



Infectious Diseases at the 10th European Public Health Conference

Report 2017 of the Presidency of the EUPHA section Infectious Disease Control

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EUPHA-Infectious Disease Control

The section Infectious Disease Control (IDC) of the EUPHA was founded in 2002 in Italy and has by now 1114 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.

Goals

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 within EUPHA, and European organizations (such as the ECDC and WHO-Euro) preferably by organising joint workshops/pre-conferences during the future European Public Health Conferences. We aim to disseminate the knowledge generated by these joint sessions to a larger public health audience by regular publications in international journals. We want to strengthen the communication within our organisation through the LinkedIn page and through our regular newsletter. The section web page is being permanently monitored.

EUPHA-IDC core group in 2017

The core group of the section Infectious Disease Control was created in January 2013 and consists of members from various professional backgrounds and countries in Europe. The names of the core group members are: Michael Edelstein (UK), Jeannette de Boer (the Netherlands), Karlijn Kampman (the Netherlands), Caroline Rumble (UK), Anja Schreijer (the Netherlands), Günter Pfaff (Germany, Vice-president section IDC), Valentina di Gregori (Italy), Maria Ganczak (Poland), Erik Ruland (the Netherlands, since 2014), Elisabeth Aichinger (Germany), Silvio Brusaferrero (Italy, since 2016), Gini Rijkevorsel (Netherlands, since 2016) and Aura Timen (the Netherlands, President section IDC). The core group meets regularly to discuss topical issues regarding the section.

Meetings of the EUPHA-IDC core group

The core group has kept in touch through conference calls (February, July and October 2017). The conference calls are well attended by core group members of the six participating countries. The core group discussed the proposals for the scientific programme of the EPH 2017 in Stockholm, as well as the evaluation of the EPH 2016 in Vienna.

Preview EUPHA-IDC at the European Public Health Conference 2017, Stockholm

The 2017 European Public Health (EPH) Conference is themed: ‘Sustaining resilient and healthy communities’ and will be held between 1-4 November in Stockholm, Sweden. The EUPHA-IDC group organizes a workshop on ‘Vaccinating Europe: challenges old and new’, a workshop on ‘Storytelling - a powerful tool for infectious diseases prevention’ (joint workshop with ECDC), and a workshop on ‘Climate change and mosquito-borne diseases: from A(edes) to Z(ika) and more!’ (Joint workshop ECDC, EUPHA-IDC and EUPHA- section Environmental related Diseases. EUPHA-IDC and ECDC organise a joint plenary session on “Preparing communities for public health emergencies”. There is a full track on infectious diseases and all time slots are fully booked with either workshops or oral sessions and pitch presentations/ posters.

Representation on behalf of the EUPHA

Vaccine hesitancy in Europe, 15 February, Brussels

The Vice-President of IDC section, Günter Pfaff, represented EUPHA at a conference on “Vaccination hesitancy in Europe: Facts, Opinions and the Way Forward” which took place on 15 February 2017 in Brussels, Belgium. This event was organized by the Trainees of the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission. Günter gave a presentation on “No „One-Size-Fits-All“ Remedy: Understanding Reasons for Vaccine Hesitancy”.

Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination”, 30-31 May 2017, Brussels

Günter Pfaff also represented EUPHA and IDC section at a workshop on “Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination” which was organized by the European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety on 30 and 31 May 2017 in Brussels.

Advisory Forum ECDC

In September 2013, Aura Timen became a member of the advisory forum of the ECDC on behalf of the EUPHA and thus participated in the meetings of the AF.

Jury EU Health Award 2017 for NGOs promoting Vaccination

The section president (Aura Timen) was asked to participate as a member in the jury of the EU Health Award 2017 for the NGOs promoting vaccination. This Award recognizes initiatives that have contributed to high standards of public health in Europe through the promotion of vaccination.

Webpage IDC-section

<http://www.eupha.org/infectious-diseases-control>

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