. Meetings of the EUPHA-IDC core group

The core group has kept in touch via skype, email and conference calls. The first meeting of the core group was held in Amsterdam on January 2013 and was well attended with 6 different countries represented. We have organised a conference call in October 2013, which was also well attended. In between we had lots of email contact. The core group was in charge of the proposals for the scientific programme of the EPH 2013 and of the pre conference in Brussels.

## 4. Goals

During the section meeting in Malta in 2012 we agreed on several goals for the section Infectious Disease Control. We aim to build up a strong organization in which as many as possible members are actively involved. Furthermore we aim to reach out to other sections, preferably by organising workshops with them during the next European Public Health Conferences. Also, we want to strengthen the communication within our organisation through creating a LinkedIn page and sending out a newsletter once every three months to our members. The section web page will be up dated.

## 5. European Public Health Conference 2013

The 2013 European Public Health (EPH) Conference is themed: 'Health in Europe, are we

there yet? Learning from the past, building the future' and will be held between 13-16 November 2013 in Brussels. The EUPHA-IDC group has initiated a number of workshop rounds at the congress, including major topics in communicable disease to underline the position that, regarding threats from infectious disease, we are not there yet in Europe. We aimed to bring together experts and views from various countries in Europe. Where possible we searched for co-operation with experts on animal health and environmental health. A few examples of the themes we will be presenting are f.i.: *The challenges of Measles outbreaks* and *Highly resistant micro-organisms and their public health significance*. We organized a joint workshop with the ECDC entitled: *Risk communication in crises, with emphasis on bridging the gap between theoretical models and practice*.

## 6. Preconference meeting

On the 13th of November a preconference meeting will be held by the EUPHA section Infectious Disease Control. The first part of the preconference meeting is about *Infectious diseases and migration in Europe: towards effective screening*. The main focus will be on tuberculosis and various types of viral hepatitis. The second part of the preconference is about *Updates in control and management about Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Europe*.

## 7. Webpage IDC-section and LinkedIn group:

The EUPHA-section-IDC also has its own webpage:

**[http://www.eupha.org/site/section\\_page.php?section\\_ref=5\\_IDC](http://www.eupha.org/site/section_page.php?section_ref=5_IDC)**.

You can also find the workshops that the section IDC has given in past congresses.

A LinkedIn group is recently lounged to share news updates and to keep updated about contact information of colleagues interested in the EUPHA IDC section:

**<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/EUPHA-Section-Infectious-diseases-control-4715098>**

## 8. Representation of the behalf of the EUPHA

In September 2013, Aura Timen became a member of the advisory forum of the ECDC on behalf of the EUPHA. She will attend the meetings regularly and provide feedback on major developments.

## 9. Secretariat EUPHA-IDC

Finally, we have managed to create an e-mail account for the secretariat of the EUPHA-IDC section:

**e-mail: [secretariat\\_EUPHAIDC@rivm.nl](mailto:secretariat_EUPHAIDC@rivm.nl)**.

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