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**EUPHA-Infectious Disease Control**

**Summer Newsletter- August 2019**

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Dear EUPHA-IDC section members,

The summer is upon us and I hope many of you will find time to take some time off to relax. It will be over before we know it, which means that the EUPHA conference is around the corner! In this newsletter you will find a summary of the main activities and sessions the section is involved in during the conference, which promises to be an exciting time. I hope to meet many of you there! It is also not too early to start thinking about the 16th World congress of Public Health, which will be held in Rome in October 2020. If you are interested in suggesting workshops or sessions for this conference, please be in touch!

The section has been very active over the last few months and has contributed to many high-level discussions across a range of European Institutions to positively influence European policy on topic as varied as antimicrobial resistance, pandemic preparedness, training of the epidemiological workforce and vaccine hesitancy! You can read a short summary of these activities below.

Finally, I would like to use the opportunity of this newsletter to welcome the members of the newly formed core group- comprising individuals from all over the European region, with a wide range of expertise and skills. They have already been instrumental in strengthening the section by representing the section in a variety of European public health for a and by strengthening our presence on social media. You can read about who they are in this newsletter.

Have a great summer and be sure to be in touch- you can keep up to date by following on Facebook or Twitter!

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Vice-presidents, EUPHA-IDC section

## NEWS

### Welcome the EUPHA-IDC core group!

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 at EPH 2019



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. You can register for the conference and view the full conference programme on the conference website: <https://ephconference.eu/>

Summary of EUPHA-IDC sessions at the 12 <sup>th</sup> EPH conference, Marseille, November 20-23 2019		
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

## EUPHA-IDC partners with Digital Public Health 2019



EUPHA IDC and proud and excited to partner with the 9th International Digital Public Health Conference, held in conjunction with the 12th European 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. The full programme and conference details are available at <https://www.acm-digitalhealth.org/> .

DPH2019 registration is included in the EPH registration, provided you select ‘Digital Public Health Conference’ at registration.

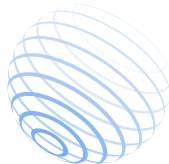
### Courses of interest

There are many opportunities across Europe to strengthen your skills and expertise in infectious disease control, and we cannot list them all, but there are two very high quality courses/fellowships that are currently open for applications that merit your consideration if these are areas you are interested in:



EPIET/EUPHEM; EPIET/EUPHEM is a 2-year fellowship in field epidemiology and public health microbiology, open to all EU/EEA nationals. Applications to be part of the 2020-2022 cohort close on September 8 2019. Details can be found here:

<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/work-us/call-application-cohort-2020-ecdc-fellowship-programme-epiet-and-euphem-paths-eu>



### ADVANCED COURSE OF VACCINOLOGY

ADVAC: ADVAC is the world’s premier vaccinology course and is a two-week training programme aimed at **decision-makers**, including academia, industry, governmental and non-governmental agencies, in all fields related to vaccines. Applications to be part of the 21<sup>st</sup> course, taking place in May 2020, close on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 and can be made on

<https://www.advac.org/>

## EUPHA-IDC on Social media

EUPHA-IDC is now present and active on Twitter and Facebook. Each page has about 200 followers, which means that many of you do not yet follow us! Following the section on Twitter or Facebook is a great way to keep up to date with the section and its activities.

To follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/EUPHA.Infectious.Diseases.Control>

To follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EuphaIdc>

## EUPHA IDC in Action

Over the last few months, the section has been active on a number of fora across a variety of institutions across Europe, influencing European policy on topics such as antimicrobial resistance, vaccine hesitancy, pandemic preparedness, public health workforce capacity and healthcare worker vaccination. The activities have included:

- The Section representing 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
- The Section representing 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
- The section contributing to an ECDC pandemic preparedness workshop reviewing pandemic preparedness plans of EU/EEA states, March 2019.
- The section contributing to an ECDC workshop on field epidemiology training in the EU, March 2019
- EUPHA-IDC presenting 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, May 2019

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