



Infectious Diseases at the 12th European Public Health Conference

Report 2019 of the Presidency of the EUPHA Section Infectious Disease Control

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Annual report 2018/2019

EUPHA section Infectious Diseases Control (EUPHA-IDC)

Goals for 2018/2019

The mission of the EUPHA IDC is to promote and strengthen the quality of infectious disease prevention and control in the European Region, at the local, national and regional levels, by generating and sharing evidence and experience, and supporting decision makers in evidence-based policy-making.

To achieve this, in 2018-2021 the EUPHA section will focus on the following goals:

- Engage infectious disease control public health practitioners, researchers and policymakers from across the region and with expertise in the different aspects of IDC in order to stimulate exchange of ideas, practice and visions.
- Strive to bring relevant evidence to decision makers in the relevant fora through participation and contribution to relevant meetings, workshops and fora.
- Disseminate evidence and good practice on the different aspects of IDC to the European public health community through the annual European Public Health Conference and other relevant meetings.
- Encourage joint activities in the field of infectious disease control, including training and research.

Collaboration with section members

Following many applications from highly qualified candidates, in March 2019 we selected nine candidates from across the region, both from operational and academic backgrounds, with a range of skills covering the key areas of infectious disease control. The members of the core group are:

- Elena Petelos, University of Crete, Greece and Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- Eran Kopel, Tel Aviv University, Israel;
- Lara Tavoschi, University of Pisa, Italy;
- Alessandro Miglietta, University of Florence, Italy;
- Melanie Raimundo Maia, NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal;
- Caroline Rumble, Public Health England, UK;
- Leena Inamdar, Public Health England, UK;
- Ihor Kuzin, Public Health Center of the MOH of Ukraine, Ukraine;
- Alessandro Cassini, World health Organization, Switzerland.

In a short amount of time, members of the core group have already been instrumental in several key activities of the section, in particular representation in key European fora (see below) and increasing our social media presence. The core group is key in enhancing the capacity of the section and in the months to come will also work closely with the president and vice president to prepare for the World congress of Public Health, which will be held in Rome in October 2020.

EUPHA IDC Activities at the EPH conference

As every year, the European Public Health Conference, which in 2019 will be held from November 20 to November 23 in Marseille, France, offers an exciting Infectious Diseases Track. The IDC section submitted several proposals for workshops, and in total the section is organising 1 plenary session (jointly with the European Centre for Disease prevention and Control), 1 pre-conference outbreak simulation and 3 workshops in collaboration with EUPHA sections on digital health, health promotion, migrants and ethnic minority health, and public health policy and politics.

Session name	Type of session	Partners
Building bridges for migration in a planetary context	Plenary session	ECDC
Contagion! A table-top outbreak management simulation	Pre conference activity	
Using evidence for action – the story on life-course vaccination	Workshop	ECDC
Online anti-vaccination movements: the role of social media in public health communications	Workshop	EUPHA Health Promotion Section / International Conference on Digital Public Health (DPH)
Better prison health for better public health	Workshop	EUPHA Migrants and Ethnic minorities Health Section; EUPHA Public Health Policy and Politics Section
Pro/con workshop: The imperative of vaccination: a public Europe-wide debate around mandatory vaccination	Debate	

EUPHA IDC at #DPH2019

EUPHA IDC is proud and excited to partner with the 9th International Digital Public Health Conference. EUPHA IDC and DPH2019 have partnered to deliver two sessions as part of the DPH2019 Agenda: A panel discussion entitled "*Digital health innovation: from proof of concept to public health value*" and a lunchtime session entitled "*Analytics in the field: how can data innovation support outbreak response?*" which will include demonstrations of some of the most cutting edge field analytics tools available.

Annual meeting

The Section had a meeting with its core group in April 2019 to discuss priorities including increasing visibility on social media and a membership survey. The next meeting is scheduled shortly after EPH 2019, in particular to discuss the section's input in the World congress of Public Health, which will be held in Rome in October 2020.

General communications with section members

Eupha-IDC is now present and active on

- Twitter (@Euphaldc)
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/EUPHA.Infectious.Diseases.Control>).

Each page is updated regularly and has close to 250 members. In addition, two newsletters were disseminated to all members in January and August 2019.

Activities in 2019

- The Section represents EUPHA on the *Global AMR R&D Hub*, an initiative to tackle the threat of resistant pathogens designed to make the use of international resources even more effective (*Leena Inamdar*)
- The Section represents EUPHA at the *EC Coalition on vaccination*, a European Commission initiative that brings together European associations of healthcare workers as well as relevant students' associations in the field, to commit to delivering accurate information to the public, combating myths and exchanging best practice (*Michael Edelstein, Anna Odone*)
- The section contributed to an *ECDC pandemic preparedness workshop* reviewing pandemic preparedness plans of EU/EEA states, March 2019 (*Michael Edelstein*)
- The section contributed to an *ECDC workshop on field epidemiology training* in the EU, March 2019 (*Maria Ganczak*)
- EUPHA-IDC presented its work and activities on *Antimicrobial resistance* at the Deans and Directors' retreat of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER), Erice (Italy) May 2019 (*Anna Odone*)
- The Section attended the *European Court of Auditors' audit* on EU action on antimicrobial resistance November 2019 (*Elena Petelos*)
- EUPHA IDC contributes to the *European Public Health Alliance's roadmap to AMR action*, a multi stakeholder group that focuses on encouraging European level decision maker to take firm action on AMR (*Elena Petelos*)
- The section Participated in an expert panel on "*Digital Communication in vaccination and prevention*" at the "*Shaping the future of paediatrics*" conference, Rome, October 2019 (*Anna Odone, Michael Edelstein*)
- The section co-authored an editorial for an e-collection on "*Fighting antimicrobial resistance: actions taken across Europe*" available at https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/pages/antimicrobial_resistance (*Michael Edelstein*)
- The section contributed to drafting a EUPHA statement on proposals to increase protection of the people of Europe against vaccine-preventable diseases ahead of the *Global Vaccination Summit*, September 2019 (*Michael Edelstein*) available at https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/Vaccination/EUPHA_statement_vaccination.pdf
- The Section participated in *ESWI's Flu Summit on Influenza Vaccination Programmes for Health Care Professionals*, Marseille, November 2019 (*Maria Ganczak*)

EUPHA-IDC continues to advocate for evidence-based policy around infectious disease control and will continue to take part in key meetings across the region to ensure that European decision makers use the best available evidence to make policy decisions

Survey

The Section is planning a members survey in early 2020 in order to better understand who the membership is and their expectations from the section.

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