



Report 2020 of the EUPHA Section Infectious Disease Control

Annual report 2019/20

EUPHA section Infectious Diseases Control (EUPHA-IDC)

Goals for 2019/20

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.

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on EUPHA-IDC section activities

The COVID-19 pandemic has put tremendous additional pressure on the public health community worldwide, with many in the public health workforce being repurposed to working on the COVID-19 response at the local, national or global level. This is particularly true for members of the IDC control section, many of whom are experts in outbreak management. In particular the president and vice president were all key members of the national response teams in their respective countries, and so were several members of the core group. As a result many activities that were planned for 2020 had to be cancelled or postponed, and many meetings where EUPHA-IDC was slated to make a major contribution were cancelled. Because of the increased workload placed on the section core team, it was not possible this year to prepare newsletters, hold an annual meeting, or implement the planned member survey. Nevertheless the pandemic has enabled the section to be vocal and visible with many important statements and media appearances from members of the core team on behalf of EUPHA-IDC. EUPHA-IDC is also contributing to COVID-19 related research project proposals- see activities section for more details.

Section members

As of October 2020, the section has 1879 members from 117 countries.

The section is headed by Professor Michael Edelstein (Bar-Ilan University, Israel), supported by three vice presidents:

- Professor Maria Ganczak (Pomeranian Medical University, Poland)
- Prof Anna Odone (University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Italy)
- Dr Ricardo Mexia, (National Health Institute Doutor Ricardo Jorge, Portugal)

The section also a core group comprised of 9 members who drive many of the section's activity:

- 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.

EUPHA IDC Activities at the 16th World Congress of Public Health

In 2020, Europe is hosting the World Congress of public Health. Originally scheduled to take place in Rome, the conference will be held online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The congress offers an exciting Infectious Diseases Track, for which the IDC section has extensively contributed. The IDC section is organising 1 World Leadership dialogue, 1 pre-conference outbreak simulation and 5 workshops in collaboration with EUPHA sections on Digital health, Children and Adolescent Health, Health Technology Assessment, Chronic Diseases, Public Health policy as well as the World federation of public health associations, WHO, Pisa University, EMCDDA, UNODC and ESGITM. The section is contributing to an additional 2 workshops through chairing.

Session name	Type of Session	Partners
Contagion 2.0! A tabletop outbreak management simulation	Pre-conference	
How are digital solutions contributing to enhance immunization programmes and policies?	Workshop	EUPHA Digital Health
Towards a new vision of outbreak management and response	World Leadership dialogue	
Round table: AMR and Cancer: Cross-cutting priorities for an integrated public health and primary care approach	Workshop	EUPHA-CHR, WFPHA
Responding to COVID19 in Europe: a tale of five countries	Workshop	
Workshop: Bringing evidence during Public Health Emergencies: addressing the challenge through HTA	Workshop	EUPHA-HTA
Workshop: Women and prison: vulnerability and overlapping health needs of women in prison worldwide	Workshop	WHO, University of Pisa (Italy), EMCDDA, UNODC, EUPHA-PHPP
Developing more responsive systems to deliver catch-up vaccination to migrants arriving in Europe	Workshop	ESGITM
Opportunities for collaboration in improving vaccine acceptance among children and adolescents	Workshop	EUPHA-CAPH

General communications with section members

Eupha-IDC is now present and active on

- Twitter (@Euphaldc) 485 followers, +100% since 2019
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/EUPHA.Infectious.Diseases.Control>) 275 followers +10% since 2019

Activities in 2020

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

- 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 drafted a statement on COVID-19 on behalf of EUPHA (Michael Edelstein) available at https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/EUPHA_statement_on_COVID-19.pdf
- The section drafted a statement on desired characteristics of future COVID-19 vaccines on behalf of EUPHA (Michael Edelstein)
- The Section is contributing to a research proposal on the resilience of critical health infrastructure during health emergencies (Michael Edelstein)
- The section contributed to the generation of the AMR Roadmap for Action, as members of the AMR Stakeholder Network <https://epha.org/roadmap-for-action-on-antimicrobial-resistance-amr/> and <https://epha.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/amr-roadmap-july-2020.pdf> (Elena Petelos)
- The section Participated in the advocacy activities to kick-start the Intergroup of MEPs fight AMR in the European Parliament <https://epha.org/amr-interest-group/> with EPHA (Elena petelos)

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